



ALL **SAINTS'** DAY

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Cranford, New Jersey



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November 5, 2023
10:15 a.m. Holy Communion

INTRODUCTION

In holy baptism God makes saints out of sinners. In holy communion God forgives the sins of all the saints. In the assembly today we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we keep on keeping on as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

PRELUDE

WORDS OF WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP *(please face the entrance of the church)*

P We gather on this All Saints Sunday to confess our hope and to proclaim our praise in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen

↑ PROCESSIONAL HYMN

"For All the Saints"
(verses 1-3)

ELW #422

GREETING

P From the one who is and who was and who is to come, and from Jesus Christ, the first fruits of the resurrection, grace and peace be with you all.

C And also with you

COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

P O Lord our God, we come before you today with the memory of your saints filling our hearts and minds. We thank you for all of the servants and witnesses of times past. You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses who have entered their eternal life this year:

Arlene Baker	Debbie Geisinger	Ina Nightingale
Don Baker	Mary Herbst	Juanita Ramos
Robert Bebel	John Iwanyshyn	Barbara Rickwood
Thomas Farrell	Odessa Lemley	Diane Sorensen
Kathy Ferrise	Rose McQuade	Todd Stidham
Monica Foust	Andrew Macina	Caryl Strand
Doug Friedman	Helene Miller	
Pastor George	Karyl-Lynn Miller	
Freyberger	Jack Neibert	

Grant that we, encouraged by the example of these your servants, may persevere in the course that is set before us, to be living signs of the Gospel. We pray in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

↑ HYMN

“For All the Saints”
(verse 5)

ELW #422

P Gracious Father, in Jesus Christ, we remember with thanksgiving before you all those who rejoice with us, but upon another shore, and in a greater light, that multitude which no one can number, whose hope was the Word made flesh, and with whom in the Lord Jesus we are one forevermore. As you have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints, we may laud and magnify your name forever, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A A READING FROM REVELATION THE 7th CHAPTER

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

A THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A A READING FROM 1 JOHN 3rd CHAPTER

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

A THE WORD OF THE LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL VERSE –

(ELW, Setting One)



GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

P THE HOLY GOSPEL ACCORDING TO ST. MATTHEW THE 5th CHAPTER

C Glory to you, O Lord.

P ¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

P THE GOSPEL OF THE LORD.

C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

↑ HYMN OF THE DAY

“Blest Are They”

ELW #728

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM

(Worship pg. 227)

THE PRAYERS

A Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

A Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence.
Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you (*especially*) **Aronson Family, Sue Bird (Wisconsin) Bev Currier, Emily Freely, Daphne Greenwood, Linda Hartney, Beth Juntilla, Joan Kylish, Dennis Peterson, Brenda Richardson, Bud Sorenson, and Heather Viscito**, and those we name aloud and in our hearts (*pause*). We pray also today, Lord, for our homebound members, military personnel, those struggling with mental health issues and persons facing abuse. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

A Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

P Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God.

C Your mercy is great.

P We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord.

C Amen.

⇔ PEACE

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C And also with you.

P Let us share the peace.

↓ OFFERING

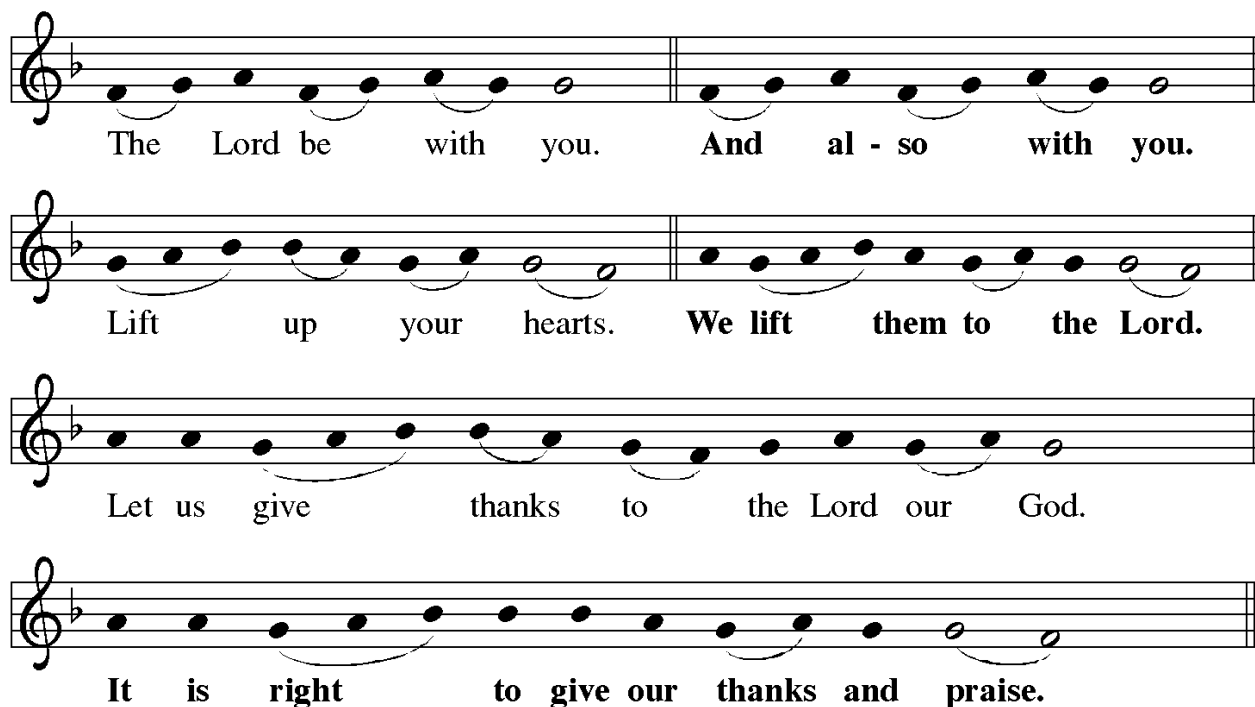
MUSICAL OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant.

C Amen

GREAT THANKSGIVING



The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

P It is indeed right and salutary that we should at all times and in all places offer thanks and praise to you, O Lord, holy father, through Christ our Lord. In the blessedness of your saints you have given us a glorious pledge of the hope of our calling; that, moved by their witness and supported by their fellowship, we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and with them receive the unfading crown of glory. And so, with the Church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

SANCTUS

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ who for the sake of our fallen world, gave his only son so that all who believe in Jesus shall not perish but have eternal life.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P Remembering his death, we cry out Amen.

C Amen.

P Celebrating his resurrection, we shout Amen.

C Amen.

P Trusting his presence in every time and place, we plead Amen.

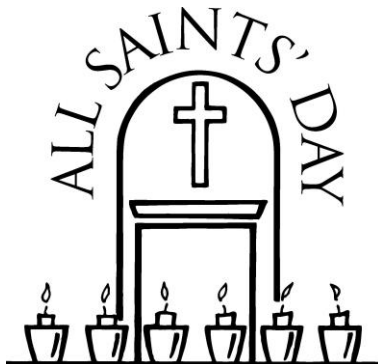
C Amen.

P O God, you are Breath: send your Spirit on this meal. O God, you are Bread: feed us with yourself. O God, you are Wine: warm our hearts and make us one. O God, you are Fire: transform us with hope. O God most majestic, O God most motherly, O God our strength and our song, you show us a vision of a tree of life with fruits for all and leaves that heal the nations. Grant us such life, the life of the Father to the Son, the life of the Spirit of our risen Savior, life in you, now and forever.

C Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen**



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P There is a place for you at the banquet. Come and feast at Jesus' table.

C Amen.

↓ DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

In Christian fellowship you are welcome to the Lord's table. Come forward by the center aisle to receive the host and wine. (The pulpit side of the congregation communes first). If you prefer grape juice, the cups in the center of the tray are filled with juice. Wine is on the outside. Return to your pew using the side aisle after you have communed. Children are encouraged to come forward to receive a blessing.

AGNUS DEI

(ELW, Setting One)

Lamb of God

Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have

mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the

world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -

way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

↑ POST COMMUNION BLESSING

P May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever.

C Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way.

C Amen.

A BLESSING FOR ALL THE SAINTS

P Signed and sealed by the Holy Spirit, you are Christ's message of love for this troubled world. May our Lord Jesus Christ and God our Father, who through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, ✙ comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

↑ SENDING HYMN

"By All Your Saints"

ELW #421

DISMISSAL

A Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE



Prayers for the homebound

✝ Pray for our elderly members who are unable to attend worship and help us to minister to them faithfully (*especially*), Meta Brockmann, June Kaiser, Jean Kissack, Eddie Leicht, Nancy Leicht, Rocky Metroka, Fred Miller, and Chuck Sherrick.

Prayers for the military

✝ Protect and comfort our servicemen and women as they stand in harm's way (*especially*), Steven Bobrowski, Ian Hay, Jeff Hill and Phillip Spatz. We pray for families in conflict throughout the world.

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POOR IN SPIRIT
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The Beatitudes