



All Saints Sunday

NOVEMBER 3, 2024

Whenever you see an asterisk (*), you are invited to stand as you are able. You are invited to speak sans serif **Bolded type** with the congregation.

INTRODUCTION TO THE DAY

Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

PRELUDE: "For All the Saints" (Michael Burkhardt)

GATHERING

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: In the name if the Father, and of the +Son, and of the Holy Spirit. A: Amen.

P: Let us pray: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **A: Amen.**

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

P: Let us confess our sin, in the presence of God and of one another.

P: Eternal One, robed in majesty and mercy, we confess that sin has taken hold of us and we are complicit in its power. We are disturbed in spirit and our hearts cannot rest. Unbind us and set us free. Lead us again to the waters of rebirth, that we may live just and generous lives for the good of your world and the care of our neighbors, following in the servant way of Jesus. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

*GATHERING HYMN "For All the Saints"

(ELW 422)



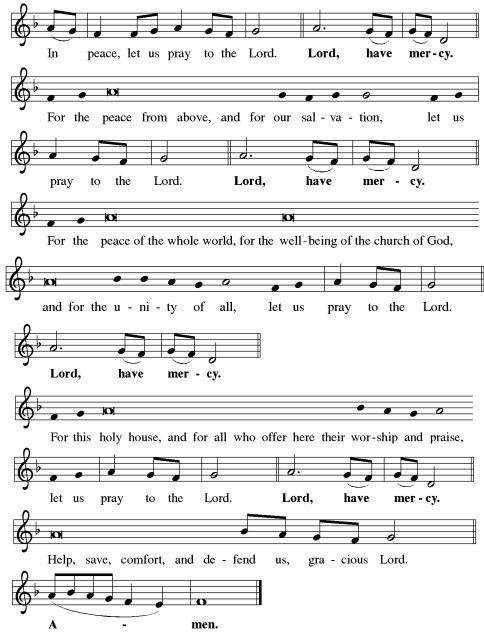
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*GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **A: And also, with you.**

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HYMN OF PRAISE



*PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: The Lord be with you. **A: And also, with you.**

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **A: Amen.**

ANTHEM: "O Love that Will Not Let Me Go"

WORD

FIRST READING: ISAIAH 25:6-9

Surprising for a book written when Israel was endangered by the attacks of its neighbors, Isaiah presents the Day of the Lord as one in which all of the nations are saved. "This mountain" is Zion, so it is to Jerusalem and the Temple to which the nations will come to learn and be fed. While until now mortality has been what unites all humanity; Isaiah sees a time with the love of God will replace death as the most important thing all humans have in common.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the covering that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord GoD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.
⁹ It will be said on that day, "See, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

L: The word of the Lord. A: Thanks be to God.

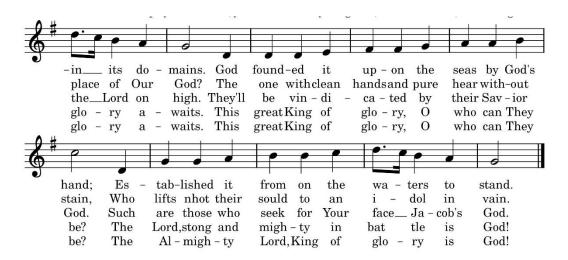
PSALM: 24

(sung to the tune Lyons ELW 825)

The first half of this psalm declares the saints as blessed even before death. The second half was famously used in medieval mystery plays to accompany Christ's breaking out of hell at the end of the Three Days, with Adam, Eve, and all the saints in his train



- 1. The earth is the Lord's, and all it con-tains, The world and all those with
- 2. O. whomay as scend the hill of the Lord? Or stand in the ho ly
- 3. The one who won't swear with false-hood and $\,$ lies $\,$ will bless-ing re-ceive from
- 4. O lift up your heads, you doors and you gates; To en ter, the King of
- 5. O lift up your heads, you doors and you gates; To en ter, the King of



SECOND READING: REVELATION 21:1-6A

This vision of a renewed creation comes at the end of the disasters Revelation describes. It uses imagery not only from earlier in the book, but even from the Gospel of John. Note that earth, not heaven, continues to be the home for humanity, but in the "kingdom come," God is as clearly present here as there.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.

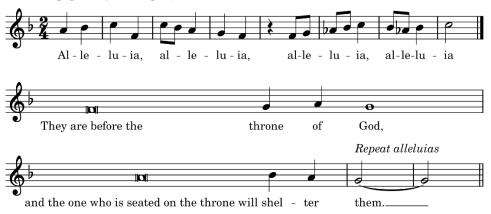
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them and be their God;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away."

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." ⁶ Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End."

L: The word of the Lord. A: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL READING: JOHN 11:32-44

All Saints is a day in which we not only thank God for those who have preceded us in the faith, but also look for the resurrection. While Lazarus is resuscitated, not resurrected (there is no indication that he did not later die, nor that he has the powers which the resurrected Christ will demonstrate), his return to life is a foretaste of our own.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Saint John, the eleventh chapter. A: Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go.

SERMON



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*REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS

At this time, family and friends come forward to light a candle in memory of the saints who have entered the church triumphant in the past year.

P: Let us remember all the saints before God. Those whom Jesus claimed as his own and healed through the waters of Baptism.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, today we remember especially:

Diane Kemmerer
Eileen Butchkoski
Christine Ferguson
Scott Ferguson
Fred Ferguson
Sally Kolesar
Lois Corl
Katye Derhammer
Koleton Derhammer

John Jay Langford Rick Paschall Jay Rudy Emily Mhonyera William Clarke Charles Hoff John Jay Langford George Hargrove

P: Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious Shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

A: Amen.

P: Christ says, take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.

A: and you will find rest for your souls.

P: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

A: And you will find rest for your souls.

*NICENE CREED

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

L: O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources like Slab Cabin Run, Beaver Branch, Rock Spring and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering (*especially*). Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality (*specific ministries may be named*). Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

L: O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you: Diane, Eileen, Christine, Scott, Fred, Sally, Lois, Katye, Koleton, John Jay, Rick, Jay, Emily, William, Charles, John and George. With Martín de Porres and all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God,

A: receive our prayer.

L: We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

A: Amen.

*PEACE

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **A: And also with you.**

MEAL

OFFERING



Offerings can be made online at **stpaulpgm.org/give**, mailed to St. Paul Lutheran Church, PO Box 200, Pine Grove Mills, PA 16868, placed in the mail slot (outside door to Pastor Paul's office), or in the offering plate located in the lobby/narthex near the entrance of the sanctuary.

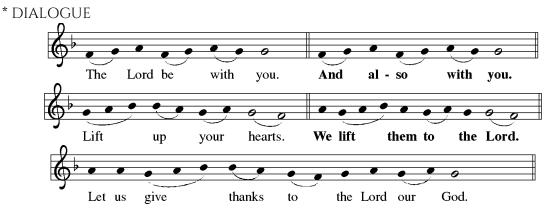
MUSICAL OFFERING: "Simple Gifts" (Noel Geomanne)



*OFFERING PRAYER

L: Let us pray: Lord Jesus, our portion and our cup, you offered yourself in love for the world, and in this meal you nourish us with your life. Fill us with your abundance, that we may feed the hungry and welcome the stranger, trusting in your name.. **A: Amen.**

*THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

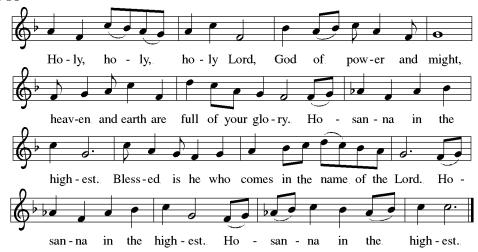




*PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with [name/s and] all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn::

*SANCTUS



*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: Holy God, holy and mighty, holy and immortal:

our Sovereign, our Wisdom, and our Judge.

we appeal to you for we are

surrounded by evil and bordered by death.

We praise you for Christ, who proclaimed your reign of peace

and promised an end to injustice and harm.

In the night in which he was handed over,

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.

Together as the body of Christ, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

A: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Remembering, therefore,

the sacrifice of his life and death and the victory of his resurrection, we await with all the saints the advent of his loving redemption of our suffering world.

A: Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

Send your Spirit on these gifts of bread and wine and on all who share in the body and blood of your Son: teach us your mercy and justice, and make all things new in Christ.

A: Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Through him all glory and honor is yours, Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, in your holy Church, both now and forever.

A· Amen

*LORD'S PRAYER

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

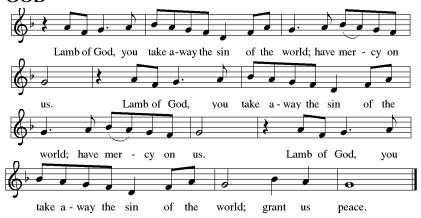
and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. Amen.

*INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Behold, God is making all things new. Take your place in the new creation.

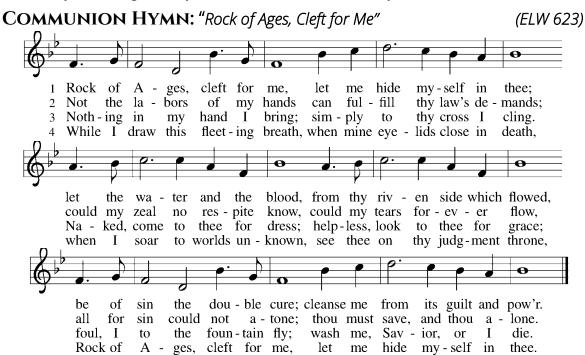
*LAMB OF GOD



COMMUNION

Text: Augustus M. Toplady, 1740–1778 Music: TOPLADY, Thomas Hastings, 1784–1872

L: The body of Christ, given for you. The blood of Christ, shed for you. A: Amen.

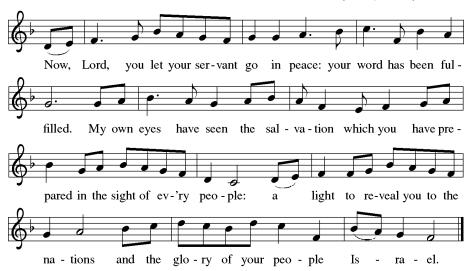


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*POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

L: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in grace. **A: Amen.**

*POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE - Nunc Dimittis (Now, Lord)



*POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

L: Let us pray. Faithful God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, in service to the world you have made, and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **A: Amen.**

SENDING

*SENDING OF COMMUNION

ANNOUNCEMENTS

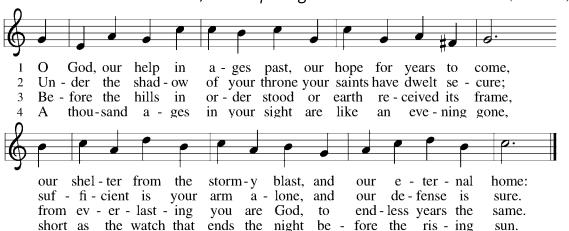
You may be seated.

*BLESSING

P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace. In the name of the Father, and the Son, + and the Holy Spirit. **A: Amen.**

*SENDING HYMN: "O God, Our Help in Ages Past"

(ELW 632)



- 5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all our years away; they fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day.
- 6 O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, still be our guard while troubles last and our eternal home.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1674–1748, alt. Music: St. Anne. William Croft, 1678–1727

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*DISMISSAL

P: Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

A: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: "Sine Nomine" (Jason D. Payne)



DAILY READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday, November 3 Complementary Series

Deuteronomy 6:1-9 Psalm 119:1-8 (2) Hebrews 9:11-14 Mark 12:28-34 Semi-continuous Series Ruth 1:1-18

Monday, November 4

Psalm 146 (8)

Deuteronomy 6:10-25 Romans 12:17-21; 13:8-10 Psalm 51

Tuesday, November 5

Deuteronomy 28:58— 29:1 Acts 7:17-29 Psalm 51

Wednesday, November 6

Micah 6:1-8 John 13:31-35 Psalm 51

Thursday, November 7

Numbers 36:1-13 Romans 5:6-11 Psalm 146

Friday, November 8

Deuteronomy 15:1-11 Hebrews 9:15-24 Psalm 146

Saturday, November 9

Deuteronomy 24:17-22 Mark 11:12-14, 20-24 Psalm 146



SERVING TODAY

Worship Leader	Pastor Paul Tomkiel
Assisting Minister	Karen Magnuson
Musician	James Rearick
Sacristan	Karen Magnuson
Reader	Eleanor Bird

ABOUT ST. PAUL

PURPOSE

We are a beacon, boldly sharing the light of Jesus' grace and love.

Mission

Guided by Jesus, we strengthen faith, deepen compassion, extend generosity, and serve community.

CORE VALUES

Faith • Compassion • Generosity • Community

OUR BIBLE VERSES

As Paul was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. [Jesus said,] 'Paul is an instrument whom I have chosen to bring my name before the nations.'– Acts 9:3,15

LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

St. Paul is located on the original and ancestral homelands of the Susquehannock people, where we gather for worship this morning. We also acknowledge the Seneca, Cayuga, Lenne Lenape, as well as all of our Indigenous siblings who have and continue to care for this place – this land – and call it their home.

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