



## All Saints' Day

Saints have no moderation,  
nor do poets,  
just exuberance.

—Anne Sexton

**St. John's Church**

November 6, 2022

## Welcome

We are so happy you are with us. Please add your voice and heart to the prayers. Help others find a place near you and greet the person next to you as we prepare to worship together. Please stand and sit as you are comfortable.

## All Saints Day

All Saints' Day is always November 1. When All Saints' falls on a weekday, it is celebrated in church the following Sunday – this year that is today, November 6; it is a day commemorating all the saints of the church, **both known and unknown**.

A saint is often considered a holy person, believed to have a special relationship to the sacred as well as moral perfection or exceptional teaching abilities.

Jesus and his disciples did not speak of saints. But during the period (1st to early 4th century) in which they were persecuted, **Christians began to venerate the martyrs as saints**. They believed that the martyrs, being sufferers “unto death” for Christ, were received directly into heaven and could therefore be effective as intercessors for the living. By the 3rd century the veneration of martyr saints was already common.

The Anglican Church, and therefore the Episcopal Church, recognizes saints but we do not venerate them as in the Roman Catholic and Orthodox churches. And, too, we consider **a saint to be a holy person, a faithful Christian, one who shares life in Christ** which means **you** and all those of our community!

## Ministers

Altar Guild	Charlotte Patrick
Sound	Scott Larsen
Greeter	Doug Ramier
Worship Leader	Charlotte Patrick
Reader	Jessica Smith
Preacher	Rob Koelling
Intercessor	Mary Dillivan
Presider	Susan McEvoy
Communion Server	Jen Litterer-Trevino
Communion Server	Oscar Trevino
Communion Bread	Jen Litterer-Trevino

Please join us for refreshments and fellowship following the service. Today's hosts are Kim and Mary Dillivan.

## Prayer Concerns

Anglican Cycle of Prayer: The Church of England

Diocesan Cycle of Prayer: St. Paul's, Evanston

We believe that lifting up the names of the suffering brings healing and health regardless of our knowledge of their needs.

Laura Greathouse & Family; John Grover & Family; Tim & Lynnae; Bobbi & Bentley; Mike and Michelle, Sharon & Steve; Margie & Josey, Bob & Charlotte; Ann & Martha; Robin & Mark; Hunter & Charlotte; Don, Deb, Donna & John, Bobby B., Larry, Alex, Irene, Fr. John, Charlie, Nancy, Alan, Katy, Marlynn, Sue, Kahli, Ron, and Marge	Justin, Ryan, Jacob, Patrick, and Chip who are serving in the military. Josephine and Dolores who reside at Canyon Creek Care Center.
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## Celebrations

Birthdays: Megan Barker—6<sup>th</sup>, Elizabeth Peterson—6<sup>th</sup>, Brandi Seeley—10<sup>th</sup>

# Prelude

“Come, Come Ye Saints,” Steven Sharp Nelson.

## Opening Hymn



1. Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still  
2. Faith of our moth - ers, dar - ing faith,  
3. Faith of our broth - ers, sis - ters too,  
4. Faith born of God, O call us yet;



In spite of dun - geon, fire and sword;  
Your work for Christ is love re - vealed,  
Who still must bear op - pres - sion's might,  
Bind us with all who fol - low you,



O how our hearts beat high with joy,  
Spread - ing God's word from pole to pole,  
Rais - ing on high, in pris - ons dark,  
Shar - ing the strug - gle of your cross



When - e'er we hear that glo - rious word:  
Mak - ing love known and free - dom real:  
The cross of Christ still burn - ing bright:  
Un - til the world is made a - new,



Faith of our fa - thers, ho - ly faith,  
Faith of our moth - ers, ho - ly faith,  
Faith for to - day, O liv - ing faith,  
Faith born of God, O liv - ing faith,



We will be true to you till death.

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## Opening Acclamation

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!  
Let us keep the feast in honor of all God's saints,  
in whose victory the angels rejoice and praise the Child of God.

## Penitence

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,  
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all  
and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## Absolution

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# Hymn of Praise

John Athelstan Riley, 1858–1945

LASST UNS ERFREUEN  
*Geistliche Kirchengesänge*, Cologne, 1623  
Setting by Robert J. Powell

1. Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, bright  
2. O high - er than the cher - u - bim, more  
3. Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, ye  
4. O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, su -

ser - a - phs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, raise the glad strain.  
glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, lead their prais - es.  
pa - tri - archs and pro - phets blest. Al - le - lu - ia,  
per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing. Al - le - lu - ia,

Al - le - lu - ia! Cry out, do - mi - ions, prince - doms, powers,  
Al - le - lu - ia! Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word,  
al - le - lu - ia! Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong,  
al - le - lu - ia! To God the Fa - ther, God the Son,

vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels' choirs.  
most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
all saints tri - um - phant, raise the song.  
and God the Spir - it, Three in One.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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## Collect of the Day

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of holiness,

your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,

inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Scripture

*We sit.*

O God, the scriptures and the saints witness to your desire  
to heal us of all that separates us from true health and from you.  
By your Word, help us to hear the call to care for souls beyond our own.  
A reading from 2 Kings.

*After the Reading, the Reader says*

**The Word of the Lord.**

Thanks be to God.

## Sermon

### Intercessions

United in the company of all the faithful  
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,  
let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation  
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Savior.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Bless Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Paul-Gordon our Bishop  
and all ministers of your Church,  
that by faithful proclamation of your word  
we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets  
into a holy temple in the Lord.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit,  
that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ  
from glory to glory.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples  
the peace that comes from above,  
that they may find Christ's way of freedom and life.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the  
service of the poor and needy;  
all who minister to the sick and dying;  
and all who bring light to those in darkness.

Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin  
or disfigured by pain,  
that, raised from death to life in Christ,  
their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy.  
Lord, in your mercy **hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us  
who have been well-pleasing to you from eternity;  
preserve in your faith your servants on earth,  
guide us to your kingdom and grant us your peace at all times.  
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Hasten the day when many will come  
from east and west, from north and south,  
and sit at table in your kingdom.  
Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks  
for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;  
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.  
Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honor and power,  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## The Peace

*We stand*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## Offertory

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,  
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who  
were far off and those who were near.

With glad and generous hearts, let us bring our offerings to God.

## Music

“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God,” Michael Roe.



# Eucharistic Prayer

*We stand*

The Lord be with you.

**And also 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.**

Gracious and Holy God,

you created the heavens and the earth and all that is in them.

We praise you for you are our maker!

We praise you for taking pleasure in your people and lifting up the humble.

In all ages, you have been faithful to us, even when we were not faithful to you.

You have sent prophets and witnesses to call us back to you

when we ourselves grew weary, stumbled, were blinded, or fell from your path.

We recall some of their names before you in gratitude:

Adam and Eve, Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam,

Isaiah, Ezekiel, and Daniel,

Elizabeth and Mary, Simeon and Anna,

Peter and James and John,

Mary and Martha, Stephen, Paul, and Timothy,

Bathsheba, Bilah, Lois and Jael.

And we also recall those witnesses whose names are not recorded:

shepherds and magi, a boy with loaves and fishes,

a little girl raised from the dead,

a man born blind, a woman whose back was bent,

the prodigal son, the Samaritan woman,

the rich young ruler, the widow with one coin,

all the unnamed women, the Ethiopian eunuch, and countless more.

Therefore with saints and martyrs, apostles and prophets,

with all the redeemed, joyfully we praise you and say:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

**heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Out of your great love,  
you sent One who was more than witness:  
Jesus Christ, your only Son, our Savior.  
Born of Mary, he lived among us,  
sharing our joys and our sorrows,  
even suffering the pains of death.  
By your power at work in Christ, he was raised from the dead  
and is now seated at your right hand in the heavenly places,  
above every name that is named,  
not only in this age but also in the age to come.  
In the night that he was betrayed,  
Jesus took bread, and when he had given thanks,  
broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said:  
    Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;  
    do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;  
and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them and said:  
    Drink this, all of you.  
    This is my blood of the new covenant  
    which is shed for you, and for many.  
    Do this as often as you drink it, to remember me.

This is our faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
help us to set our hope on Christ and live for the praise of his glory.  
Pour out your Spirit upon us,  
as you have poured out your Spirit on generations past,  
so that our love for all the saints might increase,  
and also our love for the world you love.  
Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts.  
May the bread we break and the cup we bless  
be for us the communion of the body and blood of Christ,  
until that day, until that great and promised day,  
when we will feast with all the saints in your eternal realm.

Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor are yours,  
one God forever and ever. **AMEN.**

And now, as Jesus taught us, we 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,  
for ever and ever. Amen.

*The Leader breaks the bread. Silence is kept.*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,  
for we all share the one bread.

Bread and wine; the gifts of God for the people of God.

May we who share these gifts be found in Christ and Christ in us.

## The Communion

*Please come to the table, whether you are single, married or divorced, drinking, using or sober, abled, disabled, or ill, gay, straight, or discovering, wealthy, getting by or in debt. Christ meets us all. We approach the altar beginning with those sitting in the last rows; they shall be first. Approach the rail from the left aisle and take a cup; used cups go on the tray on the right. You may receive only bread or only wine. Our Eucharistic bread is handmade and robust. If you prefer a wafer, please tell your server.*

*Receiving the bread and wine is a central act of worship in the Episcopal Church.*

## Music

“Litany of the Saints,” John D. Becker.

“Blest Are They,” Adagio Trio.

## Thanksgiving

*We stand.*

Let us pray.

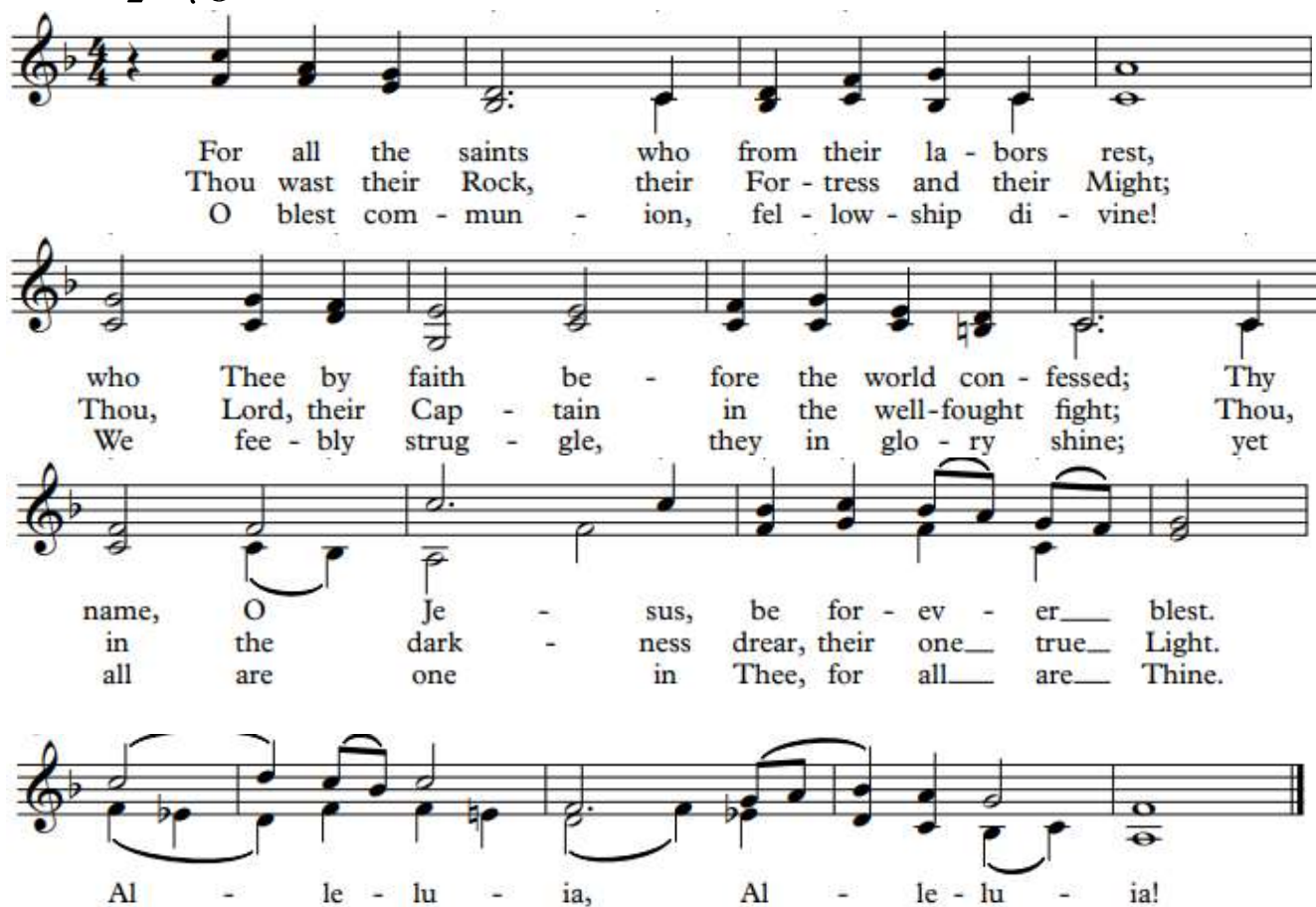
God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:  
may we who have shared at this table  
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth  
be welcomed with all your saints  
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Blessing

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,  
who has transformed those we remember today,  
raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;  
and the blessing of God, Creator, Companion and Breath,  
be with you now and evermore.

Amen.

## Closing Hymn



For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Thou wast their Rock, their For - tress and their Might;  
O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed; Thy  
Thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well-fought fight; Thou,  
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er\_\_ blest.  
in the dark - ness drear, their one\_\_ true\_\_ Light.  
all are one in Thee, for all\_\_ are\_\_ Thine.

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

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## Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,  
go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

## Postlude

"When The Saints Go Marching In," Louis Prima.