



Health *in the*
Holidays
a sermon series

8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, November 5th

PRELUDE

WELCOME & RELATIONSHIPS of PEACE

OPENING HYMN “For All the Saints”

OPENING LITURGY

P: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: As we celebrate the saints of every age, we take to heart the exhortation of the psalmist: O you who love the LORD, hate evil! He preserves the lives of His saints; He delivers them from the hand of the wicked.

C: **Light is sown for the righteous, and joy for the upright in heart. Rejoice in the LORD, O you righteous, and give thanks to His holy name!**

P: Lord, on this All Saints’ Day, we gather in Your name to remember and rejoice.

C: **We remember the ones we love—ones loved also by You.**

P: We remember how You embraced them, showed them grace, and filled them with faith.

C: **We remember with heavy hearts. We remember with thankful hearts.**

P: We rejoice in the resurrection life promised in and through Jesus.

C: **We rejoice that Jesus has overcome death forever.**

P: We rejoice that You are God—Father, Son, and Holy Spirit—who will never leave us nor forsake us.

C: **Amen.**

P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, asking Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness. Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C: **who made heaven and earth.**

P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C: **and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.**

[Moment of silent confession]

P: Beloved of God, we rejoice to be numbered with the saints. In confidence, let us come before our gracious Lord to confess our sins and to receive His gracious absolution.

C: Almighty God, we repent of our sins in thought and in word and in deed. In Your mercy, forgive us. Create in us clean hearts, O God, that we serve You as Your redeemed people now and forever.

P: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us by giving His only Son to die for us and for His sake forgiven all our sins. By the power of His Holy Spirit, He has worked faith in our hearts, and transformed us to live as His disciples, reminding us always that in Jesus Christ, our Savior, our sins are forgiven and we are now called to live a new life in His truth and grace. May He continue to strengthen us, forgive us, and renew us to live as His beloved and redeemed children.

C: Amen.

P: Listen, I tell you a mystery: We will not all sleep, but we will all be changed – in a flash, in the twinkling of an eye, at the last trumpet. For the trumpet shall sound and the dead shall be raised, incorruptible.

C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

P: When the perishable has been clothed with the imperishable, and the mortal with immortality, then the saying that is written will come true:

C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

P: Then the dwelling of God will be with us, and God will live with us. God will wipe away every tear from our eyes. There will no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.

C: Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

P: Eternal God, you hold all souls in life; give to your whole church in heaven and on earth your light and peace. Grant that we, following the example of those who have served you in the past and are now at rest, may at the last enter with them into your unending joy. Through Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE RITE of REMEMBERING

RESPONSIVE READING

P: O God, we thank you for the many people throughout the ages who have followed your way of life joyfully; for the many saints and martyrs, men and women, who have offered up their very lives, so that your life abundant may become manifest.

C: For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

P: O God, we thank you for those who chose the way of Christ, in the midst of trial, they held out hope; in the midst of hatred, they kindled love; in the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power; in the midst of despair, they clung to your promise.

C: For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

P: O God, we thank you for the truth they passed on to us: that it is by giving that we shall receive; it is by becoming weak that we shall be strong; it is by loving others that we shall be loved; is it by offering ourselves that the kingdom will unfold; it is by dying that we shall inherit life everlasting. O God, give us courage to follow your way of life.

C: For your love and faithfulness we praise you.

RESPONSE “For All the Saints”

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON 2 Corinthians 1:3-7 [ESV]

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to comfort those who are in any affliction, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God. For as we share abundantly in Christ’s sufferings, so through Christ we share abundantly in comfort too. If we are afflicted, it is for your comfort and salvation; and if we are comforted, it is for your comfort, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we suffer. Our hope for you is unshaken, for we know that as you share in our sufferings, you will also share in our comfort.

R: This is the Word of Lord.

C: Thanks be to God!

HOLY GOSPEL LESSON John 21:4-14 [ESV]

Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, “It is the Lord!” When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. Jesus said to them, “Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.” So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, “Come and have breakfast.” Now none of the disciples dared ask him, “Who are you?” They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

STATEMENT of FAITH *based on Hebrews 11*

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ!

P: Today, as we remember the lives and faith of those who are no longer with us, I ask you, “What is faith?”

C: Faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen. By faith we understand that the worlds were prepared by the word of God, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. By faith Abel offered to God a more acceptable sacrifice than Cain’s. Through this he received approval as righteous. By faith Noah, warned by God about events as yet unseen, respected the warning and built an ark to save his household. By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to set out for a place that he was to receive as an inheritance; and he set out, not knowing where he was going. He looked forward to the city that has foundations, whose architect and builder is God.

P: These all died in faith, not having received the promises, but having seen them afar off, and were persuaded of them, and embraced them, and confessed that they were strangers and pilgrims on the earth. They desired a better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God; indeed, he has prepared a city ready for them.

C: Through faith God's people conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and obtained promises. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. All these were commended for their faith.

P: And what of ourselves?

C: Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, looking to Jesus the author and perfecter of our faith.

SERMON HYMN "Children of the Heavenly Father"

SERMON "EMOTIONALLY HEALTHY DISCIPLESHIP: GRIEVING"

OFFERING

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"My Jesus, I Love Thee"

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THE LORD'S PRAYER

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THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

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P: Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles, and let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us.

C: Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

P: By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN “For All the Saints”

POSTLUDE



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