



**8:30 a.m. ~ Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>**

## PRELUDE

“Holy, Holy, Holy”

arr. Charles Callahan

*Organ*

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

C: **For the LORD loves justice; He will not forsake His saints. They are preserved forever.**

P: I will bless the LORD at all times; His praise shall continually be in my mouth.

C: **Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt His name together!**

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 in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.  
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.**

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”

## CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

### NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Revelation 7:9-17 [ESV]

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

R: This is the Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12 [ESV]

Seeing the crowds, he went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

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

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

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

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

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

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

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

R: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ!**

## STATEMENT of FAITH *from Hebrews 11*

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.**

## **HYMN “Children of the Heavenly Father”**

## **SERMON**

## **OFFERING**

## **OFFERTORY**

“For All the Saints”

*Dona Nobis Pacem Handbells*

arr. John Behnke

## **PRAYERS of the CHURCH**

## **THE LORD’S PRAYER**

## **WORDS of INSTITUTION**

## **THE PEACE**

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

**C: And also with you.**

## **AGNUS DEI**

## **DISTRIBUTION MUSIC**

“Shall We Gather at the River”

“Deep River”

“Going Home”

*Piano*

arr. Joel Raney  
arr. Larry Shakley  
arr. Joseph Martin

## POST-COMMUNION BLESSING

## UPCOMING OPPORTUNITIES

## BENEDICTION

P: As the writer to the Hebrews says, 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.**

## NUNC DIMITTIS

## POSTLUDE

“All the Saints Above”

*Organ*

arr. Michael Burkhardt



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