

November 1, 2020 • All Saints Day

## GATHERING MUSIC

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved.

**C: Amen.**

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

P: Holy One,

**C: we confess that we are not awake for you.**

**We are not faithful in using your gifts.**

**We forget the least of our siblings.**

**We do not see your beautiful image in one another.**

**We are infected by sin**

**that divides your beloved community.**

**Open our hearts to your coming,**

**open our eyes to see you in our neighbor,**

**open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.**

P: Beloved, we are God's children,  
and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us.

Through † Jesus you are forgiven,

by Jesus you are welcome,

in Jesus you are called to rejoice!

Let us live in the promises prepared for us  
from the foundation of the world.

**C: Amen.**

Ye watchers and ye holy ones  
Bright seraphs cherubim and thrones  
Raise the glad strain Alleluia  
Cry out dominions principedoms pow'rs  
Archangels virtues angel choirs  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia alleluia alleluia

O higher than the cherubim  
More glorious than the seraphim  
Lead their praises Alleluia  
Thou bearer of the eternal Word  
Most gracious magnify the Lord  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia alleluia alleluia

Respond ye souls in endless rest  
Ye patriarchs and prophets blest  
Alleluia Alleluia  
Ye holy twelve ye martyrs strong  
All saints triumphant raise the song  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia alleluia alleluia

O friends in gladness let us sing  
Supernal anthems echoing  
Alleluia Alleluia  
To God the Father God the Son  
And God the Spirit Three in One  
Alleluia Alleluia Alleluia alleluia alleluia

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## GREETING

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

## CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

### A READING FROM REVELATION 7:9-17

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

<sup>9</sup>After 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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

<sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

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

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I 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.

<sup>15</sup>For 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.

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

<sup>17</sup>for 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.”

R: Word of God. Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **A READING FROM 1 JOHN 3:1-3**

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

<sup>1</sup>See 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. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, 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. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

R: Word of God, Word of life.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

### **A READING FROM MATTHEW 23:1-12**

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

**C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Jesus encourages his disciples to obey the words of Moses they hear from their teachers but to shun the hypocrisy and pretension of those who do not practice what they teach.*

<sup>1</sup>Jesus said to the crowds and to his disciples, <sup>2</sup>“The scribes and the Pharisees sit on Moses' seat; <sup>3</sup>therefore, do whatever they teach you and follow it; but do not do as they do, for they do not practice what they teach. <sup>4</sup>They tie up heavy burdens, hard to bear, and lay them on the shoulders of others; but they themselves are unwilling to lift a finger to move them. <sup>5</sup>They do all their deeds to be seen by others; for they make their phylacteries broad and their fringes long. <sup>6</sup>They love to have the place of honor at banquets and the best seats in the synagogues, <sup>7</sup>and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, and to have people call them rabbi. <sup>8</sup>But you are not to be called rabbi, for you have one teacher, and you are all students. <sup>9</sup>And call no one your father on earth, for you have one Father—the one in heaven. <sup>10</sup>Nor are you to be called instructors, for you have one instructor, the Messiah. <sup>11</sup>The greatest among you will be your servant. <sup>12</sup>All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and all who humble themselves will be exalted.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON**

**Pastor Josh Brecht**

Lord whose love in humble service  
Bore the weight of human need  
Who upon the cross forsaken  
Worked your mercy's perfect deed  
We your servants bring the worship  
Not of voice alone but heart  
Consecrating to your purpose  
Ev'ry gift which you impart

Still your children wander homeless  
Still the hungry cry for bread  
Still the captives long for freedom  
Still in grief we mourn our dead  
As you Lord in deep compassion  
Healed the sick and freed the soul  
By your Spirit send your power  
To our world to make it whole

As we worship grant us vision  
Till your love's revealing light  
In its height and depth and greatness  
Dawns upon our quickened sight  
Making known the needs and burdens  
Your compassion bids us bear  
Stirring us to ardent service  
Your abundant life to share

Called by worship to your service  
Forth in your dear name we go  
To the child the youth the aged  
Love in living deeds to show  
Hope and health good will and comfort  
Counsel aid and peace we give  
That your servants Lord in freedom  
May your mercy know and live

*Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901-1984*  
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## APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## PRAYERS

P: Longing for Christ's reign to come among us, we pray for the outpouring of God's power on the church, the world, and all in need.

P: Hear us, O God.

**C: Your mercy is great.**

P: Receive our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ our Savior, until that day when you gather all creation around your throne where you will reign forever and ever.

**C: Amen.**

## SHARING OF THE PEACE

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

**C: And also with you.**

## OFFERING

*Offerings can be made online or mailed to the church office. Thank you for your continuous support to our ministry during this time.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

## BENEDICTION

P: May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, ✠ Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
C: Amen.

**HYMN**

**For All the Saints**

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(1,5,6,7)

**For all the saints who from their labors rest  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed  
Thy name O Jesus be forever blest  
Alleluia Alleluia**

**The golden evening brightens in the west  
Soon soon to faithful servants cometh rest  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest  
Alleluia Alleluia**

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array  
The King of glory passes on his way  
Alleluia Alleluia**

**From earth's wide bound from ocean's farthest coast  
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host  
Singing to Father Son and Holy Ghost  
Alleluia Alleluia**

*Text: William W. How, 1823-1897*

**DISMISSAL**

**P:** Beloved of God,  
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**C:** Thanks be to God.

**SENDING MUSIC**



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