

## NOVEMBER 5, 2023 - THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS (OBSERVED)

**Prelude** - "May Angels Bright Be Near Me" by J. S. Bach.

*Stand*

*The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.*

**P** In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** Amen.

**P** If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us.

**C** **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**

*Kneel/Stand*

**P** Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

**C** **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. We have sinned against You in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved You with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

**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.

*Stand*

## 677 For All the Saints

sts. 1–4, 8



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;  
 3 Oh, may Thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,  
 4 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!  
 △ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through



Who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, Thy  
 Thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;  
 Fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old And  
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; Yet  
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.  
 Thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.  
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold!  
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.  
 Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!  
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## Litany of Commemoration

- P** Almighty and everlasting God, before whom stand both the living and the dead – for patriarchs, prophets, missionaries, and apostles; and for pastors and teachers, especially those through whom we have come to know and trust and follow you:
- C** We praise you, O God, and bless your holy name.
- P** For the martyrs, those witnesses to your Son who in word and deed were faithful unto death rather than to deny him:
- C** We praise you, O God, and bless your holy name.
- P** For all who have worked and suffered for political freedom, good government, and just laws; and for all who have given their lives for their country;
- C** We praise you, O God, and bless your holy name.
- P** For our family members and dear friends, especially those who have died during the past twelve months \_\_\_\_\_, whom we see no more, but whose loving memory remains with us:
- C** We praise you, O God, and bless your holy name.
- P** For the companions of our youth and for the members of this congregation who worship you now in heaven:
- C** We praise you, O God, and bless your holy name.
- P** That we may hold them all in blessed remembrance and that the example of their piety may rest upon all our earthly days:
- C** We ask you to hear us, good Lord.

**P** That we may ever think of them as being in your nearer presence; and that we may rest assured that where they are, by your grace we shall one day also be:

**C** **We ask you to hear us, good Lord.**

**P** Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine!

**C** **Yet all are one within your great design! Alleluia!**

**P** Together with the redeemed of every age, who have fought the good fight and who now rest from their labors, we join our unending hymn, uniting with them in ascribing thanksgiving, glory, honor, and power to you, O Lord our God.

**C** **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit! As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### Salutation and Collect of the Day

**P** The Lord be with you.

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C** **Amen.**

*Sit*

### First Reading

*Revelation 7:9–17*

<sup>9</sup>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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>saying, “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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>“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.

<sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;  
the sun shall not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat.

<sup>17</sup>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.”

**A** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

1 Give praise to our God and sing a new song,  
 2 With tim-brel and harp and joy-ful ac-claim,  
 3 In glo-ry ex-ult, you saints of the Word;  
 4 For this is God's word: the saints shall not fail,  
 a - mid all the saints God's prais - es pro - long;  
 with glad - ness and mirth, we praise your great name;  
 with songs in the night high prais - es ac - cord;  
 but o - ver the earth the hum - ble pre - vail;  
 a song to your mak - er and rul - er now raise,  
 for now in your peo - ple your plea - sure you seek,  
 go forth in God's ser - vice, be strong in God's might  
 all rul - ers and na - tions shall yield to their sway.  
 all chil - dren of Zi - on, re - joice and give praise.  
 with robes of sal - va - tion a - dorn - ing the meek.  
 to con - quer all e - vil and stand for the right.  
 To God give the glo - ry; sing prais - es for aye.

Epistle

1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- A** This is the Word of the Lord.
- C** Thanks be to God.

Stand

## Alleluia and Verse

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**C** Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Holy Gospel

Matthew 5:1–12

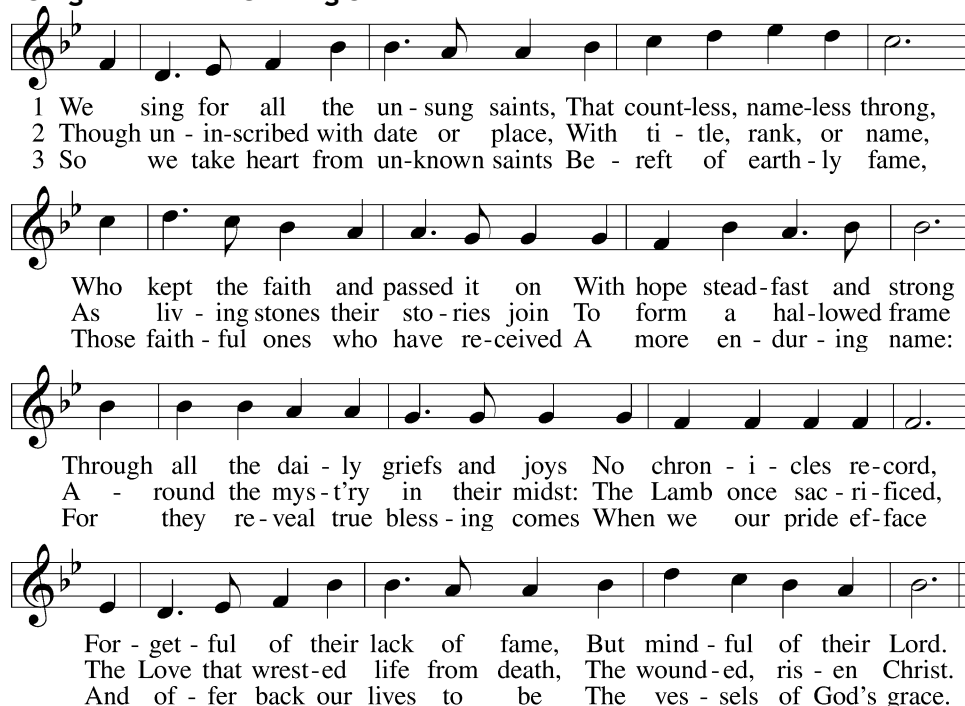
- P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.  
**C** **Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.  
<sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.  
<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.  
<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.  
<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

*Sit*

## 678 We Sing for All the Unsung Saints



1 We sing for all the un - sung saints, That count-less, name-less throng,  
2 Though un - in-scribed with date or place, With ti - tle, rank, or name,  
3 So we take heart from un-known saints Be - reft of earth - ly fame,  
Who kept the faith and passed it on With hope stead-fast and strong  
As liv - ing stones their sto - ries join To form a hal - lowed frame  
Those faith - ful ones who have re - ceived A more en - dur - ing name:  
Through all the dai - ly griefs and joys No chron - i - cles re - cord,  
A - round the mys - t'ry in their midst: The Lamb once sac - ri - ficed,  
For they re - veal true bless - ing comes When we our pride ef - face  
For - get - ful of their lack of fame, But mind - ful of their Lord.  
The Love that wrest - ed life from death, The wound - ed, ris - en Christ.  
And of - fer back our lives to be The ves - sels of God's grace.

## Sermon

*Stand*

### Nicene Creed

**C** I believe in one God,  
the Father Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth  
and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten Son of God,  
begotten of His Father before all worlds,  
God of God, Light of Light,  
very God of very God,  
begotten, not made,  
being of one substance with the Father,  
by whom all things were made;  
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven  
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary  
and was made man;  
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.  
He suffered and was buried.  
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures  
and ascended into heaven  
and sits at the right hand of the Father.  
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,  
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the Lord and giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,  
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,  
who spoke by the prophets.  
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,  
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,  
and I look for the resurrection of the dead  
and the life  $\dagger$  of the world to come. Amen.

*Kneel*

### Prayer of the Church

**P** Let us pray for the whole people of God, in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

*Each petition ends:*

**P** Lord, in Your mercy:  
**C** Hear our prayer!

*The Prayers conclude:*

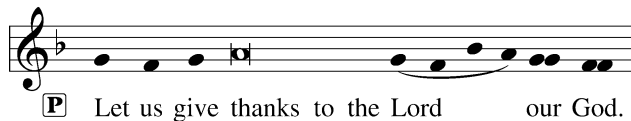
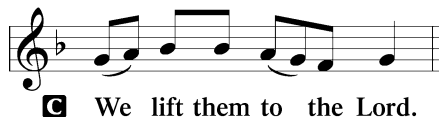
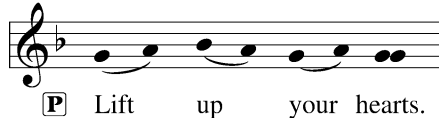
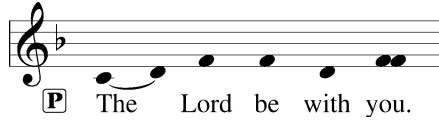
**P** Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all those for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy; through Your Son,  
Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**C** Amen.

*Sit*

**Anthem** - The Parish Choir sings (10:30) "You Are Mine" by David Haas, arranged by Mark Hayes.

## Preface

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**P** It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

## Sanctus

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## Lord's Prayer

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

**C** 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.

## The Words of Our Lord

**P** Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: "Take, eat; this is My  $\text{✠}$  body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me."

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: "Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My  $\text{✠}$  blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me."

## Pax Domini

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

**C** Amen.

## Agnus Dei

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**C** Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the sin of the  
world; have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, You take a-way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

*Sit*

## Distribution



## 700 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1 Love di - vine, all loves ex - cel - ling, Joy of  
 2 Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it In - to  
 3 Come, Al - might - y, to de - liv - er; Let us  
 4 Fin - ish then Thy new cre - a - tion, Pure and



heav'n, to earth come down! Fix in us Thy  
 ev - 'ry trou - bled breast; Let us all in  
 all Thy life re - ceive; Sud - den - ly re -  
 spot - less let us be; Let us see Thy



hum - ble dwell - ing, All Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.  
 Thee in - her - it; Let us find Thy prom - ised rest.  
 turn, and nev - er, Nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.  
 great sal - va - tion Per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee,



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, Pure, un -  
 Take a - way the love of sin - ning; Al - pha  
 Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, Serve Thee  
 Changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, Till in



bound - ed love Thou art; Vis - it us with  
 and O - me - ga be; End of faith, as  
 as Thy hosts a - bove, Pray and praise Thee  
 heav'n we take our place, Till we cast our



Thy sal - va - tion, En - ter ev - 'ry trem - bling heart.  
 its be - gin - ning, Set our hearts at lib - er - ty.  
 with - out ceas - ing, Glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.  
 crowns be - fore Thee, Lost in won - der, love, and praise!

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-88  
 Tune: Rowland H. Prichard, 1811-87  
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## 687 Thine Forever, God of Love



1 Thine for - ev - er, God of love! Hear us from Thy throne a - bove;  
 2 Thine for - ev - er! Oh, how blest They who find in Thee their rest!  
 3 Thine for - ev - er, Lord of Life! Shield us through our earth - ly strife.  
 4 Thine for - ev - er! Shep - herd, keep These Thy frail and trem - bling sheep;  
 5 Thine for - ev - er! Thou our guide, All our wants by Thee sup - plied,



Thine for - ev - er may we be Here and in e - ter - ni - ty!  
 Sav - ior, guard - ian, heav'n - ly friend, O de - fend us to the end!  
 Thou, the life, the truth, the way, Guide us to the realms of day.  
 Safe a - lone be - neath Thy care, Let us all Thy good - ness share.  
 All our sins by Thee for - giv'n; Lead us, Lord, from earth to heav'n.

Text: Mary F. Maude, 1819-1913  
 Tune: Justin H. Knecht, 1752-1817  
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*In dismissing the communicants, the following is said:*

- P** The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting.  
Depart ✠ in peace.
- C** Amen.

*Stand*

### Thank the Lord

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**C** Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.



He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia.

### Post-Communion Collect

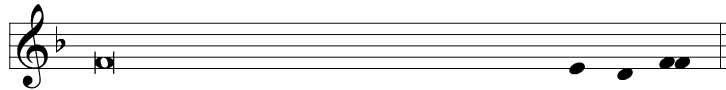
- A** Let us pray.  
We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



**C** A - men.

### Benediction

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- P** The Lord bless you and keep you.  
The Lord make His face shine on you  
and be gracious to you.  
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.



**C** A - men.

## 670 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones



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  
 Δ 4 O friends, in glad - ness let us sing, Su -



ser - aphs, cher - u - bim, and thrones, Raise the glad strain:  
 glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es:  
 pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest: "Al - le - lu - ia,  
 per - nal an - thems ech - o - ing: "Al - le - lu - ia,



"Al - le - lu - ia!" Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms,  
 "Al - le - lu - ia!" Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal  
 al - le - lu - ia!" Ye ho - ly Twelve, ye mar - tyrs  
 al - le - lu - ia!" To God the Fa - ther, God the



pow'rs, Vir - tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels'  
 Word, Most gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the  
 strong, All saints tri - um - phant, raise the  
 Son, And God the Spir - it, Three in



choirs: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 Lord: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 song: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -  
 One: "Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"  
 lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!"

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**Postlude** – “Open Now Thy Gates Of Beauty” tune *Unser Herrscher*, setting by Beck.

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