

All Saints Lutheran Church
Albuquerque, NM
All Saints Sunday
November 5, 2023

Worship with Holy Communion
10:00 a.m. in person and Zoom



Prelude

Litany

Blessed be God: Creator, Christ, and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever.

There is one Body and one Spirit;

There is one hope in God's call to us;

One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

One God who loves and sustains us all.

We remember these saints, members of our community, who have died this past year:

Craig Anderson
Lillian Edwards
Ruth Ericson
TJ Haynes
Terry Messal
Bobbie Orton
Bill Rothlisberger

As the last bell rings, you are invited to speak aloud or silently the names of beloved saints you have lost, whose love and light guided your journey

Let us pray. We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ, and know that in our grief and celebration, O God, you are with us through it all, and we are not left alone. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. **Amen**

Gathering Hymn

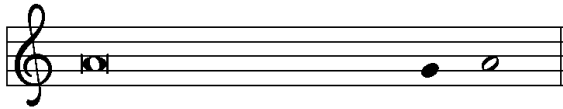
For All the Saints ~ ELW 422 (vs. 1, 3-4, 6-7)

Greeting

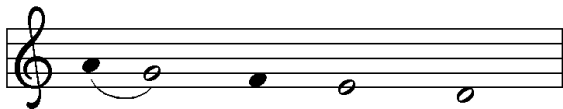
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all

And also with you

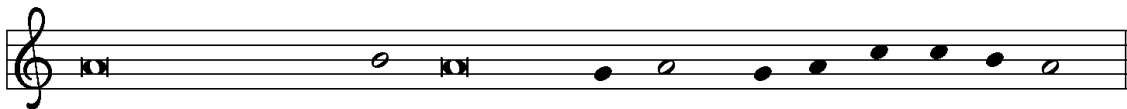
Kyrie and Hymn of Praise



In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.



For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



Lord, have mer - cy.

2 Sing with all the peo - ple of God and join in the

hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing and hon - or and glo - ry and

might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God, for the Lamb who was slain

has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Almighty God, **you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

First Reading 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.

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹And 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, ¹²singing,

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

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

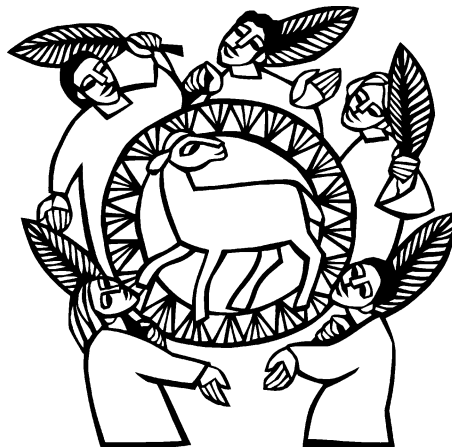
¹⁵For this reason they are before the throne of God,
and worship him day and night within his temple,
and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

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

¹⁷for 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.”

Word of God. Word of Life.

Thanks be to God



Psalm

Psalm 34: 1-9, 22



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I will bless the LORD^l at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be^l in my mouth.
I will glory^l in the LORD;
let the lowly hear^l and rejoice.

**Proclaim with me the greatness^l of the LORD;
let us exalt God's^l name together.
I sought the LORD, who^l answered me
and delivered me from^l all my terrors.**

**Look upon the LORD^l and be radiant,
and let not your faces^l be ashamed.
I called in my affliction, and^l the LORD heard me
and saved me from^l all my troubles.**

**The angel of the LORD encamps around those who^l fear the LORD
and de-^llivers them.
Taste and see that the^l LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref-^luge in God!**

**Fear the LORD, you saints^l of the LORD,
for those who fear the^l LORD lack nothing.
O LORD, you redeem the life^l of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will^l not be punished.**

Gospel

Matthew 5: 1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

Read from the First Nations Version



The Holy Gospel, according to John
Glory to you, O Lord

When Creator Sets Free (Jesus) saw this great crowd, he went back up into the mountainside and sat down to teach the people. His followers came to him there, so he opened his mouth and began to share his wisdom with them and teach them how to see Creator's good road.

Creator's blessing rests on the poor, the ones with broken spirits. The good road from above is theirs to walk.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk the trail of tears, for Creator will wipe the tears from their eyes and comfort them.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who walk softly and in a humble manner. The earth, land and sky will welcome them and always be their home.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who hunger and thirst for wrongs to be made right again. They will eat and drink until they are full.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are merciful and kind to others. Their kindness will find its way back to them – full circle.

Creator's blessing rests on the pure of heart. They are the ones who will see the Great Spirit.

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who make peace. It will be said of them, 'They are children of the Great Spirit!'

Creator's blessing rests on the ones who are hunted down and mistreated for doing what is right, for they are walking the good road from above.

Others will lie about you, speak against you, and look down on you with scorn and contempt, all because you walk the road with me. This is a sign that Creator's blessing is resting on you. So let your hearts be glad and jump for joy, for you will be honored in the spirit-world above. You are like the prophets of old, who were treated in the same way by your ancestors.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

Sermon

Hymn of the Day

Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table ~ ELW 977

Creed

I believe in God, eternal, almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ, the Redeemer of all, the Only Begotten One;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
lived and loved among us,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried,
who descended into hell,
and on the third day rose from the dead.

Jesus, our Savior, ascended into heaven,
sits at the right hand of the loving God,
and will come again 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 dead,
and life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers

*Each portion of the prayers concludes, Lord, in your mercy,
and you may respond, **hear our prayer.***

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

The people may greet one another with a sign of Christ's peace, and may say, "Peace be with you," or similar words. Some may wish to shake hands, bump elbows, or simply nod to one another with the greeting; please be sensitive to varying preferences as we share the peace of Christ in preparation for Holy Communion.

Musical Offering

We are not passing the offering plate; instead, the plate is sitting near the door to the worship space to receive financial gifts which support our ministry. You can also give using the Vanco App. on your digital device.

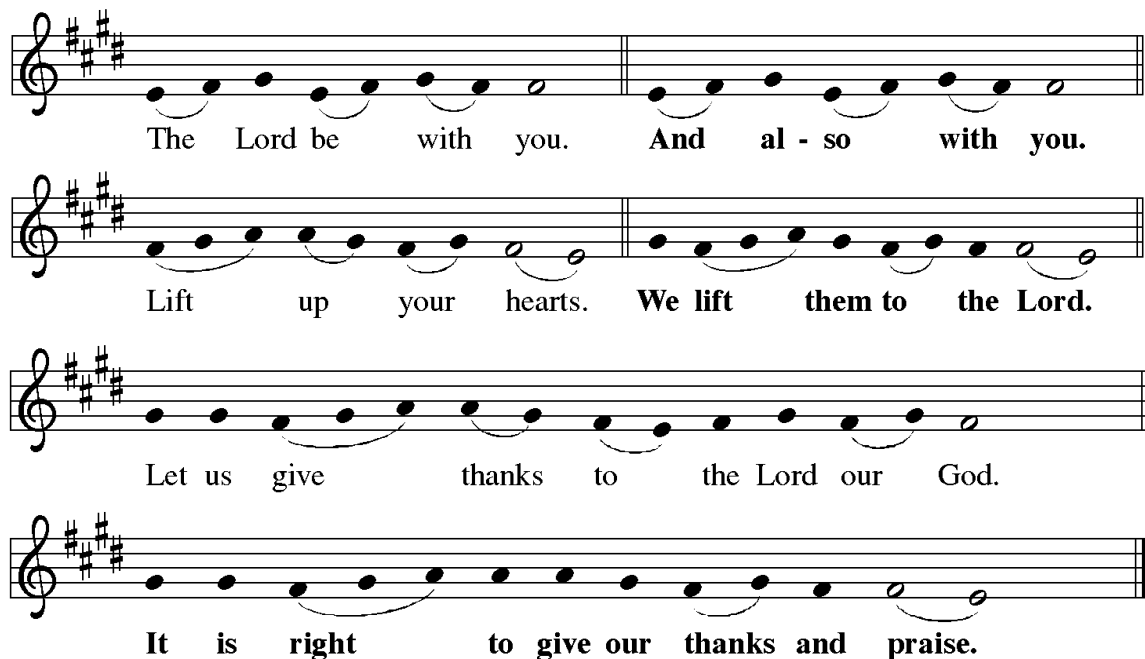
Offertory Hymn

Praise and Thanksgiving ~ ELW 698 (vs. 1, 4)

Offertory Prayer

God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

The Great Thanksgiving



The musical notation consists of four staves, each with a treble clef and a key signature of three sharps (F#, C#, G#). The notes are quarter notes, mostly beamed in pairs. The lyrics are written below the notes.

The Lord be with you. And al - so 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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy ...
join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,
 heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.
 Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,
 hallowed be your name,
 your kingdom come, your will be done,
 on earth as in heaven
 Give us today our daily bread.
 Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us.
 Save us in the time of trial
 and deliver us from evil.
 For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
 now and forever.
 Amen.

Holy Communion

You are beloved of God, and this meal is for you. Come forward to the altar rail and stand or kneel to receive communion. The bread is gluten-free and there is wine or grape juice. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, you may come forward and cross your arms over your chest.



Communion Hymn

Shall We Gather at the River ~ ELW 423

Blessing after Communion

Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children, and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **Amen.**

Benediction

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.
Amen.

Sending Hymn

The Church's One Foundation ~ ELW 654

Dismissal

Beloved of God, o in peace and serve the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Welcome to All Saints Lutheran Church

We are glad you are here! Our gathering is made more complete by your presence, and we hope that you are gifted by Christ among us, as well. If you need help with anything, please don't hesitate to ask as usher or someone who looks like they know what they are doing.

Who Can Come to the Meal?

You are welcome to receive Holy Communion with us at the table, whether you are a guest or a member, believer or doubter, at any age. God offers this meal to you so that you will know you are loved and invited into the community of God's people. We believe this meal transforms us together into the body of Christ for the sake of the world.

How Do I Participate in the Meal?

The usher will direct your row to come forward down the center aisle. If you cannot come forward, please let an usher know, and we will come to you. The pastor will give you a piece of gluten free bread, then the assisting minister will serve you wine (red) or grape juice (white) in an individual cup. Return to your seat down the side aisle.

Children

Children are always welcome in worship at All Saints! There is a children's space in the church, and you can also pick up activity bags for children at the door to the worship space to take to your seat.

Rest Rooms

Men's and Women's rest rooms are located in the hall south of the sanctuary (to your right as you sit in the church). Family/non-gender rest rooms are located down the west hall behind the kitchen.

Assistive Listening

If you require assistive listening device, please see the ushers or pick one up from the sound board at the south of the sanctuary.

Offering

We collect an offering of financial gifts at the entry to our worship space, symbolizing our response to God's generosity, demonstrating that our money is meant to serve God. We use this offering to fund our ministry here at All Saints, we well as sending some on to fund ministries in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America of which we are a part, and other local and global ministries. All Saints has a strong tradition of generosity – we invite you to join us as we offer ourselves for the sake of the world!

Fellowship

We share fellowship with coffee, tea, and snacks after each worship service. Please join us – we'd love to get to know you.