



*I am making
all things
new* REVELATION 21:5

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November 2 & 3, 2024 All Saints Day

Preparing to Hear Today's Readings

On All Saints Sunday we remember loved ones who have been laid in the tomb. We know the acute grief of Mary, Martha, and Jesus. We know the reality of death that lies so close. We know that at any moment the phone call could come with news we dread. We live forever in the shadow of death.

Yet Jesus speaks the last word for us: "Unbind him, and let him go" (John 11:44). This promise is bursting with resurrecting life. This word is spoken by the one who became human and was put in a tomb, but broke through the pervasive stench of death. In the waters of the font, we hear our God speak this word to us. Lifting us out of the waters, God frees us from the binding rags of death and dresses us in the royal clothing of Christ. At the table, we feast with the God in whom we have waited, the God who swallows up death forever. The last word is not death, but life as a beloved child of God.

Clothed in the righteousness of Christ, God's people are called forth from the grave. Fellow saints rush forward to remove the rotting grave clothes. Together the people of God celebrate the hope and promise of resurrection, rising each new day to joyfully serve in the name of the one who is beyond death, Jesus our Savior.

Gathering

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

Preservice Music

Welcome

Thanksgiving for Baptism

In the name of the Father, and of the ✝ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

As we celebrate the gift of baptism,
we remember some of those who were baptized in the last year:

Waylon W. Grose 07/13/2024

Bria T. Urban 07/14/2024

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,
we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness.

Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Water is poured into the Baptismal Font as we give thanks

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.
 We praise you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.
 Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.
 Praise to you for your saving waters:
 Noah and the animals survive the flood,
 The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.
 Naaman washes his leprosy away,
 and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.
 Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word
 that saves us in this sacrament.
 Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.
 Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.
 Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.
 Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,
 who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Gathering Hymn “Shall We Gather at the River”

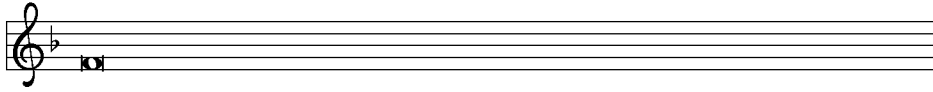
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Greeting

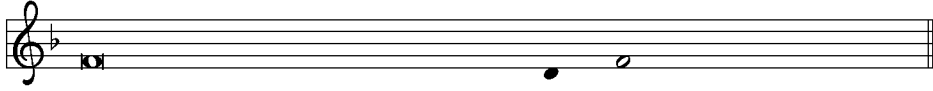
The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Kyrie

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mer - cy.**
 For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mer - cy.



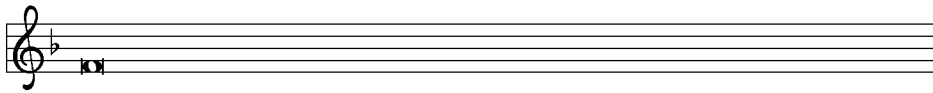
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



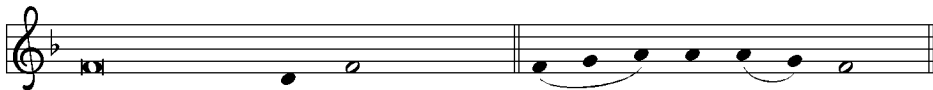
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



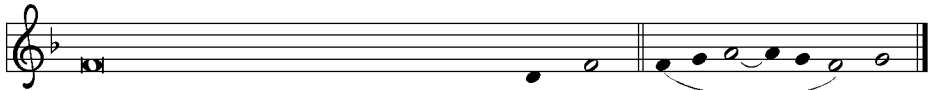
Lord, have mer - cy.



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.



Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.


Hymn of Praise



This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,



al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. I Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb



who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.


Refrain



This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 2 Pow-er, rich-es, wis-dom, and



strength, and hon-or, bless-ing, and glo-ry are his.

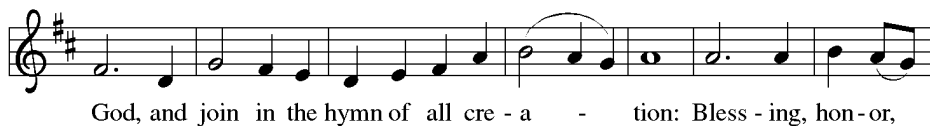
Refrain



This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,



al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia. 3 Sing with all the peo-ple of



God, and join in the hymn of all cre-a-tion: Bless-ing, hon-or,



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

Refrain



This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was
 slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.
Final refrain
 This is the feast of vic - to - ry for our God.
 Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Prayer of the Day

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.**

Word

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

- ⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
 a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
 of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.
- ⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
 the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
 the sheet that is spread over all nations;
- ⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.
This is the Lord for whom we have waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm: Psalm 24

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,
the world and those who dwell therein.

² **For the Lord has founded it upon the seas
and established it upon the rivers.**

³ Who may ascend the mountain of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and purity of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

⁸ **Who is this King of glory?**

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors,
that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰ **Who is this King of glory?**

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Acclamation

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.

Gospel: John 11:32-44

The holy gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.”

³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"

⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon: "Pastor, Tell Me Again!"

Hymn of the Day "For All Your Saints, O Lord"

verses 1-4 No. 427

✠ A Liturgical Memorial of the Faithful Departed ✠

We have been blessed by God through the lives of all the saints departed. They helped make us strong, yet gentle; wise, yet simple; restless, yet contented. With thanksgiving to God, we celebrate their life among us and their life with God in eternity.

Donald E. Osborn 11/20/2023

Denny Bowen 01/09/2024

Jack M. Daily 02/28/2024

Caroline M. Palm 03/04/2024

Doris I. Barber 03/15/2024

Betty J. Waters 04/08/2024

Pastor Bob Kaltenbaugh 04/19/2024

Deborah J. Wicks 04/22/2024

Nancy Linderberg 07/20/2024

Carmen Schellhammer 08/15/2024

Nina Sontag 09/18/2024

Bernie McCreadie 09/26/2024

Phyllis Peterson-Betz 09/30/2024

Delores(Dee) J. Locher 10/10/2024

Gerald Barrick 10/24/2024

Kathleen M. Harriger 10/30/2024

Kathy L. Ponchione 10/30/2024

We praise you, O God, for though death has taken them from us – You have wrapped them in the mantle of your Son, and have called them your very own, and so we sing:

**To God, the Father, Son,
and Spirit, ever blest,
the One in Three, the Three in One,
be endless praise addressed.**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

**the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,**

**begotten, not made,
Of one Being with the Father.**

Through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;

**by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the virgin Mary,
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.**

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen**

Prayers of Intercession

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we cast our ballots this week. May those elected govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering (*especially*). Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

Peace

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

Children's Message (Sunday)



Meal

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ

Offering Song

No. 695



1 As saints of old their first-fruits brought of or - chard, flock, and field
2 A world in need now sum-mons us to la - bor, love, and give;
3 In grat - i - tude and hum-ble trust we bring our best to - day



to God, the giv - er of all good, the source of boun-teous yield,
to make our life an of - fer - ing to God, that all may live.
to serve your cause and share your love with all a - long life's way.



so we to - day first - fruits would bring, the wealth of this good land,
The church of Christ is call - ing us to make the dream come true:
O God, who gave your - self to us in Je - sus Christ your Son,



of farm and mar - ket, shop and home, of mind and heart and hand.
a world re-deemed by Christ-like love; all life in Christ made new.
teach us to give our - selves each day un - til life's work is done.

Offering Prayer

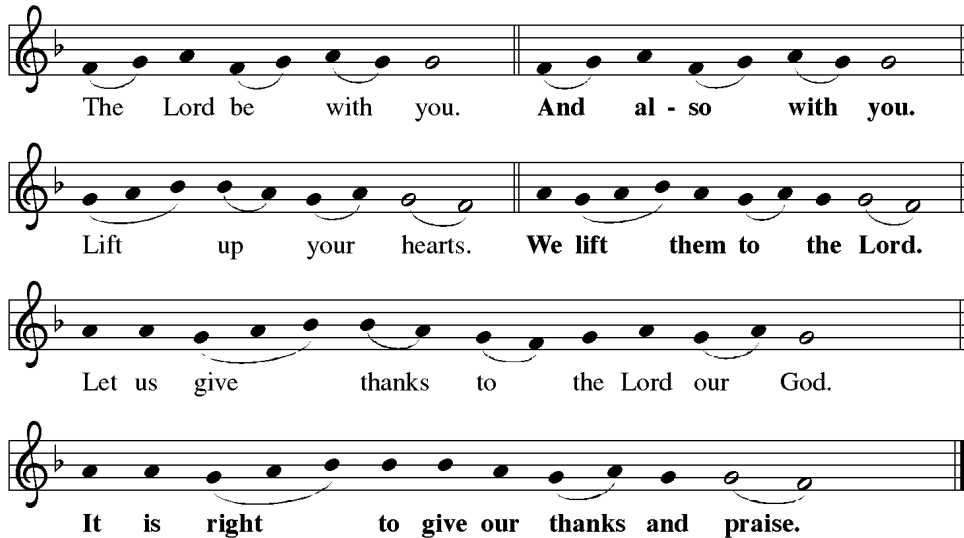
God of all goodness,
generations have turned to you, gathered around your table,
and shared your abundant blessings.

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.

Great Thanksgiving



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.

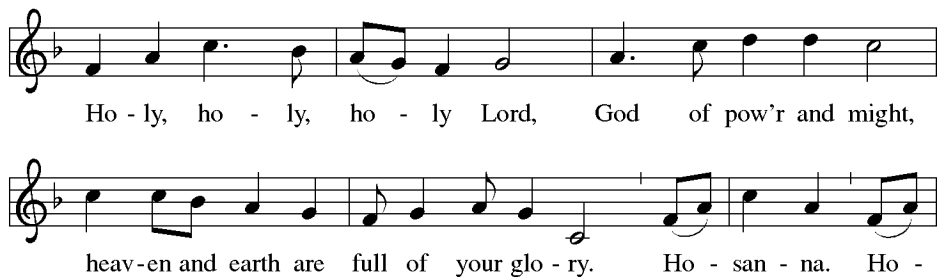
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should at all times and in all places
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,
through our Savior Jesus Christ.

By the witness of your saints
you show us the hope of our calling
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.

And so, with *[name/s]* and all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, Holy, Holy



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -

san-na. 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.

Thanksgiving at the Table

Holy are you, O God,
and great is your majesty.
By your great power
you have called us to a rich hope
and pledged to us a glorious inheritance
among all the saints.
All the saints in heaven and on earth
sing their praise of your eternal glory
show most clearly to us in the gift of Your Son.

The Words of Institution

In heaven and on earth, O God,
the saints and angels unite around your holy altar
to proclaim together the mystery of faith:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Send now your Holy Spirit
upon these gifts of bread and wine,
that they may be the body and blood of him
who is the hope and salvation of the living and the dead.
Send your Holy Spirit upon us also
that we might know his presence in these gifts,
and through them be united in prayer and praise
with all those who have gone before us.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom
And teach us to pray:

**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.**

Invitation to Communion

Taste and see that the Lord is good.
Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God

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.

Special Music “Still Waters” (Psalm 23) Performed by Leanna Crawford

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.

Sending

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.

Sending Hymn "Soon and Very Soon"

No. 439

Dismissal

Go in peace. Encourage one another in Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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Nov 10 Carter & Laura Bower

Nov 16 **HELP WANTED**

Nov 17 Bill Layton

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Nov 3 Mayket Family

Nov 9 Linda Barnhart & Pat Bittner

Nov 10 Bill Eschrich & Mary Ann Mapes

Nov 16 Joan Bunnell & Janis Daily

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