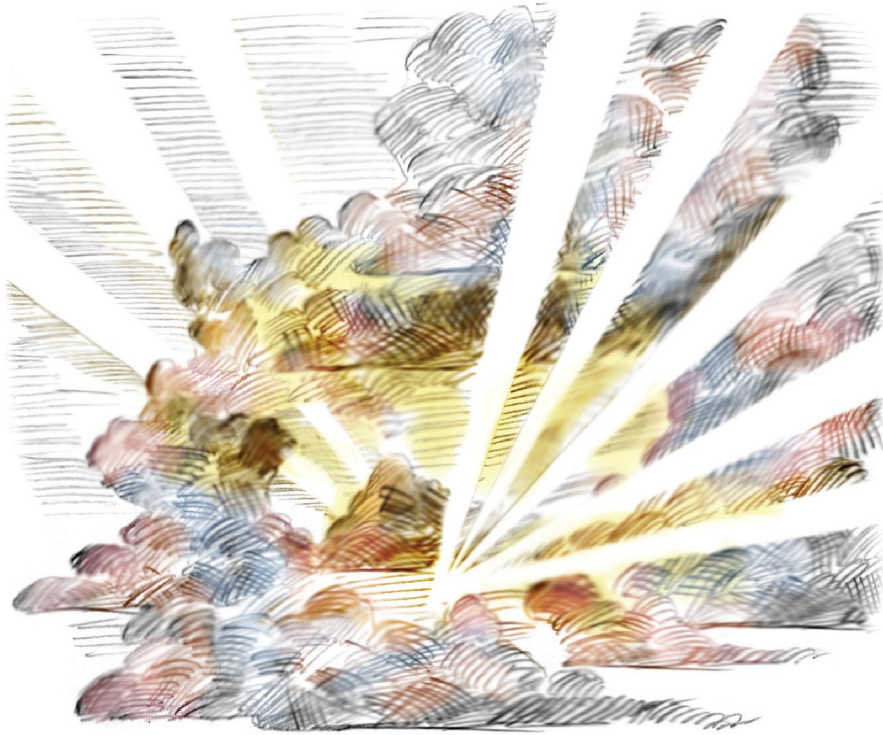


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PROCLAIM THE GOSPEL ✝ SEEK THE THIRSTY ✝ TEACH THE WORD

✝ Welcome ✝

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✝ As We Gather ✝

ON THIS BLESSED ALL SAINTS' DAY, we pause our busy lives to remember the saints. We teach that saints are sinners baptized into Christ, they are sinners redeemed by the cross of Jesus, and they are sinners who gave us examples of trusting not in their own heroic feats but in the grace and mercy of God in Jesus. Why remember the saints? To thank God for their life and witness, to be encouraged in our walk of faith, and to remember and rejoice for God giving us examples of how grace and faith look in the real lives of people we knew.

The service in its entirety is printed in this service bulletin.

✝ Preparation ✝

OPENING HYMN

For All the Saints

LSB 677 (v. 1-3, 7-8)



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,
7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: The
△ 8 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, Through

Who Thou, Fight saints gates Thee Lord, their cap - tain as the saints who tri - um - phant of pearl streams be - fore the world con - fessed, in the well - fought fight; no - bly fought of old And rise in bright ar - ray; The 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! King of Glo - ry pass - es on His way. Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost: Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

INVOCATION

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

C **Amen.**

Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

OPENING ACCLAMATION

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.**

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

1 John 3:1

P In Holy Baptism, God welcomes us into the family of Christ and embraces us with His love. Welcomed and embraced, we are free to confess our sins, trusting the power of Christ to lead us to newness of life.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

P Most merciful God,

C We confess that we have sinned against You and our neighbors in thought, word, and deed. We have hungered and thirsted for unworthy things. Our hearts are not right within us. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

P Today we hear these beautiful words from John: "See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are." 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.

✠ Service of the Word ✠

INTROIT

Psalm 31:1, 3, 5; antiphon: Rev. 7:14b

P These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation.

C They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

P In you, O Lord, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame;

C In your righteousness deliver me.

P For you are my rock and my fortress;

C And for your name's sake you lead me and guide me.

P Into your hand I commit my spirit;

C You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful 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.**

KYRIE

P Lord, have mercy.

C Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

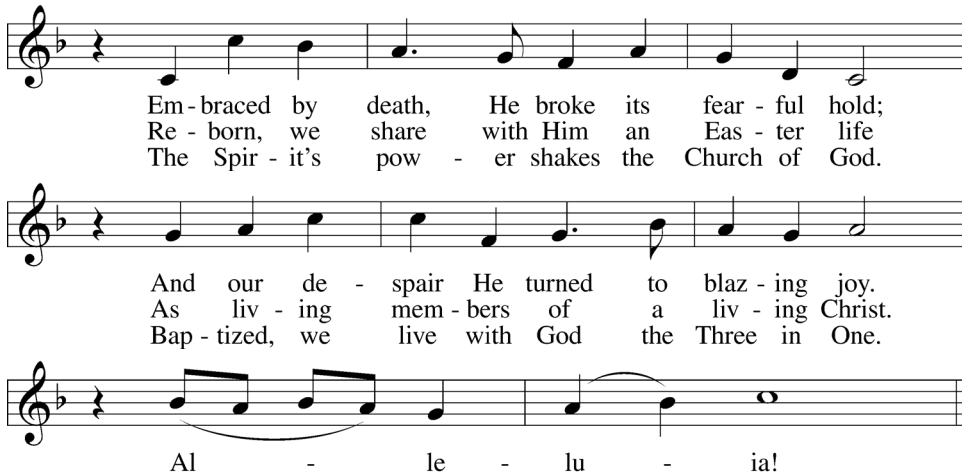
HYMN OF PRAISE

We Know That Christ Is Raised

LSB 603



1 We know that Christ is raised and dies no more.
2 We share by wa - ter in His sav - ing death.
3 The Fa - ther's splen - dor clothes the Son with life.



SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

C **Lord God, You sustained those who have gone before us in faith, You showed them grace, and in their lives You have shown us examples of good works that are the fruit of faith in Christ. So sustain us in faith and grace, that we bear the fruit of faith with perseverance and joy; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹After 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, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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, ¹²saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I 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."

¹⁵"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.
¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat.
¹⁷For 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.

EPISTLE READING

1 John 3:1-3

¹See 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. ²Beloved, 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. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

R This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

(Please rise for the reading of the Holy Gospel)

VERSE

Hebrews 12:1a, 2a

P Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses,

C Let us look to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

C Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

³"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

⁵"Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

⁷"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

¹⁰"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice 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.

APOSTLES' CREED

**ALL I believe in God, the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth.**

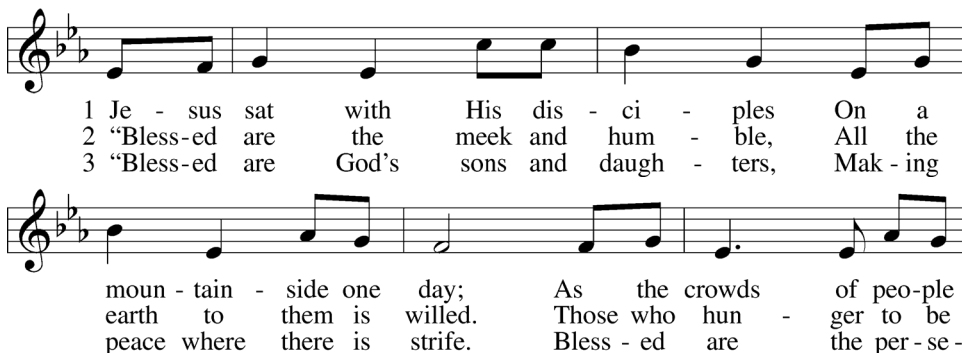
**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell.
The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life \dagger everlasting. Amen.**

SERMON HYMN

Jesus Sat with His Disciples

LSB 932



1 Je - sus sat with His dis - ci - ples On a
2 "Bless-ed are the meek and hum - ble, All the
3 "Bless-ed are God's sons and daugh - ters, Mak - ing

moun - tain - side one day; As the crowds of peo-ple
earth to them is willed. Those who hun - ger to be
peace where there is strife. Bless - ed are the per - se -



gath - ered, He be - gan to teach and say:
ho - ly, They are bless'd and will be filled.
cut - ed, Who for righ - teous - ness lose life;

"Bless - ed are the poor in spir - it, Heav - en's
Yes, the mer - ci - ful are bless - ed, Mer - cy
Their re - ward is great in heav - en, In the

king - dom they will share. Bless - ed are the sad and
will to them be shown. And the pure in heart are
king - dom up a - bove— So be glad to share My

mourn - ing, Joy and com - fort will be theirs.
bless - ed, They have eyes for God a - lone.
suf - f'ring And re - joice to know My love."

SERMON

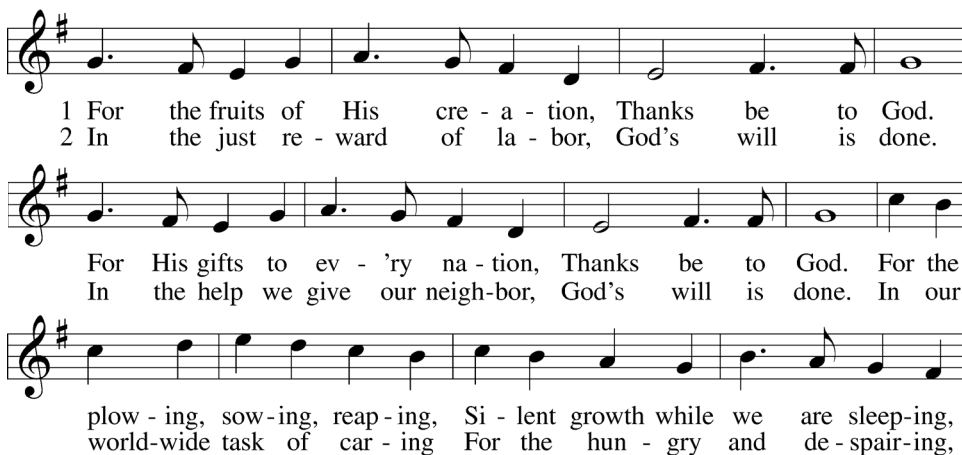
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OFFERING

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For the Fruits of his Creation

LSB 894 (v. 1-2)



1 For the fruits of His cre - a - tion, Thanks be to God.
2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will is done.

For His gifts to ev - 'ry na - tion, Thanks be to God. For the
In the help we give our neigh - bor, God's will is done. In our

plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing, Si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing,
world - wide task of car - ing For the hun - gry and de - spair - ing,



Fu - ture needs in earth's safe-keep - ing, Thanks be to God.
In the har - vests we are shar - ing, God's will is done.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

ALL SAINTS' ANTHEM

It Is Not Death to Die

Ensemble

It is not death to die, to leave this weary road,
And join the saints who dwell on high, who've found their home with God.
It is not death to close the eyes long dimmed by tears,
And wake in joy before Your throne, delivered from our fears.

Chorus: O Jesus, conquering the grave; Your precious blood has power to save.
Those who trust in You will in Your mercy find that it is not death to die.

ALL SAINTS' DAY PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE

ALL SAINTS' ANTHEM *(Reprise)*

It Is Not Death to Die

Ensemble

It is not death to fling aside this earthly dust,
And rise with strong and noble wing to live among the just.
It is not death to hear the key unlock the door
That sets us free from mortal years to praise You evermore.

Chorus: O Jesus, conquering the grave; Your precious blood has power to save.
Those who trust in You will in Your mercy find that it is not death to die.

✠ Service of the Sacrament ✠

PREFACE

P The Lord be with you.

2 Timothy 4:22

C **And also with you.**

P Lift up your hearts.

Colossians 3:1

C **We lift them to the Lord.**

P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Psalms 136

C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

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, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. We give You thanks for the great crowd of witnesses throughout every age and generation who knew the mystery of Christ by faith and gave testament to His saving Gospel in word and work but now rest from their labors. Remembering the saints who have gone before us with the sign of faith and joining our voices with angels, archangels, and all the company of heaven, we laud Your glorious name and join in their unending hymn, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS

Isaiah 6:3; Matthew 21:9

C **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might:
Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

P Blessed are You, Lord of heaven and earth, for You have not only created us to live in this life, but You have also worked faith in our hearts so that we may have eternal life, knowing and trusting You for health, protection, and forgiveness. Grant us true faith now as we respond to our Lord's bidding and in, with, and under the bread and wine, receive His body and blood, given and shed for the forgiveness of our sins. Keep us strong in faith throughout our earthly sojourn until we join all the saints and angels at the wedding feast of Your Son, who with You and the Holy Spirit are one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Matthew 6:9-13

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

Matt. 26:26-28; Mark 14:22-24; Luke 22:19-20; 1 Cor. 11:23-25

PAX DOMINI

John 20:19

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C **Amen.**

Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, You take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION ~ **Welcome to the Lord's table.** *(An usher will direct you.)*

DISTRIBUTION HYMN

Wide Open Stand the Gates

LSB 639



1 Wide o - pen stand the gates a - dorned with pearl, While
 2 He speaks the Word the bread and wine to bless: "This
 3 The cher - u - bim, their fac - es veiled from light, While

round God's gold - en throne The choirs of saints in
 is My flesh and blood!" He bids us eat and
 saints in won - der kneel, Sing praise to Him whose

end - less cir - cles curl, And joy - ous praise the Son!
 drink with thank - ful - ness This gift of ho - ly food.
 face with glo - ry bright No earth - ly masks con - ceal.

They watch Him now de - scend - ing To vis - it wait-ing earth.
 All hu - man thought must fal - ter—Our God stoops low to heal,
 This sac - ra - ment God gives us Binds us in u - ni - ty,

The Lord of Life un - end - ing Brings dy - ing hope new birth!
 Now pres - ent on the al - tar, For us both host and meal!
 Joins earth with heav'n be - yond us, Time with e - ter - ni - ty!

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE *(sung)*

LSB, p. 164-65

*Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev'ryone what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord rejoice and proudly bear His name.
He recalls His promises and leads His people forth in joy
with shouts of thanksgiving. Alleluia, alleluia.*

POST-COMMUNION COLLECT

P We give thanks to You, almighty God, for in this Sacrament You have answered our deepest prayers and nourished us with the body and blood of Your Son, assuring us of sins forgiven. Strengthen us thereby and accompany us each day that we may meet whatever the future holds with the sure and certain hope of one day joining all Your saints in glory; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

BENEDICAMUS

P Let us bless the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

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 **Amen.**

CLOSING HYMN

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who
rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!

To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!

clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -

cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,

Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!



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