

Lutheran Church of the Holy Comforter

P.O. Box 666 • 216 N. Main Street • Belmont, NC 28012 • Sunday, November 1, 2015

All Saints Sunday

We remember Jayne Beasley, Ferrie Hedrick, Jack Miller,
Virginia Neagle and Mabel Ratchford, members of Holy Comforter;
and others who have died in the Lord since last All Saints Sunday



Micah Kearney
Pastor

Greg Cline
Organist/Choirmaster

WELCOME/GATHERING

PRELUDE: *Rigaudon* Handbell Choir

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism,
as the presiding minister begins.*

P Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, clothed in majesty ever since the world began, who loves us and frees us from our sins, who leads us with all the saints to everlasting life.

C Amen.

P Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P God our maker and redeemer,

C we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. We come for refuge to your infinite mercy. You have given your only Son to die for us; have mercy on us, and for his sake, forgive us all our sin. By your Holy Spirit, increase in us true knowledge of you and your will, and true obedience to your word, that by your grace we may come to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

P Almighty God has had mercy on us, and God's only Son has been given to die for us, and for his sake God ☩ forgives us all our sin. Believing in Jesus' name, you have received power to become the children of God; you have received the gift of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

GATHERING SONG: *For All The Saints* All Stand & Sing



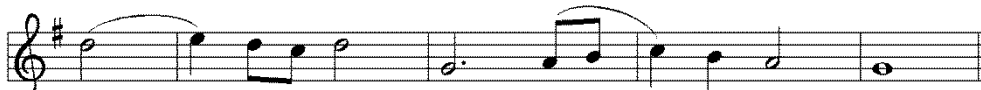
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day; the
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



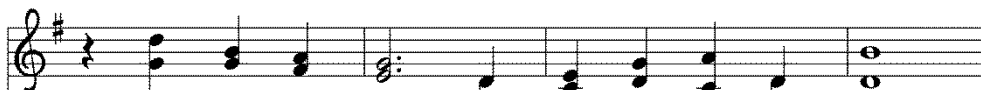
thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . . .
 saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . . .



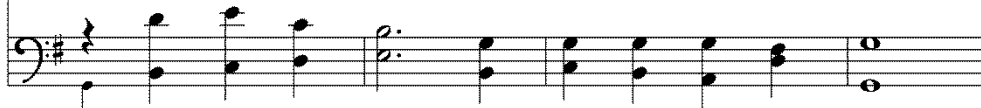
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!



3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - distant tri - umph song, and
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong,
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: William W. How, 1823–1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958

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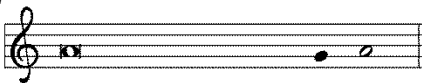
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GREETING

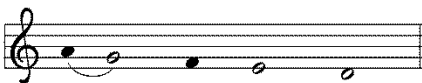
P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C And also with you.

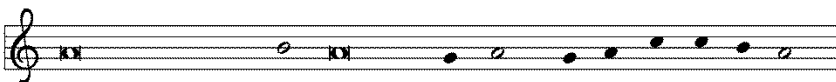
KYRIE

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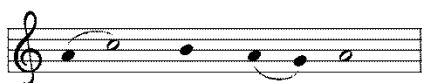
In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

C 

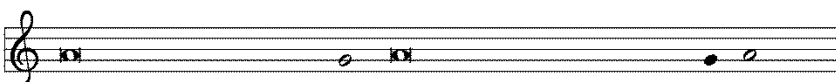
Lord, have mer - cy.

A 

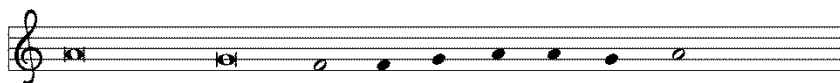
For the peace from a-bove, and for our sal - vation, let us pray to the Lord.

C 

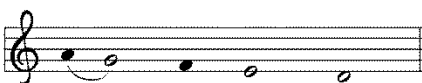
Lord, have mer - cy.

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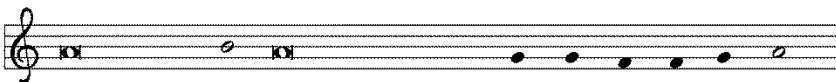
For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,



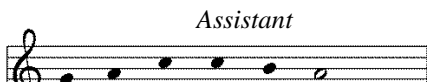
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

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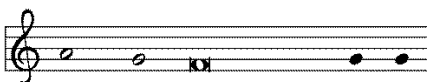

Lord, have mer - cy.

A 

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their wor-ship and praise,

Assistant  *Congregation* 

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

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

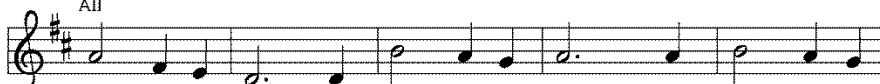
CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Refrain
Assisting minister



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

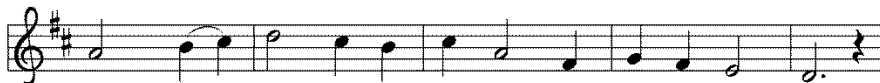
All



1 Wor-thy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us



free to be peo-ple of God. Pow-er and rich-es and wis-dom and

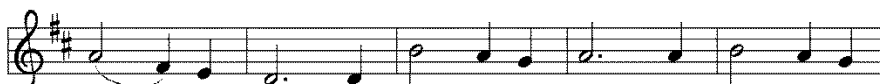


strength, and hon-or and bless-ing and glo-ry are his.

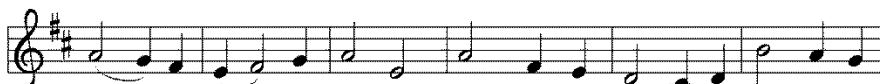
Refrain



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



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



SALUTATION

P The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

C Amen.

*Congregation is Seated and are invited to sing “Jesus Loves Me”
as the children come forward.*

CHILDREN’S TIME

Children ages 4 to 8 years-old are invited to go to the Education building for a 20-minute (or so) time together **immediately after the Children’s sermon.** *Children will return to their parents during the hymn of the day.* **Children birth through 3 years-old** are invited to join others their age **in the nurseries.**

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

A reading from the twenty-fifth chapter of Isaiah.

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

⁶On 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.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸he 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.

⁹It 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.

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING

Revelation 21:1–6a

A reading from the twenty-first chapter of Revelation.

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.

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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;

⁴he 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.”

⁵And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

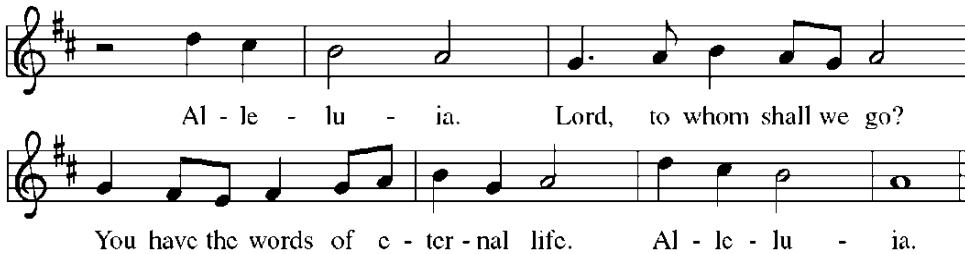
Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a}Then he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

A The word of the Lord.

C **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL VERSE



GOSPEL

John 11:32–44

P The holy gospel according to St. John, the eleventh chapter.

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

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴The 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.”

P The gospel of the Lord.

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

HYMN OF THE DAY: *Blest Are They* All Stand & Sing

Leader or All



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -
 3 Blest are they . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy
 4 Blest are they . . . who seek peace; . . they are the
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
 pure of heart; they . . . shall see God.
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

Refrain
 All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

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 OF INTERCESSION

United into one by the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray with all God's saints for healing, wholeness, and peace in all the earth.

A brief silence.

God of glory, we ask your blessing for chaplains, deaconesses, and diaconal ministers. Grant them wisdom and compassion as they embody your grace in the forgotten places of this world. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We seek your healing for oceans, streams, hot springs, and lakes. Clean the waterways damaged by human carelessness and provide all who thirst access to fresh water. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We seek your protection and healing for veterans, civil rights leaders, and military personnel. Where there is pain, bring comfort. Where there is anger, bring mercy. Where there is war, bring peace. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We seek your healing for all who struggle with addiction, mental illness, physical ailment, or spiritual distress. Refresh them with the water of life and fill them with your abundant love (*specially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We ask your blessing for nurses, doctors, social workers, and emergency responders. Sustain them to be vessels of your healing and comfort. Empower them to restore wholeness to the broken and hope to the despairing (*especially*). Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

We give you thanks for all the saints (*Jayne Beasley, Ferrie Hedrick, Jack Miller, Virginia Neagle and Mabel Ratchford, members of Holy Comforter; and others who have died in the Lord since last All Saints Sunday*). Wipe away our tears of sorrow and mourning, and when we die, bring us to the church triumphant. Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your care, Alpha and Omega, we entrust all for whom we pray. Be with us now and always, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

PEACE

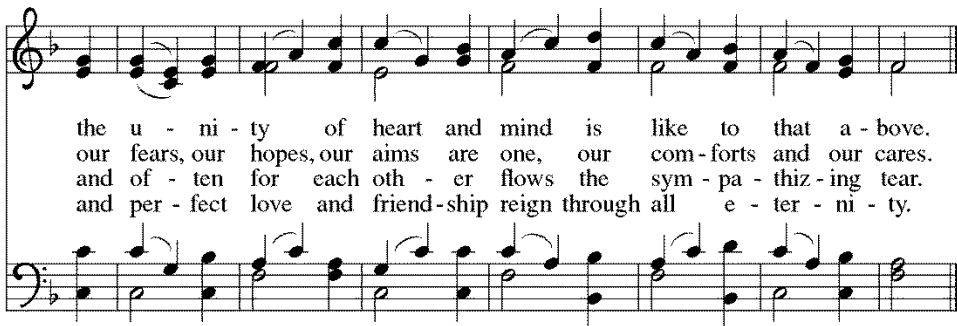
P The peace of Christ be with you always.

C And also with you.

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: *Gather At The River* LaBarr

OFFERTORY RESPONSE: *Blest Be the Tie that Binds* All Stand & Sing

1 Blest be the tie that binds our hearts in Chris - tian love;
2 Be - fore our Fa - ther's throne we pour our ar - dent prayers;
3 We share our mu - tual woes, our mu - tual bur - dens bear,
4 From sor - row, toil, and pain, and sin we shall be free;



the u - ni - ty of heart and mind is like to that a - bove.
 our fears, our hopes, our aims are one, our com - forts and our cares.
 and of - ten for each oth - er flows the sym - pa - thiz - ing tear.
 and per - fect love and friend - ship reign through all e - ter - ni - ty.

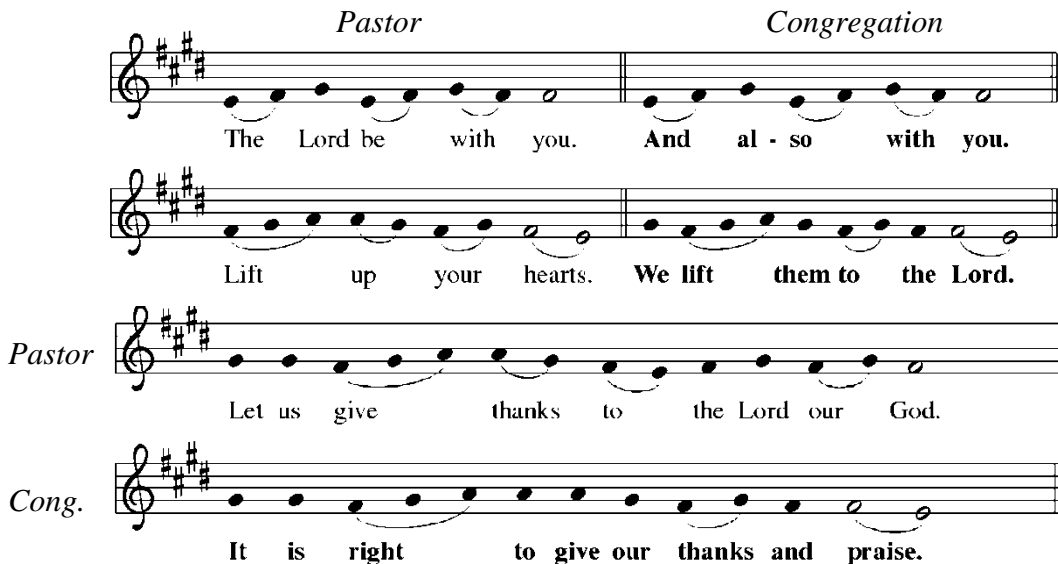
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 Music: DENNIS, Johann G. Nägeli, 1773–1836, adapt.

OFFERING PRAYER

A Let us pray.

C Merciful God, as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.

DIALOGUE



Pastor *Congregation*

The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

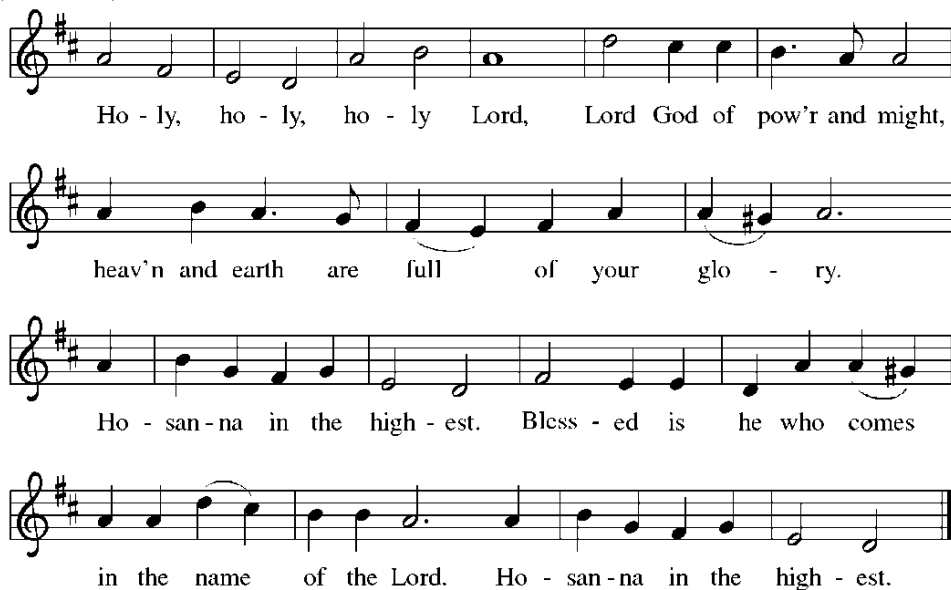
Cong.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P ...we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY



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.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Goodness is stronger than evil. Life is stronger than death.

Taste the goodness and life of God.

C Thanks be to God.

COMMUNION SONG



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, grant us peace.



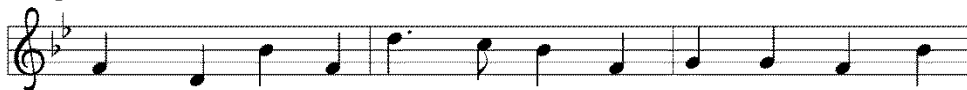
COMMUNION

A cordial invitation is extended to all baptized persons to participate in the celebration of the real presence of the Risen Christ in the Sacrament of Holy Communion.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION: *Handbell Sinfonia* Purcell

O God of Light Chamber Choir

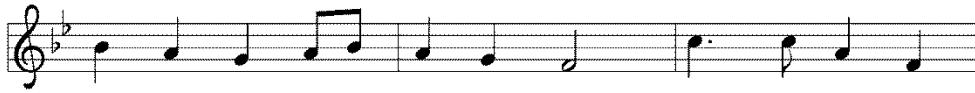
In His Temple Now Behold Him All Sing



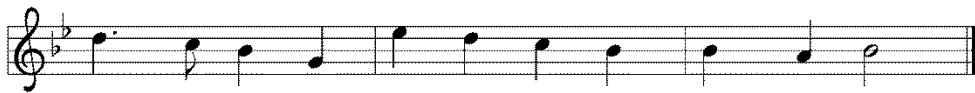
1 In his tem - ple now be - hold him, see the long - ex -
2 In the arms of her who bore him, vir - gin pure, be -
3 Je - sus, by your pre - sen - ta - tion, when they blessed you,
4 Prince and au - thor of sal - va - tion, be your bound - less



pect - ed Lord; an - cient proph - ets had fore - told him,
hold him lie, while his a - ged saints a - dore him,
weak and poor, make us see your great sal - va - tion,
love our theme! Je - sus, praise to you be giv - en



God has sent the prom - ised Word. Now to praise him,
ere in per - fect faith they die. Al - le - lu - ia!
seal us with your prom - ise sure; and pre - sent us,
by the world you did re - deem, with the Fa - ther



his re - deem - ed shall break forth with one ac - cord.
Al - le - lu - ia! Lo, the in - car - nate God Most High!
in your glo - ry, to your Fa - ther, cleansed and pure.
and the Spir - it God of maj - es - ty su - preme!

Text: Henry J. Pye, 1825–1903, alt.

Music: REGENT SQUARE, Henry T. Smart, 1813–1879

P The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C Amen.

SONG AFTER COMMUNION



Thank-ful hearts and voic-es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done. Let



ev - 'ry-one who seeks the Lord re - joice and bear the name of Christ.



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

A O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown.

C Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

BLESSING


P The love of God who created you, the mercy of ☩ Jesus Christ who died for you, and the power of the Holy Spirit who strengthens you, keep you at one with all the faithful, living and departed, and remain with you now and forever.

C Amen.

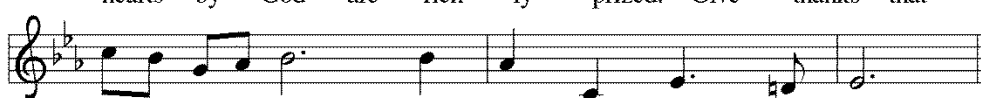


SENDING SONG: *Give Thanks for Saints* All Stand & Sing





while they live and when they die how force - ful -
 true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -
 in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
 hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
 toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
 cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
 we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962

Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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DISMISSAL

A Go in peace. Christ is with you.

C Thanks be to God.

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A CORDIAL WELCOME is extended to all of our visitors on this **All Saints Sunday**. We pray that you will find a warm fellowship while you are among us and that you will return home with a renewed sense of dedication to Jesus Christ. Please sign our guest register or a visitor's card so that we can become acquainted with you. If you are without a church home, we invite you to investigate membership in this family of God.

CHILDREN are welcome in worship. Jesus said, "let the children come to me!" Parents are encouraged to utilize the *Kids Worship Kits* found in the narthex for older toddlers through early elementary age. Nurseries for children (**infants through 3 years old**) are located in the Education building. Let an usher know if you need assistance in finding them.



KID'S WORSHIP CENTER: Pick up kits as you enter for worship! **Please return the tote bag** with the plastic bag of crayons, scratch pads, and pencils to the stand in the narthex. The children may take any papers home with them.

PRAYER REQUESTS: A notebook has been placed in the narthex for your prayer requests during the week. **If you wish a name to be added to our prayer list, please fill out a form from the prayer book or fill in the form found at www.holyc.org.**

THE FLOWERS ON OUR ALTAR TODAY are given to the glory of God by Greg Byrum in memory of Olin Byrum and "All the Saints."

Those who have placed flowers on the altar may use containers to take them home, but please return the containers to the church. ***Greg Byrum, Worship & Music***

Attendance & Budget Report for Sunday, October 25, 2015:

Attendance: 135

Budget Report

October 25, 2015

Current Offering Received 10/25/15	\$ 3,504.00
Weekly Budgeted Expenses	\$ 4,598.27
Offering, Year-To-Date (YTD)	\$204,699.91
Offering less Actual Expenses Incurred, YTD	\$ 8,606.01
Offering less Budgeted Expenses, YTD	\$ 8,952.22

ASSISTING MINISTERS:

LECTOR: Billy Joye, Jr.

GREETER: Kathy Graves

ALTAR GUILD: (Team 2)

Brad Milton, Co-Captain

Brandy Milton, Co-Captain

Donna Bean Susan Woodcock

EUCCHARIST PRESENTERS:

Paul & Tracey Nault

TELLERS: John Koehler & Sherry Alexander

COMMUNION ASSISTANTS: (Team B)

Fran Holland Charles Mauney

+Volunteers

MUSICIAN IN TRAINING: Leah Koehler

USHERS: Need Volunteers

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS: (9:30-11:45 am)

Infants: Ginger MacDonald *Toddlers:* Jill Cassel

PERCUSSION: Elizabeth Bruchon, Diann Halvorson

BIRTHDAYS FOR THE WEEK: November 1-7

Today, Donna Bean

November 3 Brad Milton

November 5 Debbie Mendez

November 6 Debbie Bray
Jenn Kearney



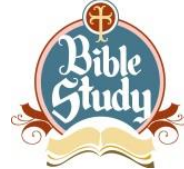
THIS WEEK'S MEETINGS:

Today, Sunday, November 1

9:30 am Sunday School
10:10 am Church Choir prep
10:30 am The Service with **Holy Communion**
4:00 pm Children's Ensemble
5:00 pm Handbells
6:00 pm Church Choir
8:00 pm Nar-Anon

Wednesday, November 3

6:45 pm Women's
Bible Study



Tuesday, November 2

7:00 pm *Property Committee* meets
Chamber Choir
Nar-Anon

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SUNDAY SCHEDULE: 9:30 am Sunday School, 10:30 am The Service
Church Office Hours: Monday -Thursday 8:30 am — 3:00 pm

Micah Kearney, Pastor - email: MicahKearney@gmail.com



Please remember these people in your prayers.

If anyone has a person who needs to be added or removed from this list, please inform Kathy Graves.
The sign-up prayer forms are located in the narthex and online at www.holyc.org.

PRAY FOR OUR FAMILY OF HOLY COMFORTER

Louise Austin
Brenda Dabrowski
Shawn De Nicholas
David Dowd
Dot Holland

Holly Peche
Zac Hullander
Chase Lineberger
Marquerite Shive

Mark Reese
Beverly Reynolds
Anna Spike
Kevin Washle

GREATER FAMILY OF GOD

Richard Abernethy
Harriett Ange
Paige Beaver
Jenny Beer
Mike Butler
Father Frank Cancro
Tina Capwell
Clell Davis
J. Don Devine
Zachary Evans
Jamey Gardner
Poss Garrett
Ronnie Garrison
Lewis Gilbert Family
Brian Hedrick

Stacy Hunsucker
Dennis Jordan
Steven Keating
Buddy Kircus
Marshall Kinley
Karin Larsen
Terry Mahaffey
Lynn McFarland
Al McCoy
Clay McCoy
Gene McRorie
Susan Nichols
Mark Outlaw
Alicia Overton
Ramesh Patel

Jean Peters
Beverly Howe Poag
Jim Poag
Taylor Propst & Family
David Prouty
Julio Quiros
Anna Rudder
Tangie Shingler
Megan Sigler
E. Taylor & Family
Carson Thomas
Gloria Ward
Pastor Gary Weant
Olivia Wilcox
Jeff Wiles

OUR SERVICEMEN

Matt Cisek
Leo Kasmer

Jason Gardner
Alex Norris



Dillon Kasmer
Jeremy Shaver