



ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
NOVEMBER 7, 2021

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As We Gather

Today we lift our eyes from the present and focus them on the promises of God that will be fulfilled in the future. What a blessed day it will be when we will gather with all of Jesus' holy ones around His throne in heaven! But today is also a blessed day. In Matthew 5, Jesus speaks blessings over a crowd gathered on a mountainside. Imagine yourself in that crowd today. Hear Jesus bless you also! Listen as He speaks of mercy, purity, and peace. And know this: Jesus does not simply speak of these blessings; He freely gives them to you! How blessed you are—today, tomorrow, and forever!

Prelude

"For All the Saints"

P. Bouman

Opening Hymn

"For All the Saints"

#677 sts. 1, 2, 3 & 7

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| <p>1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> | <p>3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold!
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> <p>7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!</p> |
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Invocation

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

Confession and Absolution

Matthew 5:8

- P** As we are blessed to be in God's presence, let us remember and confess our sins to Him.

We pause for a moment of silent confession...

- P** Let us confess our sins together.
- C** **Help me, Lord, for I am in great need! My sins are too many to count. My burdens are too heavy to carry. I call out to You for mercy, pleading for Your forgiveness, full and free. For the sake of Jesus, whom You sent to give His life for me, forgive my sins. By Your Holy Spirit, create in me a pure heart, that I may worship You in the company of all Your saints. As Your Word has promised, bless me as Your own. Amen.**
- P** "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God." You have been blessed by Jesus with the purity of heart that comes from sins forgiven. Now we see God with eyes of faith, but by His grace, one day we shall see Him face-to-face!

As a called and ordained servant of Christ and by His authority, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

✠ WORD ✠

Prayer 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.

C You bless us now by Your Word and Spirit.

P You will bless us for eternity with joy in Your presence.

C Grant us hearts to receive and share all the blessings You so freely give;

P through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

First Reading

✠ A Great Multitude from Every Nation ✠

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."

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Epistle

✠ Children of God ✠

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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Anthem of Praise Duet

"Blest Are They"

Hymn #982

Holy Gospel

✠ The Sermon on the Mount ✠

*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.**✠ **Confession of Faith** ✠*Nicene Creed*

**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 ✠ of the world to come. Amen.**

Sermon Hymn

“We Sing for All the Unsung Saints”

#678

1 We sing for all the unsung saints,
That countless, nameless throng,
Who kept the faith and passed it on
With hope steadfast and strong

Through all the daily griefs and joys
No chronicles record,
Forgetful of their lack of fame,
But mindful of their Lord.

2 Though unscribed with date or place,
With title, rank, or name,
As living stones their stories join
To form a hallowed frame
Around the myst'ry in their midst:
The Lamb once sacrificed,
The Love that wrested life from death,
The wounded, risen Christ.

3 So we take heart from unknown saints
Bereft of earthly fame,
Those faithful ones who have received
A more enduring name:
For they reveal true blessing comes
When we our pride efface
And offer back our lives to be
The vessels of God's grace.

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Sermon

Prayer of the Church

Offering—*may be left in the offering plates near the doors as you leave. Those worshipping at home may continue to mail or drop off offerings at the church office, and on-line giving is available to everyone on our website at www.stpauloaklawn.org. For information about regular electronic giving, please contact the church office.*

Offertory Meditation

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

Preface

- P** The Lord be with you.
C **And also with you.**
P Lift up your hearts.
C **We lift them to the Lord.**
P Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
C **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

Proper Preface

- 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. Along with all Your saints, both those who wait for You on earth and those who are in heaven with You, we praise Your holy name saying:
C **“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”**

The Lord's Prayer

- P** Hear us now as we pray together as He taught us,
C **Our Father who art in heaven...**

Words of Our Lord

Pax Domini

P The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

✠ DISTRIBUTION of the SACRAMENT ✠

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

#543

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| <p>1 What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
That caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the dreadful curse for my soul!</p> <p>2 When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down, sinking down,
When I was sinking down
Beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside His crown for my soul.</p> | <p>3 To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb I will sing;
To God and to the Lamb,
Who is the great I AM,
While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
While millions join the theme, I will sing.</p> <p>4 And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on.
And when from death I’m free,
I’ll sing His love for me,
And through eternity I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on,
And through eternity I’ll sing on.</p> |
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“Children of the Heavenly Father”

#725

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| <p>1 Children of the heav’nly Father
Safely in His bosom gather;
Nestling bird nor star in heaven
Such a refuge e’er was given.</p> <p>2 God His own doth tend and nourish;
In His holy courts they flourish.
From all evil things He spares them;
In His mighty arms He bears them.</p> | <p>3 Neither life nor death shall ever
From the Lord His children sever;
Unto them His grace He showeth,
And their sorrows all He knoweth.</p> <p>4 Though He giveth or He taketh,
God His children ne’er forsaketh;
His the loving purpose solely
To preserve them pure and holy.</p> |
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Communion Blessing

P The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and preserve you in body and soul to life everlasting. Depart ✠ in peace.

Closing Prayer

Closing Sentences

LSB 677:1

- P** For all the saints who from their labors rest,
C **Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,**
P Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
C **Alleluia! Alleluia!**

Benediction

- 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

“For All the Saints”

#677 sts. 4, 5, 6 & 8

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| 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia! |
| 5 And when the fight is fierce, the warfare
long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are
strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia! | △ 8 From earth’s wide bounds, from ocean’s
farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia! Alleluia! |

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Postlude

“Postlude in G Major”

D. Buxtehude



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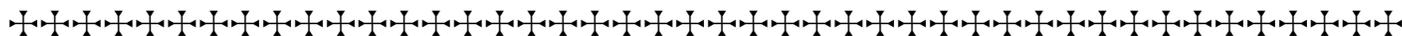
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Please pray for these members of our St. Paul family:

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For those who grieve

- *Flora Jones and family on the death of her grandson, Dontreal Evans. Arrangements are pending.*

We give thanks:

- *With Cheryl Horan, celebrating a birthday 11/8.*
- *For Vic & Marty Both, celebrating 5 years of marriage 11/6*
- *Scott and Jenny Hoefler on the birth of a baby girl 10/29.*
- *Danielle & Mike Pintozzi on the birth of a healthy baby girl 11/1.*

Please pray for these friends and family of our members:

Heather & Josh Turro	Carolyn Moeller
Eugene Marcinkowski	Beckham Klintworth
Roberta & Carlos Owens	Nora Maculitis
Denise DeLaurentis	Dorothy Kroll
Anthony Krcelic, Jr.	Eric Kessling
Bob Hessert	Georgiana Easton
Jackie Plichta	Patricia Paulsen
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Please let the church office know when your need for our congregational prayers is over (708) 423-1040.

“I believe in the Holy Christian Church, the communion of saints ...” The fellowship of believers in Christ transcends all time and space. The Living church of the risen Lord Jesus is composed of all believers – past, present, and future. The following are the people of St. Paul who have, since last All Saints’ Day, joined the Church Triumphant, and who, together with us in the Church Militant, continue to praise God who saves us.

*George Thies, Jr. ~ December 20, 2020
Lorraine G. Zagrakalis ~ December 24, 2020
Jeffrey F. Barth ~ December 25, 2020
Birdie Onken ~ January 30, 2021
Richard A. Hagberg ~ February 1, 2021
Shirley A. Zacek ~ August 22, 2021
James E. Hagberg ~ August 23, 2021
Nancy Ziomek ~ September 1, 2021
Delbert A. Purdy ~ September 9, 2021
Katherine Fleischmann ~ September 20, 2021*

Special friends of our St. Paul family:

*Mary Coyne ~ November 20, 2020
James Barclay ~ January 5, 2021
Merton E. Heffron ~ February 3, 2021
James Scafaro ~ June 21, 2021
Tara Assink ~ August 21, 2021*

“Blessed are the Dead which die in the Lord from hence forth ... they rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.” (Revelation 14:13)

Announcements & Notes:

- *The Ladies Guild is selling Christmas cards in front of the school hall doors and in the wings today and for the next 2 Sundays. Before shopping for Christmas cards, stop by and see their selection.*
- *The Worth Township Christmas Care Toy/Clothing Drive is underway. New, unwrapped toys for children infants through 14 years of age may be left in the box across from the church office.*
- *Our Thanksgiving service will be at 7:00 PM Wednesday, November 24th. We will again have the opportunity to give thanks by bringing non-perishable food items to the altar which will then be distributed by our Faith in Action Food Pantry.*
- *There is a table next to the main narthex entrance with some pictures and notes from our Veterans’ Luncheon with thanks to the congregation for your support in honoring our veterans.*