

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

November 2, 2025

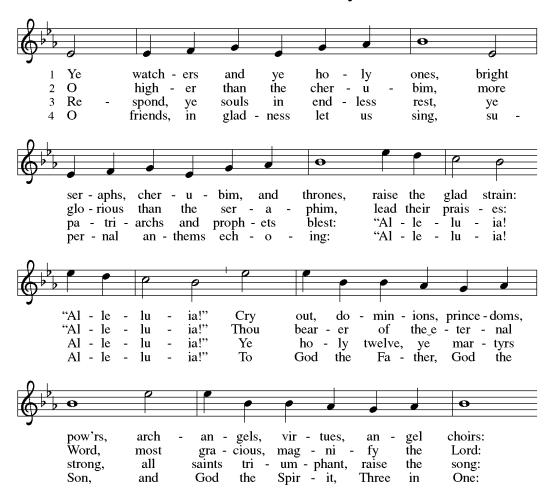
In Holy Baptism, God makes saints out of sinners. In Holy Communion, God forgives the sins of all the saints. On this holy day, we give thanks for all the saints "who from their labors rest," who have fought the good fight, who have gained the crown. In the same breath, we petition our God for the strength to hear and to heed the admonitions of the Lord Jesus in today's gospel. Recalling that we have been sealed by the Spirit and sustained by the Savior's body and blood, we journey onward as God gives us breath, to the praise of God's glory.

Prelude Requiem Everett Titcomb (1884-19689)

ENTRANCE RITE

Hymn

Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones





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Apostolic 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

P: In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



P: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



P: 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.



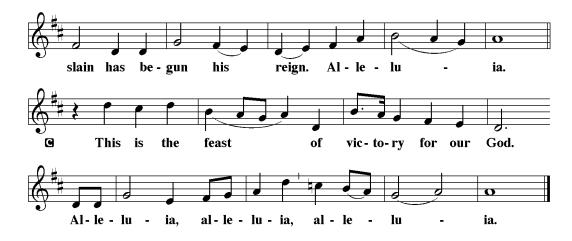
P: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.



P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.







Salutation and Prayer of the Day



P: Let us pray.

ALL: 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

LITURGY OF THE WORD

First Lesson - Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18

The book of Daniel was written in the second century B.C.E., when the Syrian king Antiochus Epiphanes was severely persecuting the Jews. Daniel's vision of the four beasts serves to proclaim the message that human kings will come and go, but the kingdom will ultimately belong to God and to God's people.

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. ¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷ "As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever — forever and ever."

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149

(sung in unison)

This psalm is a joyful song in which the faithful praise the Lord and anticipate the victory of justice.

Hallelujah! Sing to the LORD | a new song;*
sing his praise in the congregation | of the faithful.

2Let Israel rejoice | in his maker;*
let the children of Zion be joyful | in their king.

3Let them praise his name | in the dance;*
let them sing praise to him with tim- | brel and harp.

4For the LORD takes pleasure | in his people*

and adorns the | poor with victory.

5Let the faithful re- | joice in triumph;*
let them be joyful | on their beds.

6Let the praises of God be | in their throat*
and a two-edged sword | in their hand;

7to wreak vengeance | on the nations*
and punishment | on the peoples;

8to bind their | kings in chains*
and their nobles with | links of iron;

9to inflict on them the judg- | ment decreed;*
this is glory for all his faithful people. | Hallelujah!

Second Lesson - Ephesians 1:11-23

After giving thanks for the faith of the Ephesians, the epistle writer prays that they might understand the wisdom, hope, and power of God that is embodied in Jesus Christ.

¹¹In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹²so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. ¹⁷I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²²And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Alleluia Verse



Holy Gospel - Luke 6:20-31

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Luke, the sixth chapter.



In echoes of the prophet Isaiah and Mary's song of praise, Jesus of Nazareth reveals surprising things about who enjoys blessing and who endures woe. He invites his disciples to shower radical love, blessing, forgiveness, generosity, and trust, even to enemies and outsiders.

²⁰Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said:

"Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled.

Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh.

²²Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

²⁴But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation.

²⁵Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry.

Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. ²⁷But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you."

P: The Gospel of the Lord.



Sermon Pastor Roberts

silence for reflection



COMMEMORATION OF THE SAINTS

Hymn

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might; you, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; you, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, may your 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!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one within your great design.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

William Spader Belcher & Maxine Kanode Bice & James Troutman Bost, Sr.

Solveig Mertrice Mason Kjeseth & Wayne Lyle Kulm & Randy Wade Maddox

Janet Edith Carr Marlin & Dr. James Mulligan Rodman & Carl Eugene Saunders

Dane Dennis Thompson, Sr. & Nancy Glass Trent & Larson Edward Wile

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

The Creed

P: Using the words of our ancestors in the faith as expressed in the Apostles' Creed, we proclaim the triune God whom we belove:

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary.

He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He 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 body, and the life everlasting. Amen

The Prayers

- A: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.
- A: God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your Church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Renew and revive pastors, deacons, and lay leaders. Hear us, O God.
- C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Help us restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Help us dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, help us protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of what is yet to come, encourage and inspire those who give their time, talent, and treasure in service to your Church. By our commitment, further the work of ministry in this place and uplift your gospel. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed. Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

ALL: Amen



LITURGY OF THE MEAL

The Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

Prayer of the Venerable Bede

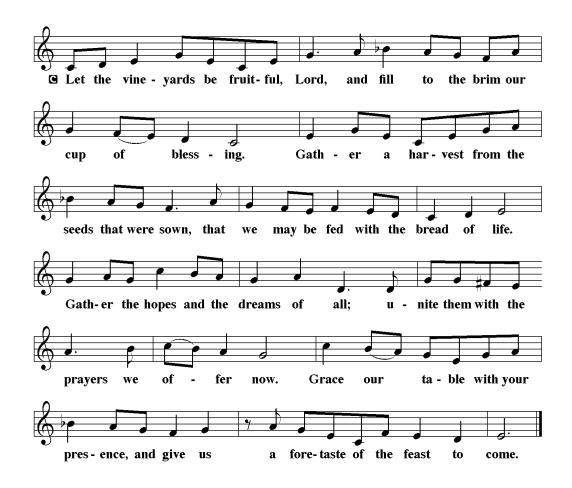
Richard Proulx (1937-2010)

Christus est Stella Matutina, qui nocte saecum transacta lucem vitae, luce, sanctis promitit, et pandit asternum.

Christ is the Morning Star,
who when the night of this world is past,
he gives to his saints the promise of the light of life,
and opens everlasting day.
(Inscription found on the wall of Durham Cathedral)

[Grace Parker, solo]

Offertory

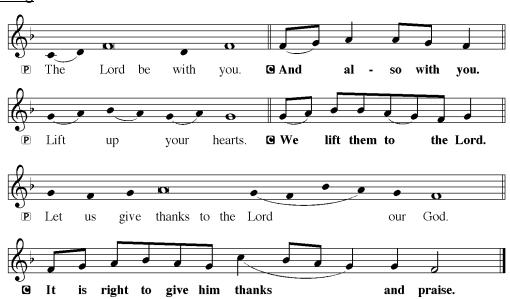


Offertory Prayer and Consecration of Pledges

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

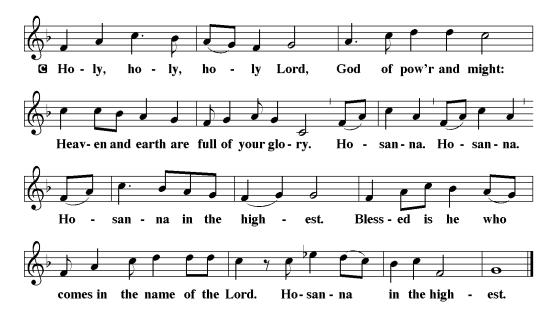
ALL: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – our selves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. We consecrate to your glory these our pledges of time, talents, and treasure – our gifts of love and generosity. We pray that you receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Great Thanksgiving



Proper Preface

Sanctus



Eucharistic Prayer

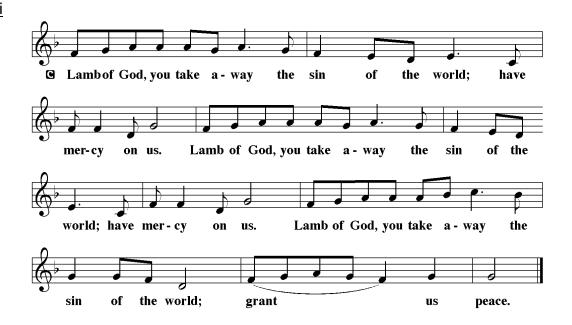
Lord's Prayer

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

Communion with our Risen Lord

Agnus Dei



Jerusalem, My Happy Home



- Je ru sa lem, my hap py home, when shall I come to thee?
- O hap py har bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas-ant Thy gar dens and thy gal lant walks con tin ual ly are
- green;
- spring;
- 4 There trees for ev er more bear fruit and ev er more do 5 Je ru sa lem, my hap py home, would God I were in thee!



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall see? thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil. there grow such sweet and pleas-ant flow'rs as no-where else are seen. ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing. Would God my woes were at an end, thy joys that I

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Music: LAND OF REST, North American melody

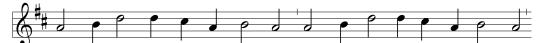
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness



- Soul, a dorn your-self with glad-ness, leave the gloom-y haunts of sad-ness,
- as a bride to meet him, ea ger ly and glad ly greet him.
- 3 Now in faith I hum-bly pon-der o ver this sur-pass-ing won-der
- Je sus, source of last-ing plea-sure, tru est friend, and dear-est trea-sure,



come in - to the day-light's splen-dor, there with joy your prais-es ren - der. There he stands al-read - y knock-ing; quick - ly, now, your gate un-lock-ing, that the bread of life is bound-less though the souls it feeds are count-less; in - to all life ex-pand-ing: peace be - youd all un - der - stand - ing, joy



Bless the one whose grace un-bound-ed this a - maz - ing ban-quet found-ed; o - pen wide the fast-closed por - tal, say - ing to the Lord im-mor - tal: with the choic-est wine of heav-en Christ's own blood to us is giv - en. hum-bly now, I bow be - fore you, love in - car - nate, I a - dore you;



he, though heav'n-ly, high, and ho - ly, deigns to dwell with you most low - ly. "Come, and leave your loved one nev - er; dwell with-in my heart for - ev - er." Oh, most glo-rious con - so-la - tion, pledge and seal of my sal - va-tion. wor - thi - ly let me re-ceive you, and, so fa-vored, nev - er leave you.

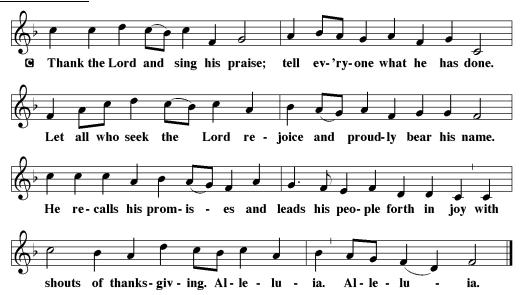
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Post-Communion Blessing

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

C: Amen

Post-Communion Canticle



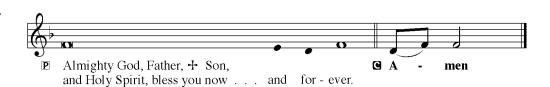
Post-Communion Prayer

A: Let us pray.

Pour out upon us the spirit of your love, O Lord, and unite the wills of those whom you have fed with one heavenly food; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

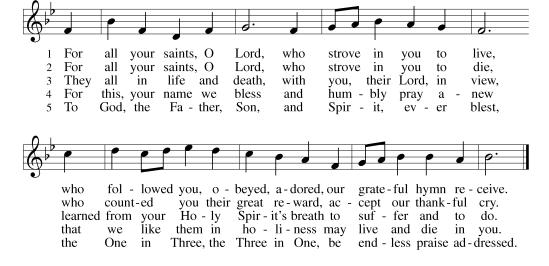
C: Amen

Benediction



Hymn

For All Your Saints, O Lord



Dismissal

A: Our service now begins. Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.



The altar flowers are given to the glory of God by Carol Barclay in memory of loved ones.

The candles are given to the glory of God by Judy Berryman in honor of her wedding anniversary.



THIS WEEK AT HOLY TRINITY		
Sunday, November 2	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:30 a.m. 6:00 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion and All Saints' Sunday Commemoration Sunday Church School Holy Trinity Youth Service of Holy Communion and All Saints' Sunday Commemoration with Livestream via YouTube Soup Luncheon God In Film
Monday, November 3	9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 7:00 p.m.	Strength and Balance Exercise Class Chair Yoga Class Connecting with God (via Zoom) - Know God - Know Self
Tuesday, November 4	5:40 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Handbell Choir Rehearsal Table Talk
Wednesday, November 5	12:10 p.m. 5:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion Fall Seminar - The Bible Tells Me So Adult Choir Rehearsal
Thursday, November 6	9:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Parish Nurse in office (until 10:00 a.m.) Discussion Group - Living The Questions
Friday, November 7	7:00 a.m. 8:00 a.m. 9:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.	Breakfast Series - <i>The Bible With and Without Jesus</i> Matins (Morning Prayer) Strength and Balance Exercise Class Chair Yoga Class Book Discussion Group - <i>Miracles and Wonders</i>
Saturday, November 8	10:30 a.m.	Trinity Travelers
Sunday, November 9	8:30 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 10:30 a.m. 11:45 a.m. 2:00 p.m. 4:00 p.m. 6:00 p.m.	Service of Holy Communion and Home Communion Sunday Church School Service of Holy Communion with Livestream via YouTube and Home Communion Intermediate Youth (grades three - five) Pastor's Information Class Junior Youth (grades six - eight) Confirmation Class (grades six - eight)

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