

## **All Saints Sunday**

November 5, 2023

### **Opening Hymn #613** ***Jerusalem the Golden***

1. Jerusalem the golden,  
With milk and honey blest,  
Beneath thy contemplation  
Sink heart and voice opprest.  
I know not, oh, I know not,  
What joys await us there,  
What radiancy of glory,  
What bliss beyond compare.
2. They stand, those halls of Zion,  
All jubilant with song  
And bright with many an angel  
And all the martyr throng.  
The Prince is ever in them;  
The daylight is serene;  
The pastures of the blessed  
Are decked in glorious sheen.
3. There is the throne of David;  
And there, from care released,  
The shout of them that triumph,  
The song of them that feast;  
And they who with their Leader  
Have conquered in the fight  
Forever and forever  
Are clad in robes of white.

4. O sweet and blessed country,  
The home of God's elect!  
O sweet and blessed country  
That eager hearts expect!  
Jesus, in mercy bring us  
To that dear land of rest,  
Who art, with God the Father  
And Spirit, ever blest.

### **Invocation**

*P: We worship today in the name of the Father and of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **Confession & Absolution**

*P: Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and  
confess our sins unto God, our Father, beseeching Him in the  
name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.*

*P: Our help is in the name of the Lord.*

**C ♪: Who made heaven and earth.**

*P: I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord.*

**C ♪: And Thou forgavest the iniquity of my sins.**

**P & C: O almighty God, merciful Father, I, a poor, miserable  
sinner, confess unto Thee all my sins and iniquities with  
which I have ever offended Thee and justly deserved Thy  
temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorrow  
for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray Thee of Thy  
boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent,  
bitter sufferings and death of Thy beloved Son, Jesus Christ,  
to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor sinful being.**

**C ♪: Amen.**

## Introit

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.**

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.**

## Gloria Patri

**C ♪ Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

## The Kyrie

**C ♪ Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.**

## Gloria in Excelsis – (Hymn #238 v.1)

All glory be to God alone,  
Forevermore the Highest One,  
Who doth our sinful race befriend,  
And grace and peace to us extend.  
Among mankind may His good will  
All hearts with deep thanksgiving fill.

## The Salutation

*P: The Lord be with you.*

**C ♪: And with thy spirit.**

## **The Collect for the Day**

*P: Let us pray..... who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.*

**C ♪: Amen.**

### **The First Reading – Revelation 7:9-17**

<sup>9</sup>After 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, <sup>10</sup>and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” <sup>11</sup>And 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, <sup>12</sup>saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” <sup>14</sup>I 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. <sup>15</sup>“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. <sup>16</sup>They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup>For 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.”

### **Psalm of the Day – Psalm 149**

#### **Antiphon - WS p. 37**

*Antiphon –*

*At the works of Your hands, O Lord, I lift up my voice in song; I sing for joy.*

Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a | new song,\*  
**his praise in the assembly of the | godly!**  
Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;\*  
**let the children of Zion rejoice | in their King!**  
Let them praise his name with | dancing,\*  
**making melody to him with tambou- | rine and lyre!**  
For the LORD takes pleasure in his | people;\*  
**he adorns the humble with sal- | vation.**  
Let the godly exult in | glory;\*  
**let them sing for joy | on their beds.**  
Let the high praises of God be | in their throats\*  
**and two-edged swords | in their hands,**  
to execute vengeance on the | nations\*  
**and punishments on the | peoples,**  
to bind their | kings with chains\*  
**and their nobles with fet- | ters of iron,**  
to execute on them the judgment | written!\*

**This is honor for all his godly ones. | Praise the LORD!**

**Glory be to the Father and | to the Son\***  
**and to the Holy | Spirit;**  
**as it was in the be- | ginning,\***  
**is now, and will be forever. | Amen.**

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### **The Second Reading – 1 John 3:1-3**

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

### **The Gradual**

**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:** Blessed are those whose strength is in you,

**C: in whose heart are the highways to Zion. Hallelujah!**

### **The Triple Hallelujah**

#### **The Gospel Reading – Matthew 5:1–12**

<sup>1</sup>Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: <sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. <sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. <sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied. <sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy. <sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God. <sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. <sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. <sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

### **Confession of Faith**

#### ***The Nicene Creed***

**P & C: 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 Ghost 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 sitteth on the right hand of the Father; And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead; Whose kingdom shall have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Ghost, The Lord and Giver of Life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the Prophets. And I believe 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.**

**Hymn of the Day #463 (v. 1-3, 6-7)**

***For All the Saints Who from Their Labors Rest***

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
Who Thee by faith before the world confess,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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!

6. 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!

7. 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!

### **Sermon Text – 1 John 3:1-3**

#### **Sermon**

***Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ***

#### **Offertory**

***Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from Thy presence; and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me. Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation; and uphold me with Thy free spirit. Amen.***

#### **Offering of Thankful Hearts**

#### **Prayer of the Church**

P: Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

P: O Lord, be with Your Church and all her members who belong to You by Baptism and faith. At the bidding of the Lamb, our



Shepherd, give us ears to hear Your Word and faith to receive Him in His blessed Sacrament.

**<sup>1</sup> A multitude comes from the east and the west  
To sit at the feast of salvation**

P: Heavenly Father, grant that we may be brought to everlasting life with the faithful who have gone before us who now rest from their labors.

**With Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob, the blest,  
Obeying the Lord's invitation.**

P: Almighty God, send Your Spirit to the ministers of the Church who bring the Good News of Christ's death and resurrection, that they may work through the preaching of this Gospel to gather the lost, kindle faith in those who do not yet believe and sustain us all to the day of Christ's coming.

**<sup>2</sup> O God, let us hear when our Shepherd shall call  
In accents persuasive and tender,**

P: O Lord, faithful God, we commend ourselves, our bodies and souls, and all things into Your keeping. Deliver us in Your righteousness from all that would harm the body or assault the soul.

**That while there is time we make haste, one and all,  
And find Him, our mighty Defender.**

P: Heavenly Father, comfort us by Your abiding presence and satisfy all who call on You in need [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant them patience in the midst of suffering and, according to Your will, release them from their afflictions.

**<sup>3</sup> All trials shall be like a dream that is past,  
Forgotten all trouble and mourning.**

P: Blessed are You, O God, and blessed are the persecuted, who suffer for Your sake and whose witness calls all to faithfulness. Bring peace to the nations; make our leaders wise, just and honorable; and deliver us from terror, violence and oppression.

**All questions and doubts have been answered at last,  
When rises the light of that morning.**

P: Gentle Lord, visit the homes of Your people, that they may be places where faith is nurtured and where we learn to live our new lives in holiness and righteousness.

**<sup>4</sup>The heavens shall ring with an anthem more grand  
Than ever on earth was recorded.**

P: Almighty Father, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the Book of Life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear us in the name of Jesus Christ, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, heavenly Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**The blest of the Lord shall receive at His hand  
The crown to the victors awarded.**

**Sermon Hymn #656**  
***Behold a Host, Arrayed in White***

1. Behold a host, arrayed in white,  
Like thousand snow-clad mountains bright,  
With palms they stand. Who is this band  
Before the throne of light?  
Lo, these are they of glorious fame  
Who from the great affliction came  
And in the flood of Jesus' blood  
Are cleansed from guilt and blame.  
Now gathered in the holy place,  
Their voices they in worship raise,

Their anthems swell where God doth dwell,  
Mid angels' songs of praise.

2. Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;  
But now, how glorious they must appear!

Those martyrs stand a priestly band,  
God's throne forever near.

So oft, in troubled days gone by,  
In anguish they would weep and sigh,  
At home above the God of Love  
For aye their tears shall dry.

They now enjoy their Sabbath rest,  
The paschal banquet of the blest;  
The Lamb, their Lord, at festal board  
Himself is Host and Guest.

3. Then hail, ye mighty legions, yea,  
All hail! Now safe and blest for aye,  
And praise the Lord, who with His Word  
Sustained you on the way.

Ye did the joys of earth disdain,  
Ye toiled and sowed in tears and pain.  
Farewell, now bring your sheaves and sing  
Salvation's glad refrain.

Swing high your palms, lift up your song,  
Yea, make it myriad voices strong,  
Eternally shall praise to Thee,  
God, and the Lamb belong.

### **The Communion Liturgy**

*P: The Lord be with you:*

**C ♪: And with Thy Spirit.**

*P: Lift up your hearts:*

**C ♪: We lift them up unto the Lord.**

*P: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God:*

**C ♪: It is meet and right so to do.**

*P: It is truly, meet, right and salutary...Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Thy glorious name, evermore praising Thee and saying:*

**C ♪: Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
Heav'n and earth are full of Thy glory;  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is He, Blessed is He, Blessed is He that cometh in  
the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.**

*P: 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;*

**C ♪: For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
Forever and ever. Amen.**

### **The Words of Institution**

*P: The peace of the Lord be with you alway!*

**C ♪: Amen.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Have mercy upon us.**

**O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that takest away the sin of the world,**

**Grant us Thy peace. A-men.**

## The Distribution

**C ♪:** Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace,  
According to Thy word.

For mine eyes have seen Thy Salvation: which Thou hast  
prepared before the face of all people, a Light to lighten the  
Gentiles

And the Glory of Thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,  
World without end. Amen.

*P: Oh, give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good:*

**C ♪:** And His mercy endureth forever.

*P: ...who liveth and reigneth with Thee and the Holy Ghost, ever  
one God, world without end.*

**C ♪:** Amen.

*P: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face  
shine upon you and be gracious unto you. The Lord lift up His  
countenance upon you and give you peace.*

**C ♪:** Amen, Amen, Amen.

## Closing Hymn #618 *Jerusalem, My Happy Home*

1. Jerusalem, my happy home,  
Name ever dear to me,  
When shall my labors have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

2. When shall these eyes thy heav'n-built walls  
And pearly gates behold,  
Thy bulwarks with salvation strong,  
And streets of shining gold?

3. Oh, when, thou city of my God,  
Shall I thy courts ascend  
Where evermore the angels sing,  
Where Sabbaths have no end?

4. Apostles, martyrs, prophets, there  
Around my Savior stand;  
And soon my friends in Christ below  
Will join the glorious band.

5. Jerusalem, my happy home,  
When shall I come to thee?  
When shall my labors have an end?  
Thy joys when shall I see?

6. O Christ, do Thou my soul prepare  
For that bright home of love  
That I may see Thee and adore  
With all Thy saints above.

## **Silent Prayer**

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