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## **All Saints Sunday**

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### **Opening Hymn #344**

#### ***Come, Let Us Join Our Cheerful Songs***

1. Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
With angels round the throne.  
Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
But all their joys are one.

2. "Worthy the Lamb that died," they cry,  
"To be exalted thus."  
"Worthy the Lamb," our lips reply,  
For He was slain for us.

3. Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honor and power divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, forever Thine.

4. Let all creation join in one  
To bless the sacred name  
Of Him that sits upon the throne  
And to adore the Lamb.

### **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.**

### **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 7:2-17

<sup>2</sup>Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, <sup>3</sup>saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” <sup>4</sup>And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: <sup>5</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed,

12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, <sup>6</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, <sup>7</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, <sup>8</sup>12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed. <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**  
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*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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in song; I sing for joy.*

### **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.

### **Verse of the Day – Hebrews 12:1a. 2a**

Alleluia. Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith. Alleluia.

### **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 #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.

## Sermon Text – Revelation 7:2-17

### Sermon

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

### Offertory

***C ♪ 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.

M: Father in heaven, remember the poor in spirit who gather this day to receive Your grace and steadfast love, by which we are made rich in Christ.

**1. Jesus, Thy blood and righteousness  
My beauty are, my glorious dress;  
Midst flaming worlds, in these arrayed,  
With joy shall I lift up my head.**

P: God, our Father, You have set apart a people for Yourself and washed them in the blood of the Lamb to be Your own. Restore us daily through repentance and forgiveness, and renew our hearts and spirits in holiness, righteousness and faithfulness.

**2. Bold shall I stand in that great day,  
Cleansed and redeemed, no debt to pay;  
Fully absolved through these I am  
From sin and fear, from guilt and shame.**



P: Holy Lord, gather us in the blessed Sacrament around the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world, whom saints and angels adore around Your eternal throne.

**3. The holy, meek, unspotted Lamb,  
Who from the Father's bosom came,  
Who died for me, e'en me t'atone,  
Now for my Lord and God I own.**

P: Gracious Father, remember all civil authorities in Your kindness, and give them wisdom, courage and integrity.

**4. Lord, I believe Thy precious blood,  
Which at the mercy seat of God  
Pleads for the captives' liberty,  
Was also shed in love for me.**

P: O God, bless all ministers of the Gospel and the congregations committed to their care, that the comfort of Christ's sacrifice and the joy of His resurrection may be proclaimed to all who grieve their sin and mourn their dead.

**5. Lord, I believe, were sinners more  
Than sands upon the ocean shore,  
Thou hast for all a ransom paid,  
For all a full atonement made.**

P: God of compassion, be near to the sick, the aged and infirm, the dying, the grieving, and all the afflicted [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Grant healing according to Your will, and comfort them with the certain hope of the resurrection.

**6. When from the dust of death I rise  
To claim my mansion in the skies,  
This then shall be my only plea:  
Jesus hath lived and died for me.**

P: Heavenly Father, we know Your deep love for us, for You have called us Your children. Deepen the love of children for their parents, and parents for their children. Strengthen fathers and mothers in their vocations, that they may raise their children in the way that they should go. Hear the prayers of those who long for families. Sustain [\_\_\_\_\_ and] all expectant mothers and their little ones.

**7. Jesus, be endless praise to Thee,  
Whose boundless mercy hath for me,  
For me, and all Thy hands have made,  
An everlasting ransom paid.**

P: Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.  
**Amen.**

### **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:*

### **The Sanctus**

**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.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*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.**

### **The Agnus Dei**

**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**

### **The Nunc Dimittis**

**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.**

### **The Thanksgiving**

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

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

### **The Benediction**

*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 #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.

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.

## **Silent Prayer**

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