

# A Service of Praise and Prayer for Sunday, November 7, 2021

## The Feast of All Saints



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NIAGARA

PRELUDE: Rondo in E Minor, T. Price

### WELCOME & TERRITORIAL ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

### GATHERING

Bishop: O Lord open our lips!

All: and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.

Bishop: Your faithful servants bless you,

All: They make known the glory of your Kingdom.

### THE COLLECT

Bishop: God of holiness,  
your glory is proclaimed in every age:  
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,  
inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: Amen.

We sing together... The Kingdom of God is Justice and Joy (Common Praise #631)

1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy;  
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.  
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;  
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;  
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,  
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet  
to share;  
And hope is awakened in place of despair.
3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:  
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!  
God's love for us sinners brought Christ  
to his cross:  
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
4. God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;  
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.  
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;  
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

A READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

One: On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.  
And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever.  
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.  
It 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.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word,

All: Thanks be to God.

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COMPELLED TO LOVE

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*A short silence meditating on the reading is kept.*

THE GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

One: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

One: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Saint John.

All: Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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

The Gospel of Christ.

All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

We sing together... Jesus, Lover of My Soul (Common Praise #533)

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
let me to thy bosom fly,  
while the nearer waters roll,  
while the tempest still is high;  
hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
till the storm of life is past;  
safe into the haven guide,  
O receive my soul at last!
2. Other refuge have I none;  
hangs my helpless soul on thee;  
leave, ah! leave me not alone,  
still support and comfort me.  
All my trust on thee is stayed,  
all my help from thee I bring;  
cover my defenseless head  
with the shadow of thy wing.
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want;  
More than all in thee I find!  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is thy name;  
I am all unrighteousness:  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.
4. Plenteous grace with thee is found,  
grace to cover all my sin;  
let the healing streams abound;  
make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art;  
freely let me take of thee;  
spring thou up within my heart,  
rise to all eternity.

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THE HOMILY: Bishop Susan Bell

*Music is played during a time of reflection.*

### INTERCESSIONS

One: Holy God, in whom we live and move and have our being,  
we make our prayer to you, saying, Lord in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God of the Saints,  
we thank you for those whose lives reveal your holiness:  
we thank you for those who inspire faith;  
who model Christ-like living;  
who proclaim your kingdom in word and deed.  
Give us faith to follow in their footsteps,  
looking always to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God of love, you have made us each in your image,  
a reflection of your glory.  
We pray for those who suffer racism and prejudice:  
who are the victims of injustice;  
whose lives are at risk and who are degraded by others;  
who live in fear of the very systems meant to protect them.  
May the anger enkindled, be the beginnings of change,  
may we raise our voices with them to protest unfair law and systemic oppression,  
and may we learn give voice to the voiceless, that the captives may be set free  
and all people treasured as your beloved children.  
Lord in your mercy,  
**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God of hope, we pray for all those in our churches and communities  
who are in need at this time, especially for the sick and those who are suffering.  
We lift to you, those who suffer from chronic pain and those who await surgery,  
those who are going through chemotherapy, and those with COVID-19.  
We lift their names before you now, silently or aloud....

*Silence is kept.*

We ask for your Spirit of healing, to bless and anoint them,  
bring comfort and wholeness and peace.

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One: God of all comfort, we pray for those who grieve at this time:  
for those whose grief is fresh and raw, that they may be soothed and calmed;  
for those whose grief feels vast and empty, that it may be filled with your light;  
for those whose grief is painful, that they may be comforted.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: hear our prayer.**

One: God of beauty and wonder, as your fingerprints cover creation,  
with your beautiful touch, make us stewards of that work;  
people who respond to your artistry,  
with a care and concern, with a passion and mindfulness,  
that teaches us to live in harmony,  
and balance with your earth and all your creatures.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer**

One: God of the call, you call many to follow you.  
Make our church communities, places where disciples grow together,  
in love, prayer and purpose.  
We pray for the gift to share our faith, courage to speak it and live it boldly,  
and communities that welcome the stranger, as Christ himself.

Lord in your mercy,

**All: Hear our prayer**

Bishop: Trusting in the compassion of God, and in the language and version of our choice,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**All: 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,  
the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

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### We Sing Together... For All the Saints (Common Praise #276)

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever bless'd.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,  
thou, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;  
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
3. Oh, bless'd communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
4. The golden evening brightens in the west.  
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest.  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the bless'd.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
5. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array,  
as God to glory calls them all away.  
Alleluia, alleluia!
6. 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!

*Closing remarks and announcements.*

### THE BLESSING

POSTLUDE: Chorale Prelude on "Ebenezer", T. Price