

Service for the Lord's Day

All Saints' Day

November 5, 2023

Westminster Presbyterian Church
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Preparing to Hear God's Word

Prelude

Wer nur den lieben Gott lässt walten

J. S. Bach

Welcome

◆ Call to Worship

As we gather, we remember that we are not alone!

**We gather with the saints, who live in the presence of God,
singing praises to the God of our salvation.**

Sing to the Lord a new song!

Let all the faithful praise the Lord.

Blessed be God, now and forever!

◆ Hymn 326

For All the Saints
(verses 1-4)

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Call to Confession

*Jesus said: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.*

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up people to live and die in faith.

We confess that we are indifferent to your will.

You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent.

You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle.

You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid.

In your mercy, forgive us.

**Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.**

Silent Prayers

Sung Response

HS 71

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy, have mercy.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Thanks be to God. Amen!

◆ Sung Response

Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high.”
 Heaven and earth, awake and sing; let your joyous praises ring.
 Praise God, angel hosts above, ever shining forth in love;
 Sun and moon, uplift your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice!

God’s Word to Us

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Blessed Jesus, at your word we have come again to hear you;
 let our thoughts and hearts be stirred and in glowing faith be near you.
 By your gospel true and holy, teach us, Lord, to love you solely.

Readings

Revelation 1:17-18
 John 11:25-26

NT p. 231
 NT p. 99
 Carolyn Kelly

Homily

Lynne Clements

Responding to God’s Word

◆ Affirmation of Faith

**We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.
 The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls all people to all ministries of the church.
 In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing,
 to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
 In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth, praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”**

◆ Hymn 525

Let Us Break Bread Together

LET US BREAK BREAD

Story of Transformation: Billie Best

Litany for All Saints’ Day and the Reading of the Necrology
Be gracious to us; Hear us, O God.

Offertory

The Souls of the Righteous

Stanley Marchant

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
 and there shall no torment touch them.

In the sight of the unwise, they seemed to die,
but they are in peace.

- ◆ Presentation of the Bread and Cup HS 82
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise God, the source of all our gifts!
Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts!
Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

Glory to God Hymnal, p. 35

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Let us pray...

It is truly right and our greatest joy...

...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

HS 72

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might;

Heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

...Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

HS 73

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, we give you thanks for the great cloud of witnesses that surrounds us as we worship. Their diversity reminds us of your infinite grace to all your creatures. Your generosity evokes our deepest thanks. Receive these offerings, that we may join that great cloud of witnesses as we share our gifts with others. Amen.

- ◆ Hymn 325 **By All Your Saints Still Living** KING'S LYNN

- ◆ Charge and Benediction

Postlude

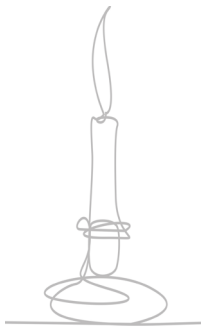
Passacaglia in D Minor

Dieterich Buxtehude

- ◆ Please stand, as you are able.

The flowers today are given by Jean Hammond in memory of Guy Hammond and his family.

The guest organist today is Jonathan Bolena.



All Saints' Day and Necrology

Wes Aylor	Peggy Fitch	Marlyn Hochstetler	Kathy Stacy
Phil Best	Betty Johnson Gray	Ann McFarlane	Bennett Williams
Jim Brinkerhoff	Mary-Moore Grove	Jean Newsom	Lou Williams
Jon L. Craig	Dr. Warren Grupe	Dr. John Owen	Susanne Williams
			Doris Wydman

What's Happening *at Westminster*

Sunday, November 5

All Saints' Day; Daylight Saving Time Ends

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Common Grounds

9:30 a.m. Church School Hour

11 a.m. Worship with Communion in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. UKirk and 20/30/40 Crew Bagel Brunch at Common Grounds

12:15 p.m. Singers Rehearsal in the Choir Room

1 p.m. UKirk & 20/30/40 CreW Feeding Families Service Project

Monday, November 6

6:30 p.m. UKirk Dinner & Discussion in Common Grounds

Thursday, November 9

7 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal in the Choir Room

Sunday, November 12

Pledge Dedication Sunday

8:30 a.m. Worship with Communion at Common Grounds

9:30 a.m. Church School Hour

11 a.m. Worship in the Sanctuary

12:15 p.m. Brunswick Stew in the Courtyard

1:30 p.m. Session Meeting in the Library

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For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
 3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

Harmony, stanza 3

3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet

all are one in thee, for all are thine.

to stanza 4

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Let Us Break Bread Together 525

1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)
 3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees; (on our knees)

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Refrain

When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing sun,

O Lord, have mer - cy on me. (on me)

This African American spiritual quite possibly reflects the circumstances of slaves attending early morning communion services in colonial Anglican churches, but its combination of hope ("rising sun") and supplication ("Lord, have mercy") speaks to many worshippers' experience.

By All Your Saints Still Striving 325

Capo 5: (Dm) (F) (Am) (G) (Dm)
Gm B^b Dm C Gm

1 By all your saints still striv - ing, for all your
2 We praise you for the Bap - tist, fore - run - ner
3 All praise, O Lord, for An - drew, the first to
4 For Mag - da - lene we praise you, stead - fast at
5 We pray for saints we know not, for saints still

(F) (Am) (C) (Am)
B^b Dm F Dm

saints at rest, your ho - ly name, O Je - sus, for -
of the Word, our true E - li - jah, mak - ing a
wel - come you, whose wit - ness to his broth - er named
cross and tomb. Your "Mar - y!" in the gar - den dis -
yet to be, for grace to bear true wit - ness and

(C) (F) (G) (C) (Am)
F B^b C F Dm

ev - er - more be blessed! For those passed on be -
high - way for the Lord. The last and great - est
you Mes - si - ah true. May we, with hearts kept
pelled her tears and gloom. A - pos - tle to the a -
serve you faith - ful - ly, till all the ran - somed

(F) (Em) (C) (G) (Em) (Bm)
B^b Am F C Am Em

fore us, we sing our praise a - new and, walk - ing
proph - et, he saw the dawn - ing ray of light that
o - pen to you through - out the year pro - claim to
pos - tles, she ran to spread the word. Send us to
num - ber who stand be - fore the throne as - cribe all

(Dm) (Am) (Em) (Dm) (Em) (Am)
Gm Dm Am Gm Am Dm

in their foot - steps, would live our lives for you.
grows in splen - dor un - til the per - fect day.
friend and neigh - bor your ad - vent ev - er near.
shout the good news that we have seen the Lord!
power and glo - ry and praise to God a - lone.

Guitar chords do not correspond with keyboard harmony.

These stanzas are selected and adapted from a much longer hymn by the nephew of the famous naval hero whose name he shares; it was intended for use on saints' days observed by the Church of England. The tune name honors the Norfolk seaport town where the tune was collected.