

# **All Saints Sunday: A Service of Holy Communion**

## **Leader's Guide**

### **GATHERING**

**Prelude**

**(begins at 10:10a)**

**Welcome**

**Pastor Dustin (begins at 10:20a)**

### **Thanksgiving for All of Our Saints**

- P. In joyful expectation of the resurrection to eternal life, we remember this day those who have gone before us in faith and who now rest from their labors, especially those family members and friends who are dear to us and who have died since last All Saints Sunday.
- P. O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name our loved ones, we thank God for others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ. You are invited to name a loved one who has died within this past year in our Facebook comments section at this time.

### **Saints remembrance video**

**VIDEO**

Jesus says, take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light. And you will find rest for your souls. As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**A. Amen.**

### **Gathering Hymn - *For All the Saints***

**VIDEO**

### **Greeting**

- P. Beloved of God, called to be saints: Grace, mercy, and peace be with you all.
- A. And also with you.**

## **Prayer of the Day**

P. 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 Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

A. **Amen.**

## **WORD**

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

### **VIDEO**

AM. After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason, they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

### **Musical Meditation**

### **VIDEO with overlay video**

## **Gospel Reading**

**Matthew 5:1-12**

P. The Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

**A. Glory to you, O Lord.**

P. When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P. This, my siblings in Christ, is the Gospel of our Lord.

**A. Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

**Rev. Dustin Wright**

## **Hymn of the Day - *Walking Together...***

**VIDEO**

## **Mission Moment Intro**

**Pastor**

## **Penny's Mission Moment**

**VIDEO**

## **Mission Moment Outro**

**Pastor**

## **Heidelberg Catechism**

**VIDEO**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

P. We ask that you lift up your prayers in the comments section of Facebook Live (or in your hearts) at this time.

P. Hear us, O God

**A. Your mercy is great.**

## **Intro to Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8**

P. As we have lifted up prayers for our community and world, we are reminded that we are called to go and bring the witness of God's love to the world. Will you join us in our sung response as we consider the words of the prophet Micah - what does the Lord require of you?

## **Response to God's Call: Micah 6:8**

### **Peace**

P. And may the peace of Christ be with you always.

**A. And also with you.**

P. Let us share a sign of God's peace with one another.

### **Announcements**

*Announcements may be shared at this time.*

## **MEAL**

### **Offering**

P. At this time, if you'd like to make an online gift using [tithe.ly](https://tithe.ly) or via mail to Messiah, feel free to do so.

### **Offering Prayer**

P. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. **Amen.**

### **The Great Prayer of Thanksgiving**

**VIDEO**

### **Lord's Prayer**

P. God remember us in your love, and teach us to pray:

### **Lord's Prayer**

**VIDEO**

## **Eucharistic Prayer**

P. Holy are you, O Lord, and great is your majesty. All the saints in heaven and on earth sing their praise of your eternal glory. With all the baptized, the old and the young, the weak and the strong, the famous and the forgotten, we bless you, O God. With all your holy people, those who ministered in the church, those who served the poor, and all who walked the way of the cross, we glorify you, O God, for in Jesus you journeyed with us on earth. With Paul and the evangelists, we remember the meal of your Son:

In the night in which he was betrayed, our lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat: this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

We remember and hold fast to Christ's examples of faith and life as the saints before us have done. We remember his living among outcasts and sinners, his concern for the poor, his life of prayer and worship, and his teachings about your love. But chiefly we remember his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again to raise us and all the faithful departed to live together eternally in fellowship with him in his heavenly kingdom.

Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the body and blood of him who is the hope and salvation of the living and the dead. Send your Holy Spirit upon us also that we might know his presence in these gifts, and through them, be united in prayer and praise with all those who have gone before us.

With this feast, join us in one holy communion of saints, one great cloud of witnesses, with Nancy, Joe, Denise, Bob, Diane, Lois, Allen, Susan, and with all the blessed dead whose lives of faith in unseen things continue to inspire us, as together we lift our voices to you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in eternal glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## **Invitation to Communion**

- P. Even when we cannot be physically together, we are one in Christ Jesus united around a common table. Indeed, at this table, Jesus gathers us all together: the humble and the proud, the joyful and the grieving, the pious and the profane, those of strong faith and those who only long for faith, to everyone, without exception. Come siblings in faith, and join in Spirit filled community!

## **Distribution of the Sacrament**

**VIDEO**

*At this time, all may share Holy Communion amongst their families.*

## **Post Communion Blessing**

- P. The body of our Lord Jesus Christ and His precious blood strengthen you, and keep you in God's Grace. Amen.
- A. **Amen.**

## **Prayer After Communion**

- P. Lord Jesus,  
in this simple meal you have set a banquet.  
Sustain us on the journey,  
strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children,  
and give us glad and generous hearts  
as we meet you on the way.  
**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

- P. May the God of all creation,  
in whose image we are made,  
who claims us and calls us beloved,  
who strengthens us for service,  
give you reason to rejoice and be glad!  
The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
**Amen.**

## **Sending Hymn - *Great is Thy Faithfulness***

**VIDEO**

## **Benediction**

P. Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

A. **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

**VIDEO**