



**November 1, 2020  
All Saints Weekend**

**WELCOME:**

**THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM:**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, + one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are raised with him  
to new life.

We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning you created us  
in your image and planted us in a well-watered garden. In the  
desert you promised pools of water for the parched, and you  
gave us water from the rock.

When we did not know the way, you sent the Good Shepherd to  
lead us to still waters. At the cross, you watered us from Jesus'  
wounded side, and on this day, you shower us again with the  
water of life.

Bathe us in your forgiveness, grace, and love. Satisfy the thirsty,  
and give us the life only you can give. To you be given honor  
and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. In the unity of the Holy  
Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

**SPECIAL MUSIC:** "I Can Only Imagine" – Michael Lottes

**ALL SAINTS LITANY:**

Loving God, we remember those Saints who have gone before  
us, our brothers and sisters in Christ:

Let us pray. We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have  
taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints.  
We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope  
for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who  
celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world.  
Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you.  
Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living,  
stirring us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. Amen.

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.

We lift up to You, O God, the names of those who have gone to  
you this past year in faith that they are with you forever.

Barbara Johnson	Carol Hageman's friend
Bert Johanson	Desert Cross Member
Bob Knoles	Margaret Roush Meier's friend
Chuy Acousta	Harl and Marie Alley's family
Clarice Leite	Dan Moellering's mom
David Alley	Harl and Marie Alley's nephew
Diana French	Desert Cross Member
Diane Hubler	Matthew Collins' family friend
Diane Morgan	Melanie Hobden's cousin
Donna Hamby	Judy Edwards' friend
Dorie Larsen	Melanie Hobden's friend
Dorothea Dunham	Karen Koslow's dear friend and second mother

Elaine Lower	Sharon Black's mom
Frieda Hahn	Desert Cross Member
Gerd Zimmermann	Desert Cross Member
Helen Traynor	Melanie Hobden's friend
Howard Sullivan	Desert Cross Member
Jane Lorenz	Amy Wasson's mom
Jim Bowen	Desert Cross Member
Joe Guay	Margaret Roush Meier's friend
John Bruegger	Kris Brenna's father
Karl Willette	Pelley family friend
Kathleen Pelley	Desert Cross Member
Kathy Tankersley	Carol Hageman & Judy Edward's friend
Loretta	Melanie Hobden's friend
Louise Grant	Former member of Desert Cross
Lucille Highsmith	Sandie Tignor's loved one
Mary Paloming	Pelley family friend
Megan Sellers	Art Krzyzewski & Susan Oram's daughter
Nan Lee	Desert Cross Member
Naurine Snyder	Desert Cross Member
Rick	Dwight and Carolyn Perkin's son-in-law
Russ Koslow	Karen Koslow's brother
Sally Matthias	Margaret Roush Meier's friend
Steven Alley	Harl and Marie Alley's nephew
Tom Barnes	Desert Cross Member
Veronica Lavella	Diane Fernichio's mom
Woody Neiman	Desert Cross Member

### ALL SAINTS PRAYER:

Let us pray. We give thanks, O God, for all who have gone on to join with you beyond this life. We trust in the hope of resurrection and the promise of new life in Christ. In faith we trust that in our grief and in our celebration you are with us through it all. In the name of Christ, in whom love lives forever, we pray. Amen.

### OPENING SONG: ELW 422 For All the Saints (Verses 1, 3, 6, 7)

- 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!
  
- 6 But then 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!

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

### LESSON: Revelation 7:9-17

*Read by Pastor Andrea Cain*

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,  
“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, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>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.

<sup>15</sup>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.

<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;

<sup>17</sup>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.”

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: “Holy Spirit”**

Holy Spirit, You are welcome here  
Come flood this place and fill the atmosphere  
Your glory God is what our hearts long for  
To be overcome by Your Presence, Lord

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**GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, 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 will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children 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 people 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 in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

**C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

**SERMON:** Pastor Andrea Cain

**SERMON SONG:** ELW 581 You Are Mine

1 "I will come to you in the silence,  
I will lift you from all your fear.  
You will hear my voice,  
I claim you as my choice.  
Be still and know I am here."

2 "I am hope for all who are hopeless,  
I am eyes for all who long to see.  
In the shadows of the night,  
I will be your light.  
Come and rest in me."

*Refrain*

"Do not be afraid, I am with you.  
I have called you each by name.  
Come and follow me,  
I will bring you home;  
I love you and you are mine."

3 "I am strength for all the despairing,  
healing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
All the blind will see,  
the lame will all run free,  
and all will know my name." *Refrain*

4 "I am the Word that leads all to freedom,  
I am the peace the world cannot give.  
I will call your name,  
embracing all your pain.  
Stand up, now walk and live!" *Refrain*

**MOMENT OF PEACE:** (*Philippians 4:7*)

*\*\*You are invited to place your hands over your hearts.*

May the peace that passes understanding, guard your hearts  
and your minds in Christ Jesus. Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:**

Holy One  
of days and nights,  
of sinners and saints,  
and everything between and beyond,  
We are grateful for your presence  
that abides in every corner of our living.

You dwell in the loneliest places in our hearts,  
keeping watch.  
You grieve with us in our devastations,  
our losses, our fears.  
You journey with us in our celebrations, our joys,  
and even in the monotony of our pandemic days.

May your healing hand be upon all who suffer with sickness or  
pain, especially all who are affected by COVID-19. Strengthen all  
who work on the frontlines and bring health to our world.

We pray for this world,  
for the places and precious people  
who are striving to recover from hurricanes  
and floods and raging fires. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for our children and our youth  
that they may be surrounded by protection,

be with our teachers and schools, pastors and churches, leaders and cities, workers and businesses, civil servants and government. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We pray for peace among nations, peace in our country and in our homes. Make us instruments of your peace. Lord in your mercy, hear our prayer.

We give you thanks, gracious God, for all of the saints in our lives, those who are living and those of blessed memory.

We pray this prayer for Love's sake,  
Amen.

-abridged, Rev. Karla Miller,  
<https://revgalblogpals.org/2017/11/04/sunday-prayer-226/>

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER:**

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,  
and the power, and the glory,  
forever and ever. Amen.

### **CLOSING SONG: "Rejoice"**

- 1 See the morning see it rising  
Over the mountains high  
See the mercy in the mighty... Hand of God  
Living water come and fill us  
Only You can satisfy  
Turn our sorrow into singing  
The song of life

#### **Chorus:**

Rejoice, rejoice  
And sing with the angel voices  
Rejoice, rejoice  
All Heaven and earth rejoice

- 2 Lord Your strength is a tower  
The righteous run into  
Lord Your love is a banner... Over us  
And we hold on to the promise  
That Your hold on us is true  
There's no other like You Jesus  
No one like You

#### **Chorus**

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### **BENEDICTION:**

The blessing of God,  
Sovereign, † Savior, and Spirit,  
be with you today and always.  
Amen.