

Sunday, November 4, 2017  
All Saints Sunday

PRELUDE

*"For All the Saints"*

Michael Burkhardt

**\*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

**P** *Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who calls us into an everlasting hope,  
who guides us to springs of the water of life,  
who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.*

**C** **Amen!**

**P** *One with the communion of saints in all times and places, let us confess our sin against  
God and one another.*

*Silence for reflection and self-examination.*

**P** *O God, our merciful redeemer,*

**C** **we confess the ways we live only for ourselves.**

**We fail to see you in our neighbor's face.**

**We turn our ears from voices that cry out.**

**We pass by the hungry and the oppressed.**

**In your great mercy, forgive our sin  
and strengthen us for service to all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

**P** *In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you,  
and for † his sake,  
God forgives you all your sin.  
Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad,  
beloved people of God.*

**C** **Amen!**

**\*GATHERING SONG**

*"For All the Saints" vv. 1, 2, 3, 6, 7*

**ELW 422**

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!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

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!

**\*GREETING**

☞ *The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

☞ **And also with you.**

**\*CANTICLE OF PRAISE**

*"This is the Feast"*

☞ *This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain,  
whose blood set us free to be people of God.  
Power, riches, wisdom and strength,  
and honor, blessing, and glory are his.  
This is the feast of victory for our God.  
Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God,  
and join in the hymn of all creation:  
Blessing, honor, glory, and might  
be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God,  
for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.

**\*PRAYER OF THE DAY**

☐ *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. Amen!**

**ANTHEM**

***“Shine Like the Sun”***  
Chancel Choir

Ylvisaker/Black

**FIRST READING**

**Isaiah 25:6-9**

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God’s people on God’s holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained  
clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

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.

<sup>9</sup>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.

**Reflection**

*This text describes a banquet of celebration. Who is this banquet for? (verse 6) What is the banquet like? I think that each of us might imagine this banquet having different foods, but it is clear that the banquet is celebratory and full of rich and wonderful—spaghetti and meatballs? Roast beef and baked potatoes? Rice and meat with a rich sauce?—all served with delicious red/white/bubbly wine? Maybe beer (I don’t know if they had beer in Isaiah’s time). What are they celebrating? (verse 7) Imagine death being destroyed! Who, then, is at this celebration?*

*What happens to tears, shame, and sadness? (verse 8) Who is honored and celebrated at this feast? (verse 9) Why are we who are invited to this feast rejoicing? Reflect on what this celebration looks like to you. What is in your heart?*

## **PSALM 24**

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas  
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

<sup>4</sup>**Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing | from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

<sup>6</sup>**Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>8</sup>**Who is this | King of glory?**

**The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!**

<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.

<sup>10</sup>**Who is this | King of glory?**

**Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.**

### **Reflection**

*This psalm celebrates this great banquet. The Lord is the host—why? (verses 1-2) Where does the celebration take place? (verse 3) Who are invited? (verse 4) Which of us has innocent hands and purity of heart? As you reflect on that question, remember that Jesus has died for us! What is the gift given at the invitation to this feast? (verse 5) What does the psalmist expect from the gates that surround the mountain of the Lord? (verses 7-9) Why are the very gates celebrating? (verses 8-10) Imagine being one of the throng of those invited to the banquet singing this psalm! What is in your heart?*

## **SECOND READING**

### **Revelation 21:1-6a**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

<sup>1</sup>I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,  
and God himself will be with them;  
<sup>4</sup>he will wipe every tear from their eyes.  
Death will be no more;  
mourning and crying and pain will be no more,  
for the first things have passed away.”

<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.” Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

### **Reflection**

*This text is another picture of the celebration that takes place at the triumph of God. What does this celebration look like? Where does this celebration take place? (verses 1-3) Notice that this is not someplace that the people of faith have never been. Who comes to whom? (verse 3) What are the “first things” that are passing away? (verse 4) How can they be gone? (verse 5) Who is God, who is celebrated and who brings the celebration to us? (verse 6a) Alpha and Omega and the first and last letters of the Greek alphabet. What does it mean to us that God is the beginning and the end? As we remember those who have died, what does this mean to us as we think about what has happened to them?*

### **\*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

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**Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?  
You have the words of eternal life.  
Alleluia. Alleluia.**

### **\*GOSPEL**

**John 11:32-44**

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

<sup>32</sup>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.” <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>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 four days.” <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>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.” <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” <sup>44</sup>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.”

### **Reflection**

*What has happened at the beginning of this story? (If you're not sure, read the entire story from John 11:1-44) Mary is the sister of Lazarus. We've met both her and her sister Martha before in Luke 10:38-42. In this text we see Mary as she grieves her brother's death. What does she say to Jesus? (verse 32) How does Jesus respond to Mary's grief and the death of his good friend Lazarus? (verses 33-35, 38) If you were reading this story for the first time, what would you expect next from Jesus? What did the bystanders expect Jesus to have done? (verse 37) In this whole story, Jesus does the unexpected. (see verses 1-16) How long had Lazarus been dead? (verse 39) What does Martha expect? What does Jesus do next? (verses 40-43) What happens then? (verse 44) Knowing what Jesus intended to do when he came after Lazarus died, are you surprised that Jesus cried and was disturbed? (To me, this indicates not a quiet sniffle and a few tears, but perhaps wailing.) Most of us have experienced death, at least the death of someone we knew even if we were not close to them. What is our human response to death? Why do we weep and lament, mourn and need comforting? If Jesus, who knew what would happen to Lazarus, wept, why would we not weep and lament, wail and be sad when someone we love dies? Does crying and weeping and lamenting mean you do not believe in the resurrection? What is God's promise to us? How do we weep and hope at the same time? As you think about those you love who have died (parents, children, grandparents, sisters and brothers, friends, beloved pets), how do you both lament and hope?*

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Kris Langdon

**SERMON**

***"Walking in the Light"***

Rev. Roger Lenander

**SONG OF THE DAY**

***"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"***

**ELW 815**

**I want to walk as a child of the light.  
I want to follow Jesus.  
God set the stars to give light to the world.  
The star of my life is Jesus.**

### **Refrain**

**In him there is no darkness at all.  
The night and the day are both alike.  
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.  
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.**

**I want to see the brightness of God.  
I want to look at Jesus.  
Clear Sun of righteousness, shine on my path,  
and show me the way to the Father. *Refrain***

**I'm looking for the coming of Christ.  
I want to be with Jesus.  
When we have run with patience the race,  
we shall know the joy of Jesus. *Refrain***

**\*APOSTLES' CREED**

**☒ I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.**

**\*REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SAINTS**

**☒** *Let us remember all the saints before God.  
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 your 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, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion.  
Christ 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.**

**\*PRAYER SONG**

***"Cares Chorus"***

**I cast all my cares upon You  
I lay all of my burdens  
Down at Your feet  
And anytime that I don't know  
What to do  
I will cast all my cares upon You**

**\*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others.

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us and inspire us to

tend to it. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief *especially Jim, Larry, Irene, David, Lisa and her baby Lara, Dorothy, Kay*, and for those we name before you aloud or silently in our hearts (pause for 10 seconds). Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality (*here specific congregational ministries may be named*). Make us eager to receive those you send to us. Lord, in your mercy,

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous: *Eric Burns and Bill Guenther*, and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,

Lord, in your mercy,

**hear our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen!**

**\*SHARING OF THE PEACE**

**P** *The peace of Christ be with you always.*

**G** **And also with you!**

**OFFERTORY**

***"Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God Almighty"***

**ELW 413**

**Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!**

**Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.**

**Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,  
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.**

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**\*OFFERTORY RESPONSE** *verse 4*

**Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.  
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!**

**\*OFFERING PRAYER**

**P** *Creator God,*

**C** **you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

**\*DIALOGUE**

**P** *The Lord be with you.*

**C** **And also with you.**

**P** *Lift up your hearts.*

**C** **We lift them to the Lord.**

**P** *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

**C** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

**\*PREFACE**

**P** *It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,*

*through our Savior Jesus Christ.  
By the witness of your saints  
you show us the hope of our calling,  
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.  
And so, with Eric Burns and Bill Guenther and all the saints,  
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:*

**\*HOLY, HOLY, HOLY**

**Holy, holy,  
Holy Lord God of hosts.  
Heaven and earth are full  
are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes  
who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna  
Hosanna in the highest.**

**\*THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE**

**P** *God of our weary years, God of our silent tears,  
you have brought us this far along the way.  
In times of bitterness you did not abandon us,  
but guided us into the path of love and light.  
In every age you sent prophets  
to make known your loving will for all humanity.  
The cry of the poor has become your own cry;  
our hunger and thirst for justice is your own desire.  
In the fullness of time, you sent your chosen servant  
to preach good news to the afflicted,  
to break bread with the outcast and despised,  
and to ransom those in bondage to prejudice and sin.  
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 all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.*

*For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.*

**C Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

**P** *Remembering, therefore, his death and resurrection,  
we await the day when Jesus shall return  
to free all the earth from the bonds of slavery and death.  
Come, Lord Jesus! And let the church say, Amen*

**C Amen!**

**P** *Send your Holy Spirit, our advocate,  
to fill the hearts of all who share this bread and cup  
with courage and wisdom to pursue love and justice in all the world.  
Come, Spirit of freedom! And let the church say, Amen*

**C Amen!**

**P** *Join our prayers and praise with your prophets and martyrs of every age,  
that, rejoicing in the hope of the resurrection,  
we might live in the freedom and hope of your Son.*

*Through him, with him, in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory and honor is yours, almighty Father, now and forever.*

**C Amen!**

#### **\*LORD'S PRAYER**

**P** *Gathered by the light in our hearts, let us pray as Jesus taught us.*

**C** **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 forever. Amen!**

**\*INVITATION TO COMMUNION**

**P** *Hunger no more. Thirst no more. All are welcome to the banquet of life.*

**\*BLESSING**

**P** *The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.*

**G** **Amen!**

**\*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**P** *Sovereign God,*

**G** **in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come. Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints, may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen!**

**\*BENEDICTION**

**P** *The love of God surround you;  
the grace of  $\text{✠}$  Christ release you;  
and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,  
now and forevermore.*

**G** **Amen!**

**\*SENDING SONG**

*“The Church’s One Foundation”*

**ELW 654**

**The church's one foundation  
is Jesus Christ, her Lord;  
she is his new creation  
by water and the word.  
From heav'n he came and sought her  
to be his holy bride;  
with his own blood he bought her,  
and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation,  
yet one o'er all the earth,  
her charter of salvation  
one Lord, one faith, one birth:  
one holy name she blesses,  
partakes one holy food,  
and to one hope she presses,  
with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Though with a scornful wonder  
this world sees her oppressed,  
by schisms rent asunder,  
by heresies distressed,**

yet saints their watch are keeping;  
their cry goes up: "How long?"  
And soon the night of weeping  
shall be the morn of song.

Through toil and tribulation  
and tumult of her war,  
she waits the consummation  
of peace forevermore;  
till with the vision glorious  
her longing eyes are blest,  
and the great church victorious  
shall be the church at rest.

Yet she on earth has union  
with God, the Three in One,  
and mystic sweet communion  
with those whose rest is won.  
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus!  
Lord, save us by your grace,  
that we, like saints before us,  
may see you face to face.

**\*DISMISSAL**

**P** *Led on by the saints before us, go in peace to serve the Lord.*

**C** **Thanks be to God!**

**POSTLUDE**

*"The Church's One Foundation"*

Michael Burkhardt