

## All Saints Day

Sunday 1 November 2020, 09.30

Advent Lutheran Church

Morgan Hill, California



*All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.*

### PRELUDE

Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Text: William J. Irons

Music: William Bradley Roberts

### WELCOME AND 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.**

### KYRIE, with Saints of the Bible

With Adam, Eve, Mary, Joseph, Abraham, Sarah, Hagar, Rachel, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, Jacob, Esau, Miriam, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Deborah, Samson, David, Hannah, Samuel, Solomon, Isaiah, Zechariah, Elizabeth, Simeon, Peter, James, John, Joanna, Susanna, Priscilla, Mary Magdalene, Nathanael, Timothy, Zacchaeus, Philemon, Onesimus, Lydia, Paul, Simon of Cyrene, Ruth, Elijah, Esther, Martha, Luke, Phoebe, Jeremiah, and all your saints,

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace from above, and for our salvation,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the peace of the whole world,  
for the well-being of the church of God,  
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For the faithful who have gone before us and are at rest,  
let us give thanks to the Lord.

**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.**

## **READING: Revelation 7:9-17**

*The book of Revelation is written to seven churches in western Asia Minor during a time of great oppression. Today's reading is a response to the question asked in 6:17: "Who is able to stand?" The writer gives the faithful the assurance of God's protection and a vision of victory.*

<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.”

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**CHILDREN'S MESSAGE**

Pastor Anita

**LITANY with Saints of the Church**

With Francis of Assisi, Dag Hammarskjöld, Chief Seattle, Gerard Manley Hopkins, Hildegard of Bingen, Fra Angelico, Martin Luther, John Calvin, Ignatius of Loyola, Elizabeth of Hungary, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John Wesley, Johann Sebastian Bach, Teresa of Avila, Martin Luther King Jr., Florence Nightingale, Dorothy Day, Toyohiko Kagawa, Søren Kirkegaard, Henry Ossawa Tanner, Isaac Watts, Howard Thurman, Julian of Norwich, we pray:

For public servants, the government and those who protect us,  
that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who work to bring peace, justice, healing and protection  
in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For all servants of the church, for this gathering today,  
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,  
let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For renewers of the church,  
whose prophetic voices call us together around the gospel of salvation,  
let us give thanks to the Lord.

**Alleluia.**

**PSALM 34**

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**READING: 1 John 3:1-3**

*A saint is one who has been set apart by God for God's purposes. God, out of divine love, set us apart to be the children of God. Our holy hope is that we shall see God as God really is.*

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, Word of Life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Taste and See

*Refrain - All*

Taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord. Oh,

taste and see, taste and see the good-ness of the Lord, of the Lord.

*Leader or All*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times. Praise shall

al-ways be on my lips; my soul shall glo-ry in the

Lord; for God has been so good to me.

2 Glo-ri - fy the Lord with me. To - geth - er let us

all praise God's name. I called the Lord, who an - s

me; from all my trou-les I was set free.

3 Wor - ship the Lord, all you peo - ple. You'll want for

noth-ing if you ask. Taste and see that the Lord is

good; in God we need put all our trust.

Text: James E. Moore Jr., b. 1951, based on Ps. 34

Music: TASTE AND SEE, James E. Moore Jr.

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## LITANY with Saints of This Community

With Irene Stepp, Marilyn Bogard, Jim Alter, Ann Price, Betty Arnone, we remember and pray:

For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us, for all who have done good works in this congregation, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the gospel, for those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, sickness, and need, especially those suffering from COVID-19 and their loved ones, and Tom, Marcia, Mike, Tracy, Catherine, Marjorie, Nancy, Adam, Jan, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For our local and global environment, that poisoned air, water and earth, that species being lost, that oceans rising and climate being warmed may be reversed, and people be awakened to our role and committed to change, let us pray to the Lord.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

**To you, O Lord.**

## CANDLE LIGHTING

*Candles lit at All Saints' Worship observances are an acknowledgement that our loved ones in Christ are not gone forever, the light that was lit in their hearts when they came into the family of God continues to shine in the presence of God.*

*You are invited to light a candle in remembrance of your loved ones or offer your silent prayers in meditation.*

Hymn during candle lighting:

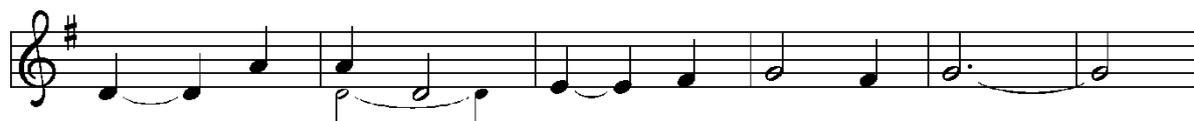
# Blest Are They



1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -



king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they, who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they, who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,



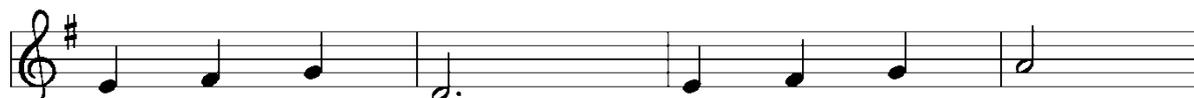
full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*

All



Re - joice and be glad!



Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!



Re - joice and be glad!



Yours is the king - dom of God!

**SERMON**

Rev. Anita R. Warner

**LORD'S PRAYER****Our Father in heaven****hallowed be your name.****Your kingdom come,****your will be done on earth as it is in heaven.****Give us today our daily bread,****and 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,****and the power, and the glory are yours,****now and forever. Amen.****OFFERING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS****You may give an offering****Online at [www.advent-lutheran.org](http://www.advent-lutheran.org) or****Mailed to Advent Lutheran Church, P.O. Box 607, Morgan Hill, CA 95038****BENEDICTION**

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.****HYMN**

For All the Saints

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## For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.*  
 6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
 7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
 Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .

saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
 gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
 thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.

King of glory passes on his way.  
 singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
 5 The golden evening brightens in the west;



we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet  
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and  
soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.  
sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

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

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## DISMISSAL

Beloved of God,  
 go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**