

*CHARGE & BENEDICTION

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*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

For All the Saints *verse 5 only*

No. 326

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!

POSTLUDE

Worship may be over, but our **service** has just begun.



The Twenty-fifth Sunday After Pentecost

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

November 19, 2023

10:30am

GATHER

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 34:1-3, 22

Barbara Davis

I will bless the Lord at all times!

God's praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the Lord;

Let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me!

Let us exalt God's name together.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

None who take refuge in God will be condemned.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

Shall We Gather at the River

No. 375

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Beloved God, who was known to our mothers and fathers, and our spiritual forebears, have mercy on us. We do not always love as you would have us love. We do not always do as you would have us do. In our stubbornness, we turn from you when we should turn toward you. Hold us, dear One – comfort us when we mourn the passing of friends and family, and help us to know that they are rejoicing in your presence. We praise you for the grace you shower on us, constantly forgiving our errors, especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.

Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts:

Time of silent personal confession

*You are invited to stand.

Please join in saying/singing aloud the responses **printed in bold**.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE TO PARDON

Gloria, gloria
Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo!
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!

No. 583

*SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

PROCLAIM

SONG OF PREPARATION

God Welcomes All

No. 399

During the song of preparation, children are invited to come forward and sit on the front row of chairs, next to the piano.

God welcomes all, strangers and friends!
God's love is strong and it never ends!

TIME WITH CHILDREN

Sung Response

God Welcomes All

No. 399

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God's love is strong and it never ends!

At this time, children Pre-K - 4th grade are dismissed for Sunday school and may be picked up after worship is over.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

READINGS FROM THE HEBREW BIBLE

First Reading:

Isaiah 5:1-7

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

Second Reading:

Isaiah 11:1-5

NRSVue

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE

Growing Again

Rev. Alex Lee-Cornell

*SPECIAL MUSIC

When the Saints

Sara Groves

Heidi Melancon, soloist

*Lord, I have a heavy burden of all I've seen and know;
it's more than I can handle.*

*But your word is burning like a fire, shut up in my bones,
and I cannot let it go.*

*And when I'm weary and overwrought, with so many battles left unfought,
I think of Paul and Silas in the prison yard.*

I hear their song of freedom, rising to the stars.

And when the Saints go marching in, I want to be one of them.

Lord, it's all that I can't carry and cannot leave behind;

it often overwhelms me.

*But when I think of all who've gone before and lived the faithful life,
their courage compels me.*

And when I'm weary and overwrought...

I see the long quiet walk along the Underground Railroad.

I see the slave awakening to the value of her soul.

I see the young missionary and the angry spear.

I see his family returning with no trace of fear.

I see the long hard shadows of Calcutta nights.

I see the sisters, standing by the dying man's side.

I see the young girl, huddled on the brothel floor.

I see the man with a passion come and kicking down the door.

I see the man of sorrows and his long troubled road.

I see the world on his shoulders and my easy load.

And when the Saints go marching in, I want to be one of them

RESPOND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

The Apostles Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin
Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third
day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the
Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

After each petition of the prayer:

... Lord in your mercy:

Hear our prayer.

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Offertory

*During today's offering, you will have an opportunity to light candles in memory of loved ones
who have joined the "Saints in Light" as part of Christ's eternal Church.*

*HYMN

For All the Saints verses 1-4 only

No. 326

*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND 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 sins as we forgive those who sin
against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom, and the
power, and the glory forever. Amen.