



*The Crown of Life Chapel
Crown Point, IN
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All Saints' Sunday

November 7th, 2021



SERVICE OF
Remembrance

ALL SAINTS' DAY (Observed)

Revelation 7: 9-17

1 John 3:1-3

Matthew 5:1-12

Saints Are Blessed in the Eternal Presence of Christ

"A great multitude from all tribes and peoples and languages," cry out *"salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne"* (Rev. 7:9-17). Faith-filled saints from every place and time with unified voices eternally magnify the Lamb of God. As His beloved children, we too, *"shall see him as he is"* (1 John 3:1-3). Joined with the throng of angels and a myriad of saints, we shall *"serve him day and night in his temple"* (Rev. 7:9-17). In our earthly tension vacillating between saint and sinner, faith and doubt, sacred and profane, we earnestly seek Jesus to calm our fears, comfort our spirits, and forgive our sins. The Holy Spirit, through faith in Christ propels us forward, fortifying us in Word and Sacrament, to our eternal home. In the midst of our constant struggle as believers, we need to be blessed. And so we are. The poor in spirit, the meek, the hungry, the thirsty, the merciful, the pure, and the persecuted are all blessed and we will most certainly inherit the kingdom of heaven (Matt. 5:1-12).

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

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CHIMING OF THE HOUR

HYMN

For All the Saints

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!
2. 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!
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!
4. But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!
5. 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!

INVOCATION



In the name of the Father and of the T Son and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen



RESPONSIVE VERSES FOR ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY

I will extol the Lord at all times; His praise will always be on my lips.

My soul will boast in the Lord; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the Lord with me; let us exalt His name together.

I sought the Lord, and He answered me; He delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to Him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the Lord heard him; He saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear Him, and He delivers them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in Him.

Fear the Lord, you His saints, for those who fear Him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The ransomed of the Lord will enter Zion with singing; everlasting joy will crown their heads.

Gladness and joy will overtake them, and sorrow and sighing will flee away.

“Even to your old age I am He, and to your gray hairs I will carry you.

I have made you and I will sustain you; I will carry you and I will rescue you,” declares the Lord.

I have fought the good fight. I have finished the race. I have kept the faith.

Henceforth, there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will give me on that day.

Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord from henceforth.

Yes, says the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors, and their works do follow them.

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the heart of man conceived,

God has prepared for those who love Him.

Where, O death, is your victory? Where O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the Law.

But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**



PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.



Liturgy of the Word

FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, "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, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

"Therefore they are before the throne of God,
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore;
the sun shall not strike them,
nor any scorching heat.
For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of living water,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

HYMN OF RESPONSE

**1. I am Jesus' little lamb,
Ever glad at heart I am;
For my Shepherd gently guides me,
Knows my need, and well provides me,
Loves me every day the same,
Even calls me by my name.**

**2. Day by day, at home, away,
Jesus is my Staff and Stay.
When I hunger, Jesus feeds me,
Into pleasant pastures leads me;
When I thirst, He bids me go
Where the quiet waters flow.**

**3. Who so happy as I am,
Even now the Shepherd's lamb?**

**And when my short life is ended,
By His angel host attended,
He shall fold me to His breast,
There within His arms to rest.**

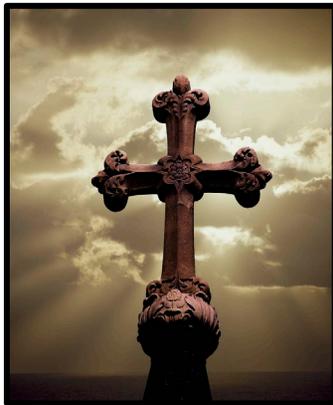


EPISTLE

1 John 3:1-3

See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.



HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Saint Matthew, the fifth chapter.
Glory to You, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others 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 so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to You, O Christ.

HYMN

**Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive its King;
Let every heart prepare him room
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven and nature sing.**

**Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let all their songs employ
While fields and floods, rocks, hill, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.**

**No more let sin and sorrow grow
Nor thorns infest the ground:
He comes to make his blessings flow
Far as the curse is found,
Far as the curse is found,
Far as, far as the curse is found.**

**He rules the world with truth and grace
And makes the nations prove**

**The glories of his righteousness
And wonders of his love,
And wonders of his love,
And wonders, wonders of his love.**

SERMON

Rev. Wielert



APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, His 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 into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there He will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

OFFERING

DOXOLOGY

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**



LITANY OF REMEMBERING WITH THANKSGIVING TO GOD

With grateful hearts, O Lord,

We remember before You this day...

Our ancestors of long ago, that great company of “heroes of faith” whose living trust in You, recorded in Your sacred Word, becomes the inspiration for our own.

Inspire us by their memory, O Lord,

To hear Your Word with faithful hearts as they once did and, hearing, to obey with Spirit-driven trust in You and dedication to Your will. With grateful hearts, O Lord,

We remember before You this day...

Your faithful followers of every age – among them our own mothers and fathers, pastors and teachers – called, gathered, enlightened, and sanctified by the Holy Spirit’s guiding to be Your holy Church, by whose faithful witness the Gospel of Your grace has reached at last even to us.

Inspire us by their memory, O Lord,

To be Your Church indeed, here and wherever You would send us in Your service, that by faithful words and loving deeds we may pass on the gift of life in Jesus Christ that conquers even death. With grateful hearts, O Lord,

We remember before You this day...

The founders of our own nation and our ancestors who left their homes abroad to serve You in freedom here, and those who gave their lives that we might live in peace here in this land of liberty.

Inspire us by their memory, O Lord.

That we may live together in true harmony as Your children, striving to preserve and share with all Your gracious gifts of peace and freedom, justice and equality, and all that is our favored heritage. With grateful hearts, O Lord,

We remember before You this day...

Our own loved ones whose memories still burn within our hearts, along with friends who lived with us here at Wittenberg Village, whom You have called in Your good time from their labors in life to that life which knows no end.

Inspire us by their memory, O Lord,

To carry on their work in this our day, caring for the sick and grieving, the hungry and homeless, the lost and lonely, until at length You call us too, by Your

great grace in Jesus Christ, to join them there where memories are swallowed up in everlasting joy!

Amen.

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Lord God, heavenly Father, You have given us a glimpse of that great multitude that no one can number, from every nation, tribe, people, and language, standing before Your throne and the Lamb, with palm branches in their hands, and singing Your praises. We thank You for calling home this past year these brothers and sisters in Christ who lived or worshipped here at Wittenberg Village [*names are read*]. We also thank You for calling home our own loved ones, whom we now name silently in our hearts [*pause for a moment*]. As You have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb and now brought them to their heavenly home, so keep us in the faith all the days of our life and then grant us the promised inheritance in Christ. Lead us through the valley of the shadow of death to eternal life in heaven, where the Lamb will be our Shepherd, guide us to springs of living water, and wipe away every tear from our eyes.

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Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

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.

BENEDICTION

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face to shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and T give you peace.

Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

HYMN

Thine the Amen, Thine the Praise

Thine the amen
Thine the praise
Alleluias angels raise
Thine the everlasting head
Thine the breaking of the bread
Thine the glory Thine the story
Thine the harvest then the cup
Thine the vineyard then the cup is
lifted up, lifted up.

Thine the life eternally
Thine the promise let there be
Thine the vision Thine the tree
all the earth on bended knee
Gone the nailing gone the railing
gone the pleading gone the cry
Gone the sighing gone the dying
what was loss lifted high.

Thine the kingdom Thine the prize
Thine the wonder full surprise
Thine the banquet then the praise
then the justice of Thy ways
Thine the glory Thine the story
Then the welcome to the least
Then the wonder all increasing
at Thy feast, at Thy feast.

Thine the glory in the night
no more dying only light
Thine the river Thine the tree
Then the Lamb eternally
Then the holy holy holy
celebration jubilee
Thine the splendor Thine the brightness
only Thee, only Thee.

SILENT PRAYER

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