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MONTH OF REMEMBRANCE

ALL SAINTS DAY

SEASON OF PENTECOST

November 1, 2015



GATHERING

PRELUDE: THE DRUMS OF REMEMBRANCE (*We remember our saints; those whom we knew and loved, who enriched our lives and showed us how to live.*)

CHIME

WELCOME

P Shalom, Salaam, Peace

All **Shalom, Salaam, Peace**

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS (*insert*)

GATHERING HYMN—FOR ALL THE SAINTS (*tune: Sine Nomine; text arr. by G. Vosper*)

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who lived the faith that burned within their breast,
that held them true unto life's purest quest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
2. Hope was their rock, their fortress, and their might;
it held them fast e'en in the deepest night;
hope, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
3. O Blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
their courage strengthens all we call divine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the challenge long,
steals on the ear the distant hopefill'd song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

NOTE: *We learned recently of the sudden and unanticipated death on October 14 of Christopher Lindquist, who has had a deep and lasting impact on our worship. Kris was an extraordinary musician and composer, and we have been singing from his collection of chants for years, including an entire liturgy compiled from those chants. We will use this compilation beginning today through Advent and dedicate it to his memory. Kris was a graduate of PLTS and lived in Tucson, AZ.*

Spoken text indications: **P**=Pastor **A**=Assistant **C**=Cantor or Choir **All**=All

5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest shore,
 from wounded hearts, the light of love shows forth;
 and still their vision shines forevermore.
 Alleluia, Alleluia!

GREETING

- P** The grace of God, the Fountain of Life, the love of Christ, the Pulse of Life,
 and the communion of the Spirit, Breath of Life be with you all.
A1 And also with you.

HYMN OF PRAISE—TEXT AND MUSIC BY KRISTOPHER LINDQUIST

Refrain

Glo - ry__ to you, Source of__ all be - ing! Glo - ry__ to you,
 Source of__ all life! Glo - ry__ to you, Source of__ all love. Trans -
 form us in__ your Spir - it, And bring your Reign of__
 Light!
 Trans - form us in__ your Spir - it, And bring your
 Reign of__ Light!__

Verse

The Cos - mos__ is sing - ing,__ and An - gels__ are danc - ing,__
 May peace be__ to all, peace be__ to all,
 peace to__ all crea - tures of the Earth.__ *Repeat Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P God is with us.

A **With each breath, the Spirit fills us with God's presence.**

P God of the living, whose will for us is the experience of steadfast love in all our relationships, and in whose hands death is but an entry into new dimensions of life, keep us, we pray, from denying life, either by avoidance of involvement that may bring loss and pain, or by inflicting on others suffering at our hands. Allow us a role in unbinding those who find themselves in the clutches of death in the midst of life.

A **Amen**



WORD

FIRST READING—ISAIAH 25: 6-10A

Isaiah calls for celebration. The days of exile and sorrow are gone. Loss and death will be no more in God's Shalom banquet. Isaiah invites us to look at our own pain as well as the pain of our churches and nation. We must dream of this banquet where everyone is healed and every life matters. As we celebrate the saints among us, this interplay of sorrow and celebration reminds us that saints experience trials, but discover God in the pain and live with the hope of creative transformation and healing for themselves and our world.

It is written . . .

On this mountain,

YHWH Omnipotent will prepare for all peoples a banquet of rich food,
a banquet of fine wines, food rich and succulent, and fine, aged wines.

On this mountain,

God will remove the mourning veil covering all peoples,
the shroud covering all nations, destroying all death forever.
God will wipe away the tears from every cheek,
and will take away the shame of God's people on earth, wherever they live.
YHWH has spoken.

On that Day it will be said,

“This is our God; this is the one for whose liberation we waited,
YHWH is the one in whom we had hoped!
We rejoice exultantly in our deliverance,
for the hand of YHWH rests on this mountain!”

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

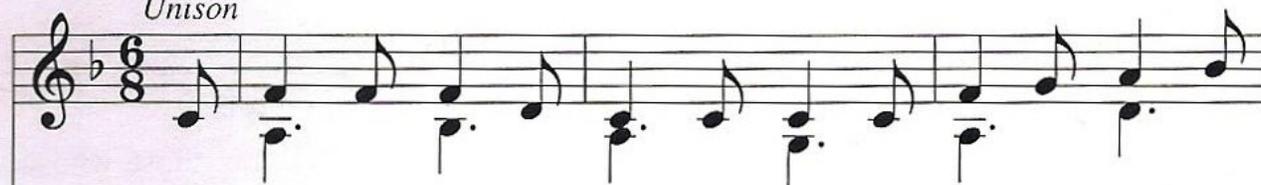
All Thanks be to God!

A PERIOD OF SILENCE

(The period of silence is marked at beginning and end by the sound of a chime.)

PSALM 24 (setting by Hal Hopson)

Unison



1. The earth, with all that dwell there - in, with all its wealth un -
 2. O who shall stand be - fore God on Zi - on's ho - ly
 3. Lo, such are they that seek God, and blest by God they
 4. O ev - er - last - ing doors, give way; lift up your head, O
 5. Who is this glo - rious God that comes to sit up - on the



told, be - longs to God who found - ed it up -
 hill? The clean of hand, the pure of heart, the
 live; to them God's pure right - eous ways the
 gates! For now, be - hold, to en - ter in the
 throne? The God of Hosts, that one is God of



on the seas of old, up - on the seas of old.
 just who do God's will, the just who do God's will.
 God of grace will give, the God of grace will give.
 God of glo - ry waits, the God of glo - ry waits.
 glo - ry, God a - lone, of glo - ry, God a - lone.



SECOND READING—REVELATION 21: 1-6A

The structures of evil bring much pain to our world, and in God's time, they will be transformed, so that every tear will be dry and each life fulfilled. This is not a doomsday prophecy but a call to join God's aim to world healing. God creates. What initially appears destructive in God's aim at wholeness is, in fact, pruning of the cumber that gets in the way of our relationship with God and our quest for justice.

It is written . . .

Then I saw new heavens and a new earth. The former heavens and the former earth had passed away, and the sea existed no longer. I also saw a new Jerusalem, the holy city, coming down out of heaven from God, beautiful as a bride and groom on their wedding day. And I heard a loud voice calling from the throne, "Look! God's tabernacle is among humankind! God will live with them; they will be God's people, and God will be fully present among them. The Most High will wipe away every tear from their eyes. And death, mourning, crying and pain will be no more, for the old order has fallen."

The one who sat on the throne said, "Look! I am making everything new!" And added, "Write this, for what I am saying is trustworthy and true."

And that one continued, "It is finished. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word

AI Thanks be to God!

A PERIOD OF SILENCE *(The period of silence is marked at beginning and end by the sound of a chime.)*

(Please stand for the singing of the Alleluia.)

ALLELUIA



Refrain



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



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

Verse

Ho - ly, ho - ly One, God is ho - ly Love.
Whol - ly, whol - ly One, God is whol - ly Love. *Repeat Refrain*

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GOSPEL—JOHN 11: 32-44

There are a thousand ways to be dead. The shutting down of the physical body is just one. Lazarus' body shut down and Jesus cried for his friend. And then he brought him back from the dead. I'm not very interested these days in whether the story is true or not. I suspect that the writer of John's gospel wasn't overly concerned either. He wrote the story as one more sign that Jesus had mastered the physical realm, and that included death. But the primary point is not so much that Jesus is master over death, but rather over life (which includes death). What Jesus couldn't abide was the soul dying before the body was done—spiritual death. – Bruce Sanguin

P The holy gospel according to John, the eighth chapter

All **Glory to you, O God**

It is written . . .

When Mary came where Jesus was, she fell at his feet and said, “If you had been here, Lazarus never would have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the other mourners as well, he was troubled in Spirit, moved by the deepest emotions.

“Where have you laid him?” Jesus asked.

“Come and see,” they said.

And Jesus wept.

The people in the crowd began to remark, “See how much he loved him!” Others said, “He made the blind person see; why couldn't he have done something to prevent Lazarus' death?”

Jesus was again deeply moved. They approached the tomb, which was a cave with a stone in front of it. “Take away the stone,” Jesus directed.

Martha said, “Rabbi, it has been four days now. By this time there will be a stench.”

Jesus replied, “Didn't I assure you that if you believed you would see the glory of God?”

So they took the stone away.

Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and said, “Abba, thank you for having heard me. I know that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd, that they

might believe that you sent me!”

Then Jesus called out in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

And Lazarus came out of the tomb, still bound hand and foot with linen strips, his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus told the crowd, “Untie him and let him go free.”

P The gospel of Christ

AU **Praise to you, O Christ.** *(Please be seated.)*

LIVING WORD

Pastor Susan Strouse

A PERIOD OF SILENCE

(The period of silence is marked at beginning and end by the sound of a chime.)

HYMN OF THE DAY—WHEN THE POOR ONES (*El Camino*)



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne yaún re-par-te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing:
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE & OF GOD'S ABUNDANT GIFTS

Note: Those wishing to place an offering of goods or a monetary offering may do so during the sharing of the peace. A basket is located at the front for receiving offerings.

- P** The peace of Christ is with you always.
- AU** **And also with you.**



MEAL

PREPARATION & OFFERINGS

*During the singing of the offertory,
the elements of the eucharistic meal are brought forward.*

OFFERTORY— JERUSALEM, MY HAPPY HOME



- 1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
- 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
- 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
- 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
- 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, would God I were in thee!



When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
Would God my woes were at an end, thy joys that I might see!

Text: F.B.P., 16th cent.

Music: LAND OF REST, North American melody

OFFERTORY PRAYER

A The earth is yours, O God, and all that is in it. We have received untold blessings from your hand. You set before us the vision of a new heaven and a new earth, inviting us to share in its formation. May the love of Jesus be expressed to others by our sharing of gifts, both person-to-person and through the investment of dollars to support the ministries of others. This offering of service and sacrifice is the high point of our worship.

All Amen

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** We are the body of Christ.
A1 **The Spirit of Christ is with us.**
P Let us lift up our hearts.
A1 **We lift our hearts to God.**
P Let us open our hearts.
A1 **We open them up to our Creator.**
P Let us give thanks to our Source of Life.
A1 **It is right to join creation in thanking God.**

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, Ever-loving God,
for you are preparing a fine banquet for all your saints
that we might feast forever in your Presence.

The earth is yours for you founded it,
and you have made your home among all its inhabitants.
Through your prophets you gave us a vision
of a world made new,
and of suffering and grief abolished forever.

In Jesus,
we have seen your deep anguish
over the death of your faithful ones,
and in his life-giving ministry
we have seen your will for us.
Though Jesus passed through the fires of death,
now we see your Christ raised up and making all things new.
In Christ is our hope of resurrection
for all who have trusted you,
for their souls are safe in your hands.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we
proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

(Introduction, then all sing.)

Refrain

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One; One Be - ing — in us all.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly One; One Be - ing — in us all.

Verse



All cre - a - tion shows your Light, filled with ho - ly glo - ry.



All cre - a - tion shows your Life, — filled with ho - ly Love. *Repeat Refrain*

Text inspired by traditional Sanctus & Isaiah 6:3.
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WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Through our sacred story, we remember that long ago, among friends in an upper room, Jesus sat at a meal with his disciples. During the meal, Jesus took bread, blessed it and broke it, and said to the disciples, “Take and eat. This is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me.”

Later in the meal, Jesus took a cup of wine, and after giving thanks for it, said, “In this cup is the new relationship with God, made possible because of my death. Drink it, all of you, to remember me.”

And so we will do as Jesus has asked us to do. We take this bread and wine, the produce of the earth and the work of human hands, through which Christ has promised to be known to us.

Holy and gracious God, present with us now, send in kindness your Holy Spirit to settle

on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Christ. And as we share this holy food, may that same Spirit nourish, cherish and change us until through the mystery of your grace, we resolve to love and follow Christ forever.

Amen

PRAYER OF JESUS

P The risen Christ is in our midst, so with Christ we pray . . .

All **Loving God,**
Help us keep your name holy.
We pray for your reign of peace to come,
We ask that your will be done on earth as in heaven.
Feed our bodies and spirits each day.
Teach us to forgive as you forgive.
Make our hearts as generous as your own,
Let us not be overwhelmed by evil.
We pray in your name, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer. Amen.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P Everyone who hungers, come to the table.
Eat what is good, that you may live.

All **Thanks be to God!**

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

In response to Christ's radical hospitality, we practice "open Communion," which means that no matter what your faith or church background, you are welcome at Christ's table.

There is wine in the larger blue chalice and grape juice in the smaller chalice. For those with sensitivities, the wafers available are gluten-free, dairy-free, wheat-free, and corn-free.
NOTE: Precautions are taken to ensure that the wafers have not been in contact with wheat products nor have been handled by those in contact with wheat products.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A O God, you have called your servants to ventures of which we cannot see the ending, by paths as yet untrodden, through perils unknown. Give us faith to go out with good courage, not knowing where we go, but only that your hand is leading us and your love supporting us; through Jesus Christ our Sanctifier.

All **Amen**



SENDING

SENDING HYMN—SHALL WE GATHER AT THE RIVER?



- 1 Shall we gath - er at the riv - er, where bright an - gel feet have trod,
- 2 On the mar - gin of the riv - er, wash - ing up its sil - ver spray,
- 3 Ere we reach the shin - ing riv - er, lay we ev - 'ry bur - den down;
- 4 Soon we'll reach the shin - ing riv - er, soon our pil - grim - age will cease;



with its crys - tal tide for - ev - er flow - ing by the throne of God?
we will walk and wor - ship ev - er, all the hap - py gold - en day.
grace our spir - its will de - liv - er, and pro - vide a robe and crown.
soon our hap - py hearts will quiv - er with the mel - o - dy of peace.

Refrain



Yes, we'll gath - er at the riv - er, the beau - ti - ful, the beau - ti - ful riv - er;



gath - er with the saints at the riv - er that flows by the throne of God.

Text: Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

Music: HANSON PLACE, Robert Lowry, 1826–1899

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND SHARING

BLESSING

May God bless us
and heal us
and hold us in love,
today
tonight +
and for evermore.
Amen

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the saints.
Thanks be To God.

POSTLUDE

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