



All Saints Sunday

November 7, 2021

8:15 a.m. -spoken

10:30 a.m. ~ with music

Welcome to St. John

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This service is livestreamed on the church's YouTube page.

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Order for Worship

Prelude ~ "Who Are These Like Stars Appearing"

Chancel Choir

Who are these like stars appearing, these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing; who are all this glorious band?
"Alleluia!" hark, they sing, praising loud their heav'nly King.

Who are these of dazzling brightness, these in God's own truth arrayed,
clad in robes of purest whiteness, robes whose luster ne'er shall fade,
ne'er be touched by time's rude hand? Whence comes all this glorious band?

Who are these who praise their heav'nly King?
Who are these who passed death's string? Who are these made clean?

These like priests have watched and waited, offering up to Christ their will,
soul and body consecrated; day and night they service him still.
Now by freely given grace, blest they stand before his face.
These are saints of God!

Text: Theobald Heinrich Schenck (1656-1727)

Music: Linda Cable Shute

Confession and Forgiveness

The assembly may rise.

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: **We confess that we have sinned against you
and against our neighbor.
We have built walls instead of tables
and have turned away the stranger.
We have sought glory for ourselves
and have treasured that which does not satisfy.
Help us to love as you love,
to welcome those you send,
and to treasure mercy and justice.
Turn us from our ways to your ways,
and free us to serve those in need. Amen.**

P: God, who makes all things new,
forgives your sins for † Jesus' sake
and remembers them no more.
Lift up your heads and your hearts.
Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: **Amen.**

Greeting

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

C: **And also with you.**

(10:30) Hymn of Praise ~ "Making Their Way"

1 Mak - ing their way down through the a - ges, sin - ners and saints have
2 Mak - ing their way all the world o - ver, Chris - tians as - sem - ble
3 Mak - ing our way sea - son by sea - son, pil - grims, we jour - ney

heard God's call: wealth - y and poor, pow - er - ful, low - ly,
on this day, hear - ing the Word, shar - ing the Ban - quet,
till life's end, trav - el - ing light, shar - ing the rich - es,

Je - sus' dis - ci - ples, one and all. Gath - ered for wor - ship, of - fer - ing thanks,
 learn - ing to walk in Je - sus' way. Mem - bers of Christ, u - nit - ed in love,
 car - ing for strang - er as for friend, till in the joy of long - ing ful - filled,

the great - est with the least have come to share this feast.
 they seek our God to know, and so to - geth - er grow.
 to - geth - er we will come to our e - ter - nal home.

Text: Delores Dufner, OSB, b. 1939
 Music: KOMT NU MET ZANG, A. Valerius, *Nederlandsch Gedenckclank*, 1626; arr. Adrian Engels, 1906–2003
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Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

The assembly may be seated.

Children's Message and Quilt Blessing

Word

First Reading: Isaiah 25: 6-9

A: 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.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;
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.
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.

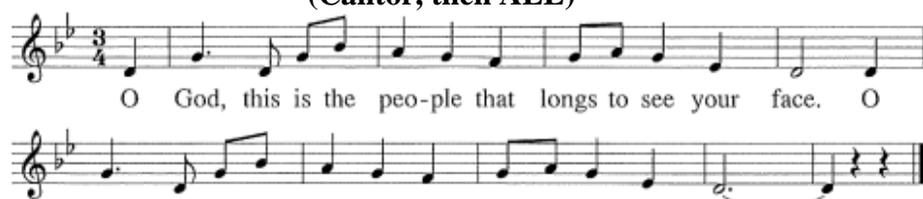
Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

(8:15 spoken/10:30 sung)

Psalm 24

(Cantor, then ALL)



O God, this is the peo-ple that longs to see your face. O
God, this is the peo-ple that longs to see your face.

All the earth is yours, O God, the world and those who dwell on it.
You have founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers. **Refrain.**

Who can ascend your mountain, God? Or who may stand in this holy place?
Those whose hands are sinless, hearts are clean and desire not the vanity of earth. **Refrain**

They shall receive your blessing, God, their Savior shall reward them.
Such is the face that seeks for you, that seeks your face, O God of Jacob. **Refrain**

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a

A: 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. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. 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;

⁴he 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.”

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.” Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

The assembly may rise.

Gospel Acclamation

Sung Once by All.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu -

ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Choir: They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

(Repeat Alleluia)

Gospel: John 11: 32-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to John.

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

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

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The assembly may be seated.

Sermon

Pastor Rachel Manke

Prayer in Remembrance of Those Who Have Died

P: O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come we give you thanks for all your faithful people who have followed the light of your word throughout the centuries into our time and place: Polly Schneider, Kathy Erdman, Patricia Notto, Edwarda Makal, James Wink, Muriel Bergnes, Fred Fallin, Edward Krentz, Karen Beebe, Barbara Borsch, Bernard Matthews, Jeffrey Schaefer, Regina Horan, and those we name in our hearts now...

A bell will ring for each name.

As we remember these people, strengthen us to follow Christ through this world, until we are carried into the harvest of eternal life, where suffering and death will be no more. Hear our prayer in the name of the good and gracious shepherd, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

Following a time of silence for reflection, the assembly may rise.

(10:30) Hymn of the Day ~ “Give Thanks for Saints”



1 Give thanks for those whose faith is firm when all a -
2 Give thanks for those whose hope is clear, be - yond mere
3 Give thanks for those whose love is pure, a spar - kling
4 Give thanks for saints of a - ges past and saints a -



round seems bleak: on God's good prom - ise they re - ly, so
mor - tal sight: who seek the cit - y God has planned, the
pre - cious stone: they show by what they say and do an
live to - day: though of - ten by this world de - spised, their



while they live and when they die how force - ful -
true, e - ter - nal prom - ised land, and steer on -
in - ward beau - ty, warm and true, for God's con -
hearts by God are rich - ly prized. Give thanks that



ly they speak— the strong, who once were weak!
toward that light, a bea - con ev - er bright.
cerns they own— God's love through them is known.
we may say we share their pil - grim way.

Text: Martin E. Leckebusch, b. 1962
Music: REPTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918
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Apostles Creed

P: *Together, let us confess our faith:*

C: **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.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

A: Eternal God, you hold firm amid the changes of this world. Hear us now as we pray for the church, the world, and everyone in need.

A brief silence.

A: Merciful God, we give thanks for all missionaries who have brought your message of hope to new communities and wiped tears away. Continue to raise up courageous missionaries to share your gospel of hope. We pray for the return of Young Adults in Global Mission. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: Creating God, we praise you for abundant harvests and the goodness of creation. Create communities of care for your earth so that all land, water, and soil will be celebrated and cherished by future generations of saints. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: God of peace, we give you thanks for nations of peace that serve as a refuge for all whose homelands are afflicted with violence. Strengthen those who continue to work for peace and support all veterans who carry the scars of war. Hear us, O God.

C: **Your mercy is great.**

A: God of healing, we give you thanks for health care workers who labor around the clock to answer cries for help. Bring wholeness to all who struggle with post-traumatic stress disorder, anxiety, depression, addiction, and all who long for healing in any way especially, Joe, Gerry, Amy, Melissa, Tom, Kimberly, Jim, Joshua, Carolyn, Jean, Lois, Dick, George, Robert, Tim, Kate, Cheryl, Susan, Randy, Dorothy, Robert, and Donna.
Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God of justice, we praise you for the feeding ministries and for all meals that bring people together for nourishment and fellowship. Bless our Social Ministry, MLK Day planning and those who deliver food donations. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

A: God of the ages, we give you thanks for the saints of this congregation who have inspired, challenged, loved, and taught us. Wipe away our tears and lead us by their example until we feast together on your holy mountain. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

A: God our protection and strength, we entrust to you all for whom we pray. Remain with us always, through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

C: Amen.

Peace

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

(10:30) Anthem~ "Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal"

Chancel Choir

Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore,
As I near those swollen waters, with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

And my soul though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters to the city far away.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest;
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, praise the Lamb.
Hallelujah, Hallelujah, glory to the great I AM.

Text: *Traditional*

Music: arr. Alice Parker

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

During this time, we will not be passing the offering plates. We are grateful for all who are able to continue their support of St. John. There are three ways to share tithes and offerings:

- 1. Simply giving - You can arrange for a regular gift (weekly, monthly, quarterly) to be deducted from a bank account. Please contact Marcie Godby, our bookkeeper, to arrange for this (stjohn1802bookkeeper@gmail.com).*
- 2. You may go to St. John's website, <https://www.stjohnbluebell.org/>, and under "Quick Links" hit the "Online Giving and Donations" button.*
- 3. You may put your offering envelope (checks are preferred) in another stamped envelope and mail it to St. John: 1802 Skippack Pike, Blue Bell, PA 19422 (Attn: Marcie).*
- 4. You may make use of the offering plate located on the table in the back of the sanctuary.*

For communion: *Be sure to take a pre-packaged cup/wafer from the usher on your way into worship. If you forgot please alert an usher who will help bring you one. Pastor will indicate when in the service we will receive the elements together. All are welcome to Christ's table.*

The assembly may rise.

Offertory Prayer

P: Holy God,
the earth is yours and everything in it,
yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures.
Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine,
and strengthen us to be your body for the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

The Meal

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.**

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 all the saints,
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high-est. Blessed is he who comes in the
name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

P: 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 for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Lord remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:

**C: 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.**

The meal is shared together with the pastor leading with the words, "The body of Christ, given for you." then, "The blood of Christ, shed for you."

The assembly may be seated.

Communion Hymn~“Jerusalem My Happy Home”

The image shows a musical score for the hymn "Jerusalem My Happy Home". It consists of two systems of music. Each system has a vocal line in the upper staff (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line in the lower staff (bass clef). The key signature has one flat (B-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

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, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

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.
thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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Announcements

The assembly may rise.

Benediction

P: God, the beginning and the end,
who has written your name in the book of life,
✠ bless and keep you in grace and peace
from this time forth and forevermore.

C: **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

C: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude~“For All the Saints”

Charles Callahan

Assisting with Worship

Pastor	Pastor Rachel Manke
Director of Music	Lawrence Baker
Lector 8:15	
Lector 10:30	Audrey Pyle
Usher 8:15	Paul and Joan Linton
Usher 10:30	Barry and Rita Stock

Announcements

A reminder for tonight! – All Saints Vespers- A virtual worship experience of evening prayer at 7:30 p.m. The link and bulletin will be available tonight for your participation.

Spirit Walkers- Next meet-up will be Wednesday at **9:30 a.m.**, at Wentz Run Park.

Worship Assistance Help Needed - As we return to worship in the sanctuary, we need your help! We are looking for volunteers to act as ushers, readers, flower/bulletin sponsors and technology team volunteers. Get in touch with the Church Office if you can help in any way.

Coat Collection for MLK Day of Service - St. John will be hosting a coat collection as part of January's MLK Day of Service. Coats and winter gear will be given to economically insecure adults working in the Mural Arts Program. Coat collection will begin January 1. Also, Rita Stock has kits for no-sew blankets for one of the MLK projects. See her for details.

Crafts for December Tree- Evangelism has planned for us to decorate our outdoor tree again this year with special crafted ornaments and a decorating party December 12. Do you have an idea for an easy/durable ornament craft to include? Get in touch with Joan Linton. Are you able to collect and organize the materials for your craft idea (30 pieces)?

Youth News...

Upcoming Dates –Nov. 21, Dec. 5, and Dec. 19 (The Advent Party)

Youth Group- Our 6th Graders through High School are welcome to join us today from 5:00 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. to participate in a service project for community members and some games.

Christmas Cookie Time is Near! An order form will be available starting today to begin placing orders for cookie dough. All funds raised will go to the National Gathering fundraising efforts to get our group to Minnesota in July 2022.

Pancake Breakfast this Winter- Once it is safe to host in the Fellowship Hall, the breakfast will be a time for people to enjoy some fellowship together and raise money for this Summer's Trip. **STAY TUNED FOR A DATE WHEN SET!**

This Week at St. John

Sunday, November 7

8:15 Worship
9:15 Sunday School for Children & Youth
10:30 Worship
7:00 Youth Group
7:30 All Saints Virtual Vespers

Monday, November 8

9:00 Nursery School
9:30 Quilting Group [YC, MPR]

Tuesday, November 9

9:00 Nursery School
10:30 Pastor's Bible Study on Zoom
10:30 Nursery School [GR]
7:00 Property Committee Meeting

Wednesday, November 10

9:00 Nursery School
9:30 Spirit Walkers [Wentz Park]
6:30 Visual Arts Class [FH]
7:30 Council Meeting [TR]

Thursday, November 11

9:00 Nursery School
10:00 Visual Arts Class [FH]
12:30 Yoga [FH]
6:30 Visual Arts Class [FH]
6:30 Handbell Choir [TR]
7:30 Chancel Choir [TR]

Friday, November 12

9:00 Nursery School
10:00 Visual Arts Class [FH]

Sunday, November 14

8:15 Worship
9:15 Sunday School for Children & Youth
10:30 Worship

Locations:

[FH] Fellowship Hall
[TR] Troster Room
[GR] Great Room
[YC] Youth Classroom

