The Feast of All Saints

November 1, 2026

All Saints celebrates the 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.
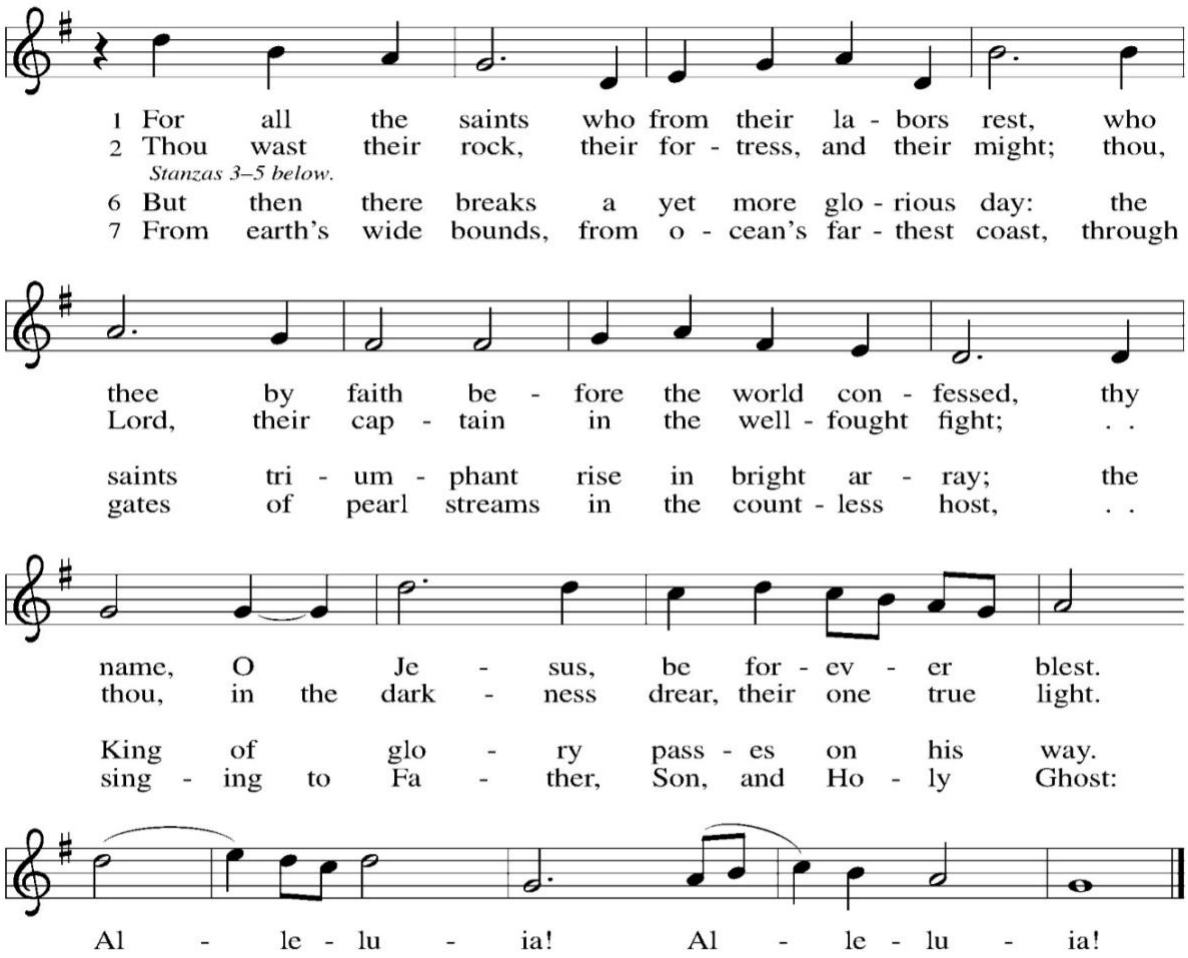


GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

P = Pastor AM = Assisting Minister
L = Lector **C = Congregation**

PRELUDE & WELCOME

GATHERING HYMN ***For All the Saints***



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Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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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.

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.

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9-17

L The first reading comes from Revelation, chapter seven.

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.
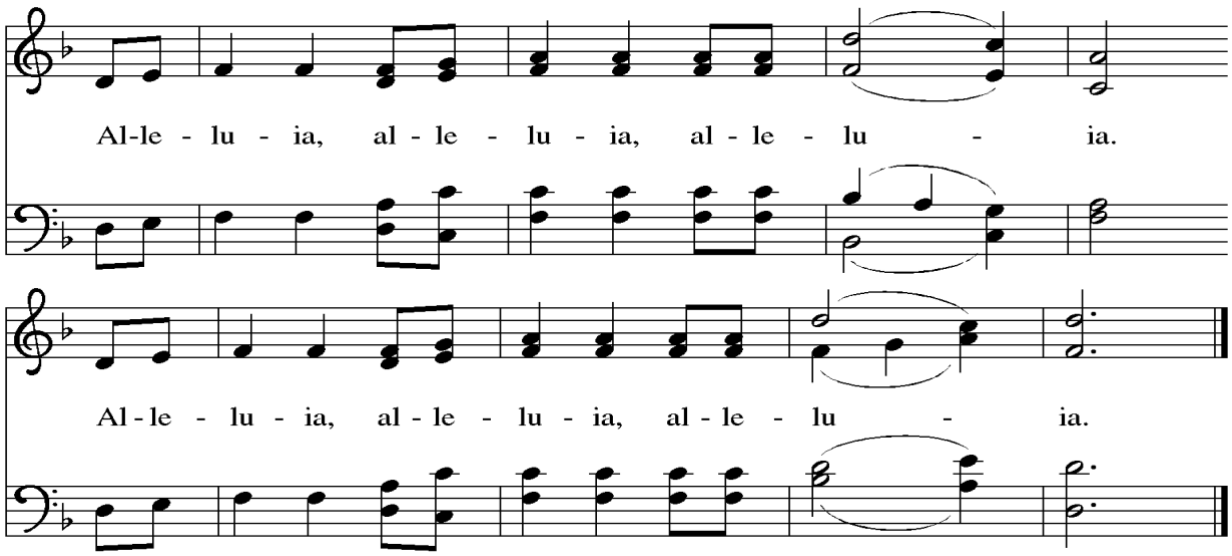
9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every
nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before
the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud
voice, saying,
"Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne and to the Lamb!"
11 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, 12 singing,
"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and
where have they come from?" 14 I said to him, "Sir, you are the one who 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.
15 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.
16 They will hunger no more and thirst no more;

the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,
17 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."

L Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
C Thanks be to God!

YOUNG WORSHIPPER'S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12

In the Beatitudes, Jesus provides a unique description of those who are blessed with God's favor. His teaching is surprising and shocking to those who seek wealth, fame, and control over others.

P The Holy Gospel according to the 5th chapter of Matthew.
C Glory to you, O Lord.

1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples
came to him. 2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:
3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the
kingdom of heaven.

[11] "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. [12] Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

P The Gospel of the Lord.
C Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Inga Oyan Longbrake

Silence for reflection follows the sermon.

HYMN OF THE DAY ***Blest Are They***

1. Blest are they, the poor in spirit; theirs is the kingdom of God.
   Blest are they, full of sorrow; they shall be consoled.
   Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
   Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

2. Blest are they, the lowly ones; they shall inherit the earth.
   Blest are they who hunger and thirst; they shall have their fill.
   Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
   Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

3. Blest are they who show mercy; mercy shall be theirs.
   Blest are they, the pure of heart; they shall see God.
   Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
   Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

4. Blest are they who seek peace; they are the children of God.
   Blest are they who suffer in faith; the glory of God is theirs.
   Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
   Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

5. Blest are you who suffer hate all because of me.
   Rejoice, be glad, yours is the kingdom; shine for all to see.
   Rejoice and be glad! Blessed are you, holy are you!
   Rejoice and be glad! Yours is the kingdom of God!

Songwriters: Paul Tate / David Haas

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION & NAMING OF THE SAINTS

At conclusion of each petition: Gracious God,
Hear our prayer.

The following Refrain will be sung after every eight names of the saints:
"All you holy men and women in our hearts."

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P The peace of Christ be with you always.
C And also with you.

We prepare for Holy Communion by making peace with our neighbor.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

OFFERING

Offering of Special Music *Let the Saints Get Up and Sing* Messiah Choir

OFFERING PRAYER

AM God of Creation,
C All blessings are from you;
make us generous with what we have.
Use our gifts, our abilities, and our hearts
in service to you and in love to our neighbors,
today and always.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING



P The Lord be with you.
C And also with you!

Lift up your hearts!
We lift them up to the Lord!

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *In This Moment of Remembrance*

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
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, the power,
and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

DISTRIBUTION OF HOLY COMMUNION

All are welcome to receive the gifts of this holy meal. As we do, we remember how often Jesus broke bread with those considered unworthy. Jesus said otherwise.
Please come forward by the center aisle to receive a piece of bread and red wine or white grape juice.
Children are welcome to commune or receive a blessing.
All bread is gluten-free.

BLESSING AFTER COMMUNION

P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace.
C Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

AM Let us pray. Sustaining God,

C With this bread and cup,
You nourish us with mercy and abundant life.
By your Spirit, send us from this table to serve a needy world.
Make us living signs of your liberation, healing, and love,
following the way of Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

SENDING

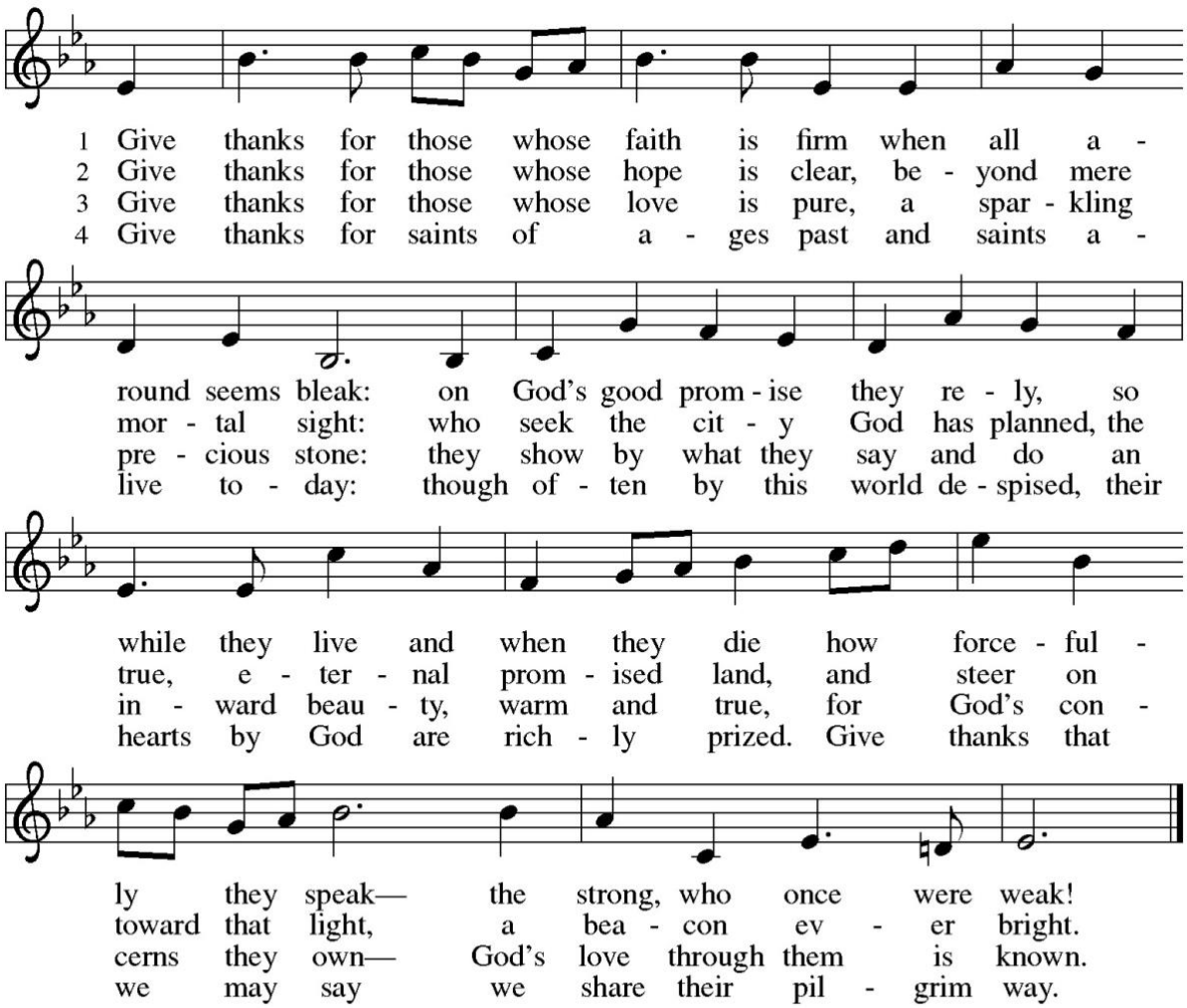
God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

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BLESSING

P The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ☩ give you peace.
C Amen.

SENDING HYMN ***Give Thanks for Saints***



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DISMISSAL

AM Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

C **Thanks be to God!**

POSTLUDE

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A WORD OF WELCOME TO ALL…

- *Welcome to longtime Lutherans, Christians from every tradition, and people new to the faith.*
- *Welcome to all who have no church home, want to follow Christ, have doubts, or do not believe. Welcome to new visitors and old friends.*
- *Welcome to people of every age and size, color and culture, gender identity, sexual orientation, and marital status, ability, and challenge.*
- *Welcome to believers, questioners, and questioning believers.*
- *This is a place where you are welcome to celebrate and sorrow, rejoice and recover. This is a place where lives are made new. Welcome on this day.*

Messiah Community Church

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Messiah's Mission Statement

Inspired and empowered by God, we seek justice, peace, and inclusion for all creation.

Guiding Principles

We put God first in thought and action following Christ's example.
We foster life-long spiritual growth and share our spiritual resources with the community.
We create a vibrant and inclusive community by opening our hearts and doors with compassion and courage.
We love, serve, and care for all God's creation.
We make decisions through prayerful consideration of our actions and their consequences.

We are a Reconciling in Christ congregation.

We advocate for the full welcome, inclusion, and equity of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, queer, intersex and asexual/aromantic