

All Saints Sunday

November 3, 2024



WORDS OF WELCOME

ENTRANCE HYMN *I sing a song of the saints of God (H 293)*

1 I sing a song of the saints of God,——
2 They loved their Lord so—— dear, so dear, and——
3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are

pa - tient and brave and true, who—— toiled and—— fought and——
his love—— made them strong; and they fol - lowed the right, for——
hund - reds of thou - sands still, the—— world is—— bright with the

lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew. And——
Je - sus' sake, the—— whole of their good lives long. And——
joy - ous saints who—— love to do Je - sus' will. You can

one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and one was a shep -
one was a sold - ier, and one was a priest, and one was—— slain
meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains,

herd - ess on the—— green: they were all of them saints of——
by a fierce wild—— beast; and there's not an - y rea - son——
or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of—— God are just

God—— and I mean, God help - ing, to be one too.
no, not the least, why I should - n't be one too.
folk like—— me, and I mean to be one too.

Celebrant Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.
People Glory to God for ever and ever.

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

OPENING ANTHEM OR SONG OF PRAISE GLORIA S 280 *Glory to God (Canticle 20) (Powell)*

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

FIRST READING: Wisdom 3:1-9

A Reading from the book of Wisdom.

¹The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,
and no torment will ever touch them.

²In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,
³and their going from us to be their destruction;
but they are at peace.

⁴For though in the sight of others they were punished,
their hope is full of immortality.

⁵Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;

⁶like gold in the furnace he tried them,
and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them.

⁷In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

⁸They will govern nations and rule over peoples,
and the Lord will reign over them forever.

⁹Those who trust in him will understand truth,
and the faithful will abide with him in love,
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones,
and he watches over his elect.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

CHANT *S 411 Simplified chant setting (s 411)*

Robert Knox Kennedy
(b. 1945)



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PSALM: Psalm 24

1 The earth is God's and all that is **in** it, *
the world and all who dwell there**in**.

2 For it is God who founded it upon the **seas** *
and made it firm upon the rivers of the **deep**.

3 "Who can ascend the hill of the Most **High**, *
and who can stand in God's holy **place**?"

4 "Those who have clean hands and a pure **heart**, *
who have not pledged themselves to falsehood
nor sworn by what is a **fraud**.

5 They shall receive a blessing from the **Holy One** *
and a just reward from the God of their **salvation**."

6 Such is the generation of those who seek **God**, *
of those who seek your face, O God of **Jacob**.
7 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting **doors**, *
and the One who reigns in glory shall come **in**.
8 “Who is this who reigns in **glory**?” *
“The Holy One, strong and mighty,
the Holy One, mighty in **battle**.”
9 Lift up your heads, O gates;
lift them high, O everlasting **doors**, *
and the One who reigns in glory shall come **in**.
10 “Who is this who reigns in **glory**?” *
“This is God, the God of hosts,
who reigns in **glory**.”

SECOND READING: Revelation 21:1-6a

A Reading from the Revelation of John.

¹I 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. ²And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³And 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.”

⁵And 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.” ^{6a}Then he said to me, “It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to God’s people.

People **Thanks be to God.**

SEQUENCE HYMN EOM2 120 Alleluia Gospel Acclamation (Mxadana) (EOM2 120)

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

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GOSPEL: John 11:32-44

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

³²When 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.” ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come and see.” ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus 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.” ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I 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.” ⁴³When 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.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

THE SERMON

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (NEW ZEALAND PRAYER BOOK)

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.**

**You have always been with us.
You are God.
You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.
You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.**

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

CONFESSION OF SIN

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. *Amen.*

THE PEACE

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.
People **And also with you.**

The Holy Communion

OFFERTORY SENTENCE

Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalm 50:14*

ANTHEM *Ubi Caritas* (Durufle)

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
Exsulemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.

Where charity and love are, there God is.
The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
Let us exult, and in Him be joyful.
Let us fear and let us love the living God.
And from a sincere heart let us love each other (and Him).

OFFERTORY HYMN Jerusalem, my happy home (Land of Rest) (H 620)

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of five systems of music. Each system has a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The key signature is one flat (B-flat major or D minor). The tempo and meter are not explicitly stated but appear to be a common time signature.

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when
2 Thy saints are crowned with glo - ry great; they
3 There Da - vid stands with harp in hand as
4 Our La - dy sings Mag - ni - fi - cat with
5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God

1 shall I come to thee? When shall my sor - rows
2 see God face to face; they tri - umph still, they
3 mas - ter of the choir: ten thou - sand times would
4 tune sur - pass - ing sweet, and bless - ed mar - tyrs'
5 grant that I may see thine end - less joy, and

1 have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
2 still re - jice in that most hap - py place.
3 one be blest who might this mu - sic hear.
4 har - mo - ny doth ring in ev - ery street.
5 of the same par - ta - ker ev - er be!

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant. From before time you made ready the creation. Your Spirit moved over the deep and brought all things into being: sun, moon, and stars; earth, winds, and waters; and every living thing. You made us in your image, and taught us to walk in your ways. But we rebelled against you, and wandered far away; and yet, as a mother cares for her children, you would not forget us. Time and again you called us to live in the fullness of your love.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS S 129 *Holy, holy, holy (Powell) (S 129)*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and
might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. _____

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God.

Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

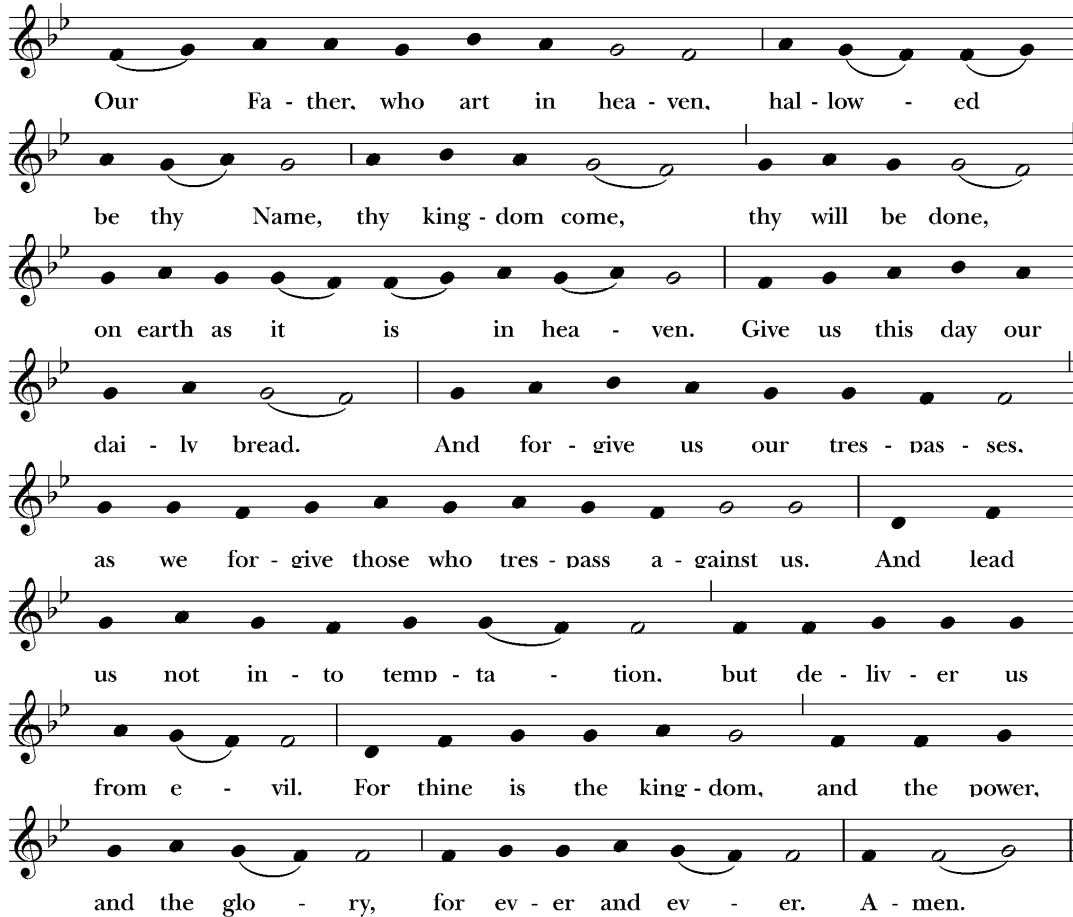
Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice.

Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ.

Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made. In the fullness of time bring us, with all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. **AMEN**

THE LORD'S PRAYER S 119 *The Lord's Prayer (Traditional) (Plainsong/Douglas)*



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, hal - low - ed
be thy Name, thy king - dom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our
dai - ly bread. And for - give us our tres - pas - ses,
as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us. And lead
us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us
from e - vil. For thine is the king - dom, and the power,
and the glo - ry, for ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Breaking of the Bread

FRACTION ANTHEM

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

The Body and Blood of our Lord Jesus Christ keep us in everlasting life. Amen.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION HYMN Give thanks for life (WLP 775)

1. Give thanks for life, the meas - ure of our days,
2. Give thanks for those who made their life a light
3. And for our own, our liv - ing and our dead,
4. Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain

mor - tal, we pass through beau - ty that de - cays, yet
caught from the Christ flame burst - ing through the night, who
thanks for the love by which our life is fed, a
ly - ing in dark - ness does its life re - tain, in

sing to God our hope, our love, our... praise,)
touched the truth, who burned for what is right,) Al -
love not changed by time or death or dread,)
res - ur - rec - tion to grow green a - gain.)

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

DISMISSAL

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People

Thanks be to God.

Serving today:

Ministers of Music: Eric Vinciguerra, Choir, Ethan Kindle, Organist

Lector: Derek Rivard **Prayers:** Mary Stewart Kiesgen

Presider: Rev. Diane Stier **Director:** Alice Ciccu

Greeters: Sharon Bolton & Mary Stewart Kiesgen **Acolyte:** Adam Baker

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The homeless guests will be at St. John's between Nov. 10 and 17. Both breakfasts and dinners have been taken care of through the generosity of members of the Unitarian Universalist Fellowship, members of St. John's, friends, the Saginaw Chippewa Tribe, and a couple of local restaurants.

We still **need 2-3 people to serve and clean up** dinner on **Monday** (11/11), **Wednesday** (11/13), and **Friday** (11/15). We will probably also need things like milk and juice during the week. Thank you.

Here is the link to sign up for evenings and mornings:

[https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508044BA8A92FA1F58-icrh15?fbclid=IwY2xjawGQXYNleHRuA2FlbQIxMAABHXFE3fvtYeVwORQKu52gGivcyT5VRHVzvgKg7eHJXLIlgQp2AfKklz8fUA_aem_3K2-6eEtGI0b4qcKCXjrKA#/
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This may well be the last time we are welcoming the homeless guests here. The plan is to have the permanent shelter at 555 Main St. remodeled by January.

Thank you to everyone who makes it possible to welcome the guests to our home. Ulana

Calling All Creatives!

Celebrate the creative art spirit of St. John's at coffee hour on **December 8th!** All parishioners are welcome to share their creativity at this joyful event: artists, bakers, singers, instrumentalists, dancers, sewers, storytellers, cooks! Come one, come all! Children, share your art and creativity! Sell, or simply share with others! **Saturday Dec 7 at 4 pm:** set up a table or anything you might need in the parish hall.

Please contact Nancy Hartshorne at harts1ns@cmich.edu or 989 289-7372 by December 1st if you plan to participate.

We pray this week...

For Michael, Presiding Bishop; Skip, our Assisting Bishop, and for our diocese; and Bonnie, Bishop of Michigan, Rayford, Bishop of Northern Michigan.

For Moisés, Bishop of the Dominican Republic

For Justin, Archbishop of Canterbury

For Craig, Bishop of ELCA.

For The Anglican Church of Melanesia

For Joe, our President; Gretchen, our Governor; and all who make decisions for this nation.

For Diane, our Rector; Eric, our Choirmaster; Ethan, our organist; Mekeila, our Admin. Asst.

For all those in our diocese discerning calls to ministry, especially Christi and Jess

For our lay ministers, lectors, choir, acolytes, greeters, and hospitality hosts

For all non-parochial clergy and Lutheran pastors serving in our congregations

For Sean Rowe, our new Presiding Bishop

For St. James, Cheboygan - Lewis Crusoe, Priest-in-Charge

For Plainsong Farm - Emily, Katharine & Mike, Co-Directors

For the members of St. John's, especially those celebrating birthdays this week:

For the members of St. John's especially: Sr. Dian, Elizabeth, Eric, Jessica, Daniel, Axel, Ford, Pamela, Harriet, Harry, Margaret, Russell, Jonathan & Walter

For those on the Prayer Group's list, especially Brent, Gabriel, Nancy, Glenn, Sue, Dave & Mary Ellen

For all who have died.