



HOLY COMMUNION

All Saints Sunday

God Speaks to Elijah

Sunday, November 7, 2021

10:30 a.m. Eucharist

Exploring the promise of God for all

GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Day by Day"

Arr. Kevin McChesney

During today's prelude, you are invited to come forward and light a candle in memory of a loved one.

(Please stand at the sound of the bell)

OPENING DIALOGUE

P Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord,

Al **But the Lord was not in the wind;**

P And after the wind an earthquake,

Al **But the Lord was not in the earthquake;**

P And after the earthquake a fire,

Al **But the Lord was not in the fire;**

P And after the fire a sound of sheer silence.

Al **There came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

Al **And also with you.**

P Let us pray.

Lord who comes to us in the sheer silence, sit with us in when the veil between life and death is thin. When we remember the great cloud of witnesses and all our loved ones who have gone before us, give us the faith to continue in this life until by your call we are all reunited. We pray this in the name of Jesus and in all the holy names of God.

Al **Amen.**

(Please be seated)

CHORAL OFFERING

"O Fear the Lord, Ye His Saints"

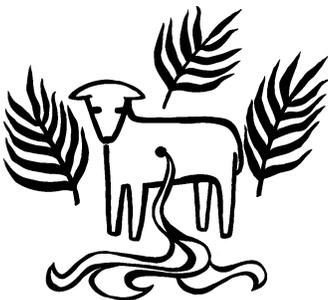
Dale Wood

O fear the Lord, ye his saints; for there is no want to them that fear him.

They that seek the Lord shall not want any good thing, Alleluia! Come unto me, all ye that labor and are heavy laden; and I will give you rest. These are they which came out of great tribulation and have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore are they before the throne of God: and serve him day and night in his temple. Rejoice in the Lord, O ye righteous: for praise is comely for the upright.

(based on Revelation 7)

*The Holy Spirit
gathers us in unity on the
first day of the week.*



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



WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

1 Kings 19:1-18

Today's narrative reading is from the book of First Kings:

¹Ahab told Jezebel all that Elijah had done, and how he had killed all the prophets with the sword. ²Then Jezebel sent a messenger to Elijah, saying, "So may the gods do to me, and more also, if I do not make your life like the life of one of them by this time tomorrow." ³Then he was afraid; he got up and fled for his life, and came to Beer-sheba, which belongs to Judah; he left his servant there.

⁴But he himself went a day's journey into the wilderness, and came and sat down under a solitary broom tree. He asked that he might die: "It is enough; now, O Lord, take away my life, for I am no better than my ancestors." ⁵Then he lay down under the broom tree and fell asleep. Suddenly an angel touched him and said to him, "Get up and eat." ⁶He looked, and there at his head was a cake baked on hot stones, and a jar of water. He ate and drank, and lay down again. ⁷The angel of the Lord came a second time, touched him, and said, "Get up and eat, otherwise the journey will be too much for you." ⁸He got up, and ate and drank; then he went in the strength of that food forty days and forty nights to Horeb the mount of God. ⁹At that place he came to a cave, and spent the night there.

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁰He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away."

¹¹He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; ¹²and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. ¹³When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" ¹⁴He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." ¹⁵Then the Lord said to him, "Go, return on your way to the wilderness of Damascus; when you arrive, you shall anoint Hazael as king over Aram. ¹⁶Also you shall anoint Jehu son of Nimshi as king over Israel; and you shall anoint Elisha son of Shaphat of Abel-meholah as prophet in your place. ¹⁷Whoever escapes from the sword of Hazael, Jehu shall kill; and whoever escapes from the sword of Jehu, Elisha shall kill. ¹⁸Yet I will leave seven thousand in Israel, all the knees that have not bowed to Baal, and every mouth that has not kissed him."

Word of God. Word of life.

AD Thanks be to God.

ALLELUIA VERSE

(sung by the choir)

They are before the throne of God and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. (Revelation 7:15)

(Please stand)

GOSPEL READING

John 12:27-30

The Holy Gospel according to John.

Al Glory to you, O Lord.

²⁷Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say — 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. ²⁸Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." ²⁹The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." ³⁰Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Al Praise to you, O Christ.

(Please be seated)

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

"For All the Saints"

1 - all; 2 - choir; 3 - all.



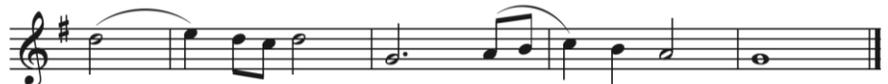
Al For all the saints who from their la - bors rest,
Choir Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
Al From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,



who thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;
through gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,



thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
..... Sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.



Al - le - lu - ia! **Al** - le - lu - ia!
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(Please stand)

*God feeds us with the
presence of Jesus Christ.*



PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

- A** Let us pray for the church and for the world giving thanks for God's goodness.

(Brief Silence)

Each petition concludes:

For your love and goodness:

We give you thanks O God.

- P** Having gathered our prayers, we offer them to you O God, confident that they are received and held in your holy name.
- A** **Amen.**

MEAL

PEACE

- P** The peace of the Lord be with you all.
- A** **And also with you.**

(Please remain standing)

GREAT THANKSGIVING

- P** The Lord be with you.
- A** **And also with you.**
- P** Lift up your hearts.
- A** **We lift them to the Lord.**
- P** Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
- A** **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**
- P** You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. . .
. . . be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.
- A** **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

- P** Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray:
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.

Although best known as a symphonist, Bruckner (1824-1896) was also an organist who composed numerous masses, settings of liturgical texts and motets. He lived in his native Austria his entire life with Saint Florian and Vienna his major residences.

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

Clérambault (1676-1749) is a major composer of the French Baroque. In addition to works for organ he is considered to have been instrumental in the development of the French (choral) cantata. He served as organist at Saint-Sulpice in Paris.

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

“O How Blessed”

Anton Bruckner

O how blessed are they who serve the Lord, who serve God. They shall mount upward with eagle’s pinions. They shall walk and never be faint.

(Please stand)

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

A Let us pray.

Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal.

Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet.

All Amen.

SENDING

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.

All Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

“Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones”

Hymn 424

*Stanza 1 – all; 2 – choir; 3 – all;
Stanza 4 is omitted*

DISMISSAL

A Go in peace, serve the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Plein jeu from the Second Organ Book

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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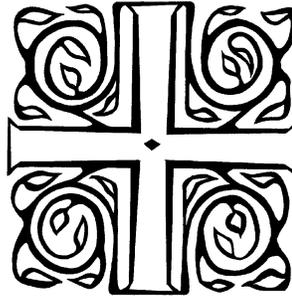
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Pastor Judith Stone *all saints liturgy*

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Central Handbell Choir *musical ensembles*

Mark Kieffer *sound operator*
Richard Stegall, Diane Olson,
Bill Masche *sacristans*
usher ministry team



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Chancel flowers this weekend are given by Ellen and Myron Just in loving memory of their former spouses Ruth Haugen Just and Arne Sovik; additional flowers are given by the Central Lutheran Church Foundation in memory of all the saints. If you wish to donate flowers, contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.



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