

# A DAY OF *remembrance*

Metropolitan Washington, D.C. Synod  
**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY WORSHIP**  
November 1 at 4:00 PM



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PRELUDE

Dr. Jeffrey Pannebaker, organ

PREPARING OUR HEARTS AND MINDS/10 DAYS OF PRAYER

L: We begin our time together joined in prayer with our siblings across this country in these final days before Election Day.

Let us pray. Merciful God, give us hearts and minds focused on nurturing all that you have made. Forgive us when we are unjust or accept unjust behavior in our leaders. Remind us of your call to not withdraw from the world, but to be in the world as your very own broken and beloved people. Ignite in us a passion for the justice and welfare of those who are oppressed, ignored, and vulnerable. Empower us to lead with a love for humanity that reflects your love revealed in Jesus Christ our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

L: Light your candles, prepare your bowl of water, and let us lift our voices.

GATHERING HYMN

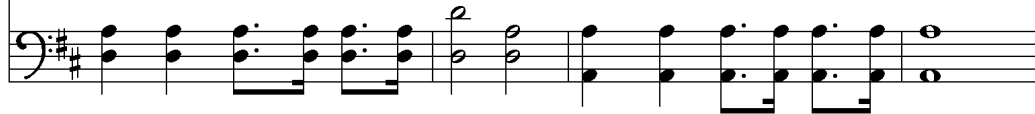
*Shall We Gather at the River*

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# 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

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God,  
the fountain of living water,  
the rock who gave us birth,  
our light and our salvation.

C: **Amen.**

L: *A reading from the Psalms:* The voice of the Lord is upon the waters; the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters. O Lord, give strength to your people; give them, O Lord, the blessings of peace. (Psalm 29:3,11)

Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, holy and merciful, holy and mighty, you are the river of life,  
you are the everlasting wellspring, you are the fire of rebirth.

Glory to you for oceans and lakes, for rivers and streams.  
Honor to you for cloud and rain, for dew and snow.

Your waters are below us, around us, above us: our life is born in you.

You are the fountain of resurrection.

Praise to you for your saving waters:

Noah and the animals survive the flood, Hagar discovers your well.

The Israelites escape through the sea, and they drink from your gushing rock.

Naaman washes his leprosy away, and the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again.

Praise to you for the water of baptism and for your Word  
that saves us in this sacrament.

Breathe your Spirit into all who are gathered here and into all creation.

Illumine our days. Enliven our bones. Dry our tears.

Wash away the sin within us, and drown the evil around us.

Gather our collective grief and loss and raise us anew.

Satisfy all our thirst with your living water, Jesus Christ, our Savior,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Let us pray.

O God, you crafted the universe as a divine tapestry  
in which the well-being of the entire cosmos is forever intertwined.  
We thank you for all your servants and witnesses of times past  
and for all the martyrs and saints in every age and place and in every land.  
May their stories and their lives accompany us along our journey forward.  
In your mercy, give us, as you gave them,  
the hope of salvation and the promise of eternal life  
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## READING      Revelation 7:9-17

Reader:      A reading from Revelation.

<sup>9</sup>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. <sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

<sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom  
and thanksgiving and honor  
and power and might  
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

<sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” <sup>14</sup>I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that 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.

<sup>15</sup>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.  
<sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;  
the sun will not strike them,  
nor any scorching heat;  
<sup>17</sup>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.”

R: Word of God, word of life.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL READING     Matthew 5:1-12

Gospeler: The holy gospel according to Matthew.

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

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:  
<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>4</sup>“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.  
<sup>5</sup>“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.  
<sup>6</sup>“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.  
<sup>7</sup>“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.  
<sup>8</sup>“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.  
<sup>9</sup>“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.  
<sup>10</sup>“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.  
<sup>11</sup>“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

G: The gospel of the Lord.

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

## SERMON

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## REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

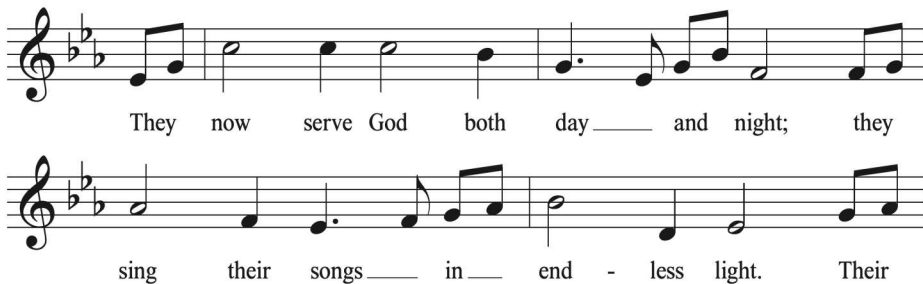
*A handbell rings three times to begin the time of remembrance.*

L: Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me;  
for I am gentle and humble in heart,  
and you will find rest for your souls.  
For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.  
And you will find rest for your souls.

## SAINTS OF THE BIBLE

L: We remember the Saints of the Bible whose stories invite us into God's story -  
Adam, Eve, Mary, Joseph, Abraham, Sarah, Rachel, Isaac, Rebekah, Leah, Jacob, Esau,  
Miriam, Moses, Rahab, Gideon, Deborah, Samson, David, Hannah, Samuel, Solomon,  
Isaiah, Zechariah, Elizabeth, Simeon, Peter, James, John, Joanna, Susanna, Priscilla,  
Mary Magdalene, Nathanael, Timothy, Zacchaeus, Philemon, Onesimus, Lydia, Paul,  
Simon of Cyrene, Ezekiel, Daniel, Silas, Barnabas, Ruth, Elijah, Esther, Martha,  
Jeremiah, Luke, Dorcas, Micah, Titus, Timothy, Phoebe, Naomi, Eunice, Lois,  
and the Woman at the Well.

*A handbell rings once, then all join in singing:*

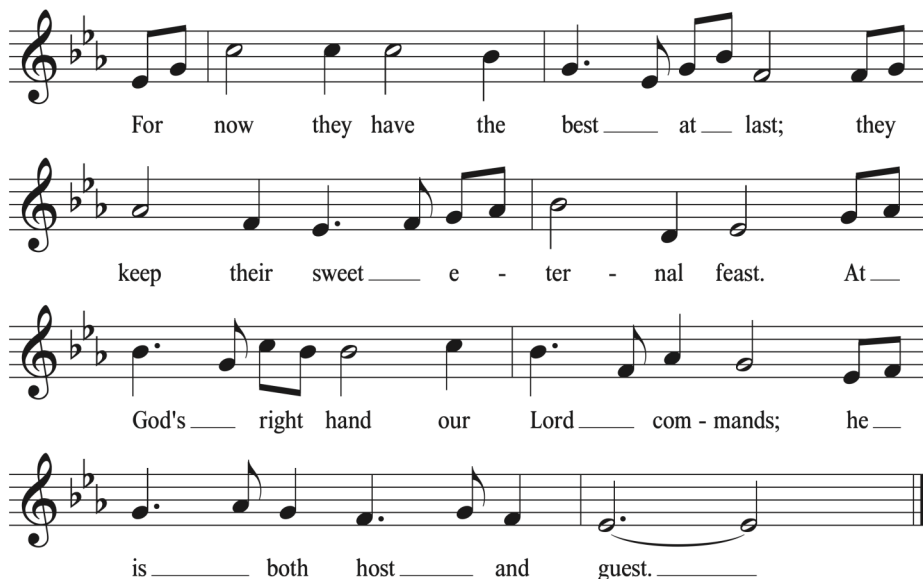




## SAINTS OF THE CHURCH

L: We remember the names of Saints of the Church whose lives gave witness to the transforming work of the Holy Spirit, including:  
 Francis of Assisi, Dag Hammarskjöld, Chief Seattle, Bernard of Clairvaux,  
 John Donne, Thomas Aquinas, Hildegard of Bingen, Martin Luther, John Calvin,  
 Elizabeth of Hungary, Dietrich Bonhoeffer, John Wesley, Johann Sebastian Bach,  
 Teresa of Avila, Heinrich Schütz, Martin Luther King Jr., Jehu Jones,  
 Florence Nightingale, Albrecht Dürer, Catherine Winkworth, Elizabeth Fedde,  
 Perpetua and Felicity, Toyohiko Kagawa, Søren Kierkegaard, Birgitta of Sweden,  
 Clara Maas, Augustine of Hippo, Isaac Watts, Julian of Norwich, Catherine of Siena.

*A handbell rings once, then all join in singing:*





## SAINTS OF THE COMMUNITY

L: We remember the names of those in our communities who have joined the communion of Saints in the past year, including:

Rev. Jeanne Lowe, Malcom Uffleman, Jerry Boyd, Cathy Barnes, Patty Ludwig, Elmer Duckett, Isabel Barbella, Mary Chapman, Patricia McEvoy, Justine Mathews, Suzy Rothe Broyhill, Rev. Ted Menter, Mary Chatelaine, Vera Thomson, Donna Roop, Robert Seefeldt, Anna Ingram, Dottie Barnhardt, Berkeley Banks, Harold Root, Howard Copeland Williams, Jason Weathersby, Oletha Joy Myers, Betty Rockwood, John Wright, Barbara Wright, Lindsey Miles, Joyce Schmitt, Rudi Tischer, Richard Croco Jeff Croco and others we name aloud or in our hearts at this time, including our trans siblings, our black and brown siblings and others who have been killed by fear, racism, and hate, the over 220,000 in our country and the 1 million+ worldwide who have died during our on-going COVID19 pandemic, and those whose lives have been lost to fires, storms, and famine across the globe.

*A handbell rings once, then all join in singing:*

The myr - iad an - gels raise \_\_\_\_ their song. O \_\_\_\_

saints, sing with \_\_\_\_ that hap - py throng; lift \_\_\_\_

up \_\_\_\_ one \_\_\_\_ voice; let heav'n \_\_\_\_ re - jice in \_\_\_\_

our \_\_\_\_ re - deem - er's song! \_\_\_\_

## CONCLUDING PRAYER

L: Let us pray. O God, remember your church throughout the world.  
Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another.  
As you have received our siblings who have gone to their rest  
in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life,  
bring us at last with them into the light of your presence,  
that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever;  
through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: **Amen.**

## READING        Hebrews 12:1-2

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

## BLESSING

L: Looking to Jesus  
and surrounded by the cloud of witnesses,  
may we live forgiven,  
running the race God has set before us  
both now and to eternity,  
in the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

# SENDING HYMN

## *Sing with All the Saints in Glory*



1. Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, sing the res - ur - rec - tion song!  
 2. Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing all that eye has yet per - ceived!  
 3. Life e - ter - nal! heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who once was dead.

Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry, to the for - mer days be - long.  
 Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing nev - er that full joy con - ceived.  
 Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es! Child of God, lift up your head!

All a - round the clouds are break - ing, soon the storms of time shall cease;  
 God has prom - ised, Christ pre - pares it, there on high our wel - come waits.  
 Life e - ter - nal! Oh, what won - ders crowd on faith; what joy un - known,

in God's like - ness we a - wak - en, know - ing ev - er last - ing peace.  
 Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it, Christ has passed the - ter - nal gates.  
 when, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders, saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Text: William J. Irons, 1812-1883, alt.

Tune: Ludwig vsn Beethoven, 1770-1827, adapt.

HYMN TO JOY

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## PARTICIPANTS IN TODAY'S SERVICE

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