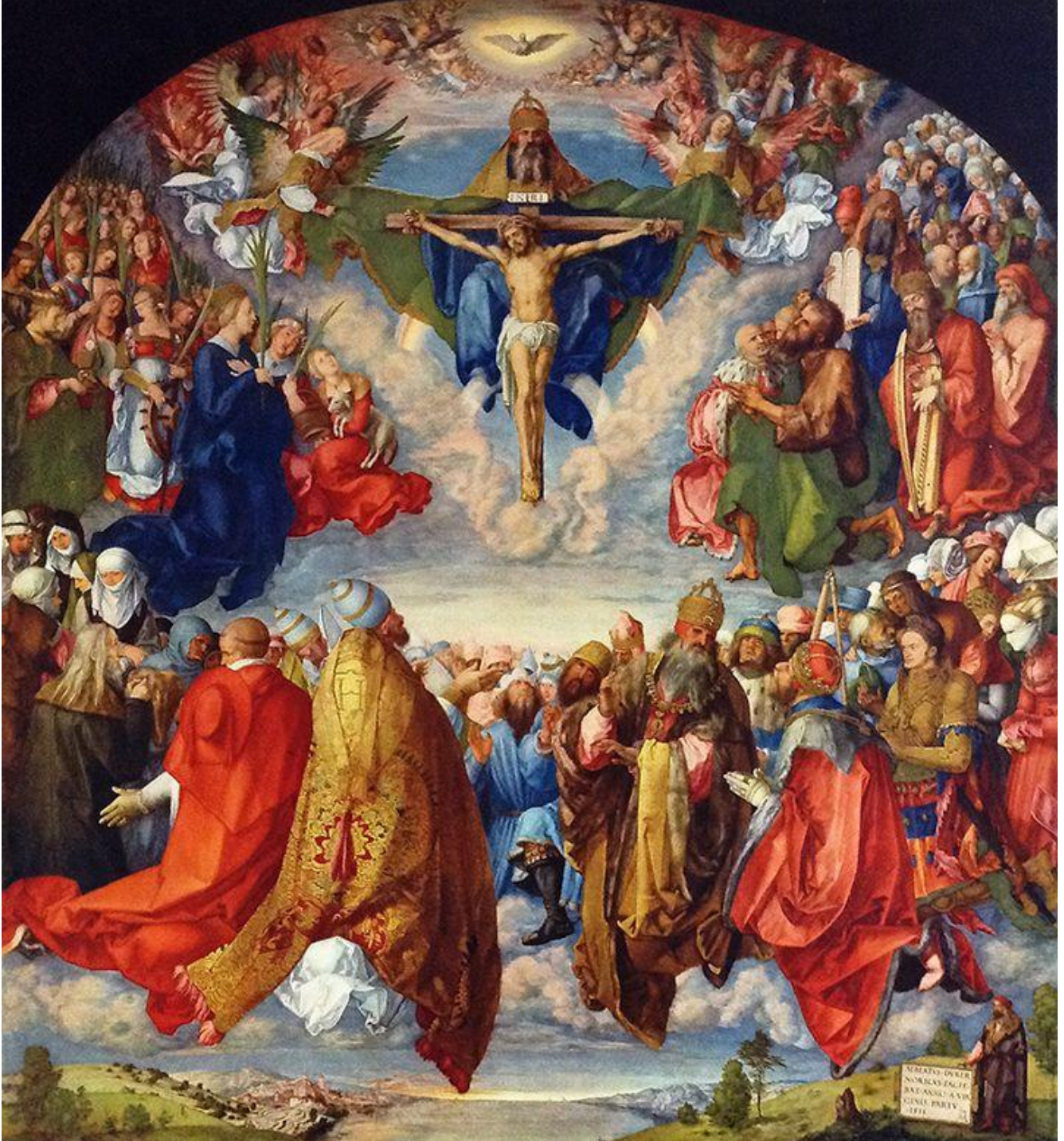


All Saints' Day



Hope Lutheran Church-DeWitt MI
Rev. Dr. Tony Sikora, Pastor

All Saints' Day (observed)
Sunday November 5, 2023 A.D.

About the Cover

In his oil painting, “Adoration of the Holy Trinity,” Albrecht Dürer gives you, the viewer, the opportunity to see a dazzling vision of Heaven with your very own eyes as it is happening at this very moment. Today it is housed in the *Kunsthistorisches* Museum in Vienna. The painting shows two distinct perspectives- Earth and in Heaven.

Looking up to Heaven is the reality that we experience in the liturgy of the Divine Service “with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven we laud and magnify your holy name evermore praising you and saying, ‘Holy, Holy, Holy Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of Your glory. Hosanna in the highest!’” The center and focal point of the entire artwork is the Holy Trinity. Each Person of the Godhead is seen individually but yet as One triangular unit. It is a synopsis of the Nicene Creed. God the Father Almighty in kingly crown presents His only-begotten Son crucified for our salvation, as the Holy Spirit in the form of a dove hovers above as the Lord and Giver of life! Surrounding the Holy Trinity are two rings of winged angels, the highest encircling the Holy Spirit while other multitudes of the heavenly host focus on the cross of Christ.

To the side of the cross, two distinct groups of saints are pictured. On the right John the Baptist leads the kneeling band of Old Testament kings and prophet, and King David and Moses. On the left side the New Testament saints following Mary as they wave palm branches of victory. Completing the Heavenly scene, the full company of the Holy Christian Church. Heaven and earth meet in the Divine Service. It is here that we participate in the present reality of Christ’s victory over sin, death, and Satan. It is here that we join with all the saints in praise of our victorious Lord as we “sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessings, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia!”

Commentary by *Deaconess Carolyn S. Brinkley is the Military Project Coordinator at Concordia Theological Seminary, Fort Wayne, IN*

Our Communion Practice

On the basis of God’s Holy Word, Hope Lutheran Church continues to practice the ancient, Biblical and confessional practice of close(d) communion as an opportunity to give joyful witness to our unity in the Christian faith. Guests who are joining us this morning and hold membership in one of our sister LC-MS congregations are invited to join us in the reception of this great gift. Please take time to introduce yourself to Pastor Sikora prior to the Divine Service.

Because the nature of the Lord’s Supper involves unity of doctrine and because Christendom is currently divided by denomination over doctrine and practice, we are unable to commune those who hold membership in other denominations. For a further explanation of fellowship in the Lord’s Supper please take a few moments to read the tract, “What About: Fellowship in the Lord’s Supper” which has been placed in the pew rack. You are invited to take one with you for further study. May God bless your reception of His Word this morning.

✠ In the Name of Jesus ✠

Prelude: Ringers of Hope, All Creatures of Our God and King

arr. by Linda Scholes

Please stand at the introduction of the hymn



I Be - hold a host, ar - rayed in white, Like thou - sand
snow - clad moun - tains bright! With palms they stand; Who
is this band Be - fore the throne of light? These are the
saints of glo - rious fame, Who from the great af -
flic - tion came And in the flood Of Je - sus' blood
Are cleansed from guilt and shame. They now serve God both
day and night; They sing their songs in end - less light. Their
an - thems ring As they all sing With an - gels shin - ing bright.

2. MEN

Despised and scorned, they sojourned here;
But now, how glorious they appear!

Those martyrs stand, A priestly band,
God's throne forever near.

Women/Children

On earth they wept through bitter years;
Now God has wiped away their tears,
Transformed their strife To heav'nly life,
And freed them from their fears.

ALL

They now enjoy the Sabbath rest,
The heav'nly banquet of the blest;
The Lamb, their Lord, At festive board
Himself is host and guest.

3. *Women/Children*

O blessèd saints in bright array
Now safely home in endless day,
Extol the Lord, Who with His Word
Sustained you on the way.

Men

The steep and narrow path you trod;
You toiled and sowed the Word abroad;
Rejoice and bring Your fruits and sing
Before the throne of God.

ALL

The myriad angels raise their song;
O saints, sing with that happy throng!
Lift up one voice; Let heav'n rejoice
In our Redeemer's song!

Confession and Absolution

The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism.

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

C Amen.

P Beloved in the Lord! Let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins unto God our Father, beseeching Him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

P Our help is in the name of the Lord,

C who made heaven and earth.

P I said, I will confess my transgressions unto the Lord,

C and You forgave the iniquity of my sin.

Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.

P O almighty God, merciful Father,

C I, a poor, miserable sinner, confess unto You all my sins and iniquities with which I have ever offended You and justly deserved Your temporal and eternal punishment. But I am heartily sorry for them and sincerely repent of them, and I pray You of Your boundless mercy and for the sake of the holy, innocent, bitter sufferings and death of Your beloved Son, Jesus Christ, to be gracious and merciful to me, a poor, sinful being.

P Upon this your confession, I, by virtue of my office, as a called and ordained servant of the Word, announce the grace of God unto all of you, and in the stead and by the command of my Lord Jesus Christ I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

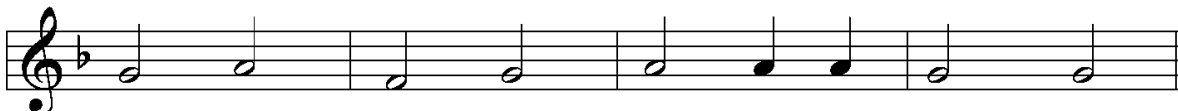
C Amen.

Service of the Word

Kyrie



C Lord, have mer - cy up - on us. Christ, have mer - cy up -



on us. Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

Hymn of Praise: We Praise You and Acknowledge You, O God

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1-ALL 2- **C** Men and Choir add congregation on "O all majestic Father...." 3-4 ALL



C Men/Choir
 All 1 We praise You and ac-knowl-edge You, O God, to be the Lord,
 2 The band of the a - pos - tles in glo - ry sing Your praise;
 All 3 You, Christ, are King of glo - ry, the ev - er - last - ing Son,
 All 4 You sit in splen - did glo - ry, en - throned at God's right hand,



The Fa - ther ev - er - last - ing, by all the earth a - dored.
 The fel - low - ship of proph - ets their death-less voic - es raise.
 Yet You, with bound-less love, sought to res - cue ev - 'ry - one:
 Up - hold - ing earth and heav - en by forc - es You com - mand.



To You all an - gel pow - ers cry a - loud, the heav - ens sing,
 The mar - tyrs of Your king - dom, a great and no - ble throng,
 You laid a - side Your glo - ry, were born of vir - gin's womb,
 We know that You will come as our Judge that fi - nal day,



The cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim their prais - es to You bring:
 Sing with the ho - ly Church through - out all the world this song:
 Were cru - ci - fied for us and were placed in - to a tomb;
 So help Your ser - vants You have re - deemed by blood, we pray;



ALL SING "O ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;
 "O all - ma - jes - tic Fa - ther, Your true and on - ly Son,
 Then by Your res - ur - rec - tion You won for us re - prieve—
 May we with saints be num - bered where prais - es nev - er end,



Your maj - es - ty and glo - ry fill the heav - ens and the earth!"
 And Ho - ly Spir - it, Com - fort - er— for - ev - er Three in One!"
 You o - pened heav - en's king - dom to all who would be - lieve.
 In glo - ry ev - er - last - ing. A - men, O Lord, a - men!

Salutation and Collect of the Day



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Let us pray.

P Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical body of Your Son, Jesus Christ. Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

Be Seated

First Reading: *Revelation 7:9–17*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.



Psalmody: Psalm 149 (antiphon: v.4)

arr. by Matthew Machermer



For the LORD takes plea-sure in His peo-ple; He a-



dorns the hum-ble with sal-va-tion.

Congregation sings verses in bold.



*Praise the LORD! Sing to the LORD a /
new song,*
his praise in the assembly of the / godly!*

**Let Israel be glad in his | Maker;*
let the children of Zion rejoice | in
their King!**

Let them praise his name with / dancing,
making melody to him with
tambou- / rine and lyre!*

**For the LORD takes pleasure
in his | people;*
he adorns the humble with
sal- | vation.**

Let the godly exult in / glory;
let them sing for joy | on their beds.*

Refrain

Epistle: *1 John 3:1-3*

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

*Let the high praises of God be
/ in their throats*
and two-edged swords / in their hands,
to execute vengeance on the | nations*
and punishments on the | peoples,
to bind their / kings with chains*
and their nobles with fet- / ters of iron,
to execute on them the
judgment | written!*
This is honor for all his godly ones.
| Praise the LORD!*

**Glory be to the Father and to the | Son
And to the Holy | Spirit*
As it was in the be-|ginning
Is now and will be forever. Amen**

Refrain

Stand

Alleluia and Verse



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Verse: Sung by the choir or soloist.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us [look] to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith.



☐ Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia. Al-le - lu - ia.

Holy Gospel: *Matthew 5:1–12*

☐ The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.



☐ Glo - ry be to Thee, O Lord.

Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Reading Response

☐ This is the Gospel of the Lord.



☐ Praise be to Thee, O Christ.

Nicene Creed

**☩ I believe in one God,
the Father Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth
and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven
and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the
dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life ✝ of the world to come. Amen.**

Be Seated



All 1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
 Men and *Choir* 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
 Women 3 Oh, may Thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
Choir 4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!



Who Thee by faith before the world confessed, Thy
 Thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
 Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old And
 We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; Yet



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
 Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the victor's crown of gold!
 all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.



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!

5 Choir

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
 Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
 And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

6 Choir

The golden evening brightens in the west;
 Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest;
 Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

7 ALL

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:
 The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
 The King of Glory passes on His way.
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

8 ALL

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's
 Farthest coast,
 Through gates of pearl streams in the
 countless host,
 Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
 Alleluia! Alleluia!

Sermon

P The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.

C Amen.

Stand

Bell Toll for Remembrance of the dearly departed

P I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord henceforth." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them." (*Rev. 14:13 RSV*)

Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever, and He gave them new life through His Son in Holy Baptism, and nourished them in the company of His people at His holy table, and in His mercy has summoned them to His nearer presence so that they may continue in joyful service of Him forever.

Now are read the names of those active members who have received the ministry of Word and Sacrament:

✠ [insert name] ✠

✠ [insert name] ✠

✠ [insert name] ✠

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life, we remember before You, O Lord, all our departed kin and friends who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promises.

. . . and all those who are in our hearts and minds this day.

Let us pray, Lord, remember Your church throughout the world; make all its members grow in love for You and for one another. As You have received our brothers and sisters who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at the 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.

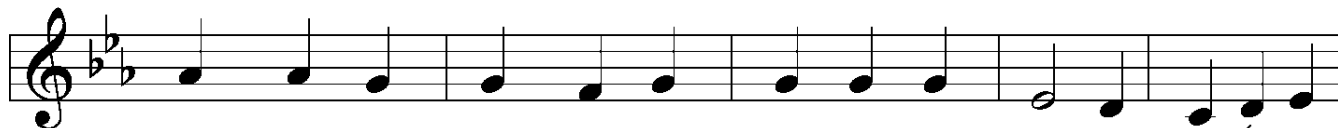
Offertory



C Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re -



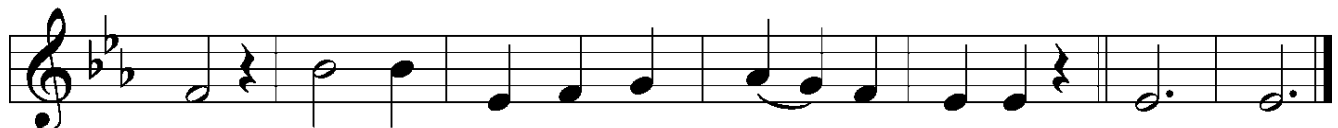
new a right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a -



way from Thy pres - ence, and take not Thy Ho - ly Spir - it



from me. Re - store un - to me the joy of Thy sal - va -



tion, and up - hold me with Thy free spir - it. A - men.

Offering: "Beautiful Savior"

Prayer of the Church

Service of the Sacrament

Preface



P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



P Lift up your hearts.



C We lift them up un - to the Lord.



P Let us give thanks un - to the Lord, our God.



C It is meet and right so to do.

P It is truly meet, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God. In the communion of all Your saints gathered into the one body of Your Son, You have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, encouraged by their faith and strengthened by their fellowship, may run with perseverance the race that is set before us and, together with them, receive the crown of glory that does not fade away. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:



Sanctus



C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord God of Sab - a - oth;



heav'n and earth are full of Thy glo - ry. Ho - san - na,



ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He,



bless - ed is He, bless - ed is He that com - eth in the name of the Lord.



Ho - san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

Lord's Prayer

P 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.



C For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the



glo - ry for - ev - er and ev - er. A - men.

The Words of Our Lord: *Chanted or Spoken by Pastor*

Pax Domini



P The peace of the Lord be with you al - ways.



C A - men.

Agnus Dei



C O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, have mer-cy up - on us. O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that



tak-est a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy up - on us.



O Christ, Thou Lamb of God, that tak-est a-way the sin of the



world, grant us Thy peace. A - men.

Be Seated

Distribution

Visitor are encouraged to read the communion practice printed in the front cover of today's bulletin

Hymn: Saints, See the Cloud of Witnesses

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1 Saints, see the cloud of wit - ness - es sur - round us;
2 These saints of old re - ceived God's com - men - da - tion;
3 They call to us, "Your tim - id foot - steps length - en;
4 Come, let us fix our sight on Christ who suf - fered,



Their lives of faith en - cour - age and as - tound us.
They lived as pil - grim - heirs of His sal - va - tion.
Throw off sin's weight, your halt - ing weak - ness strength - en.
He faced the cross, His sin - less life He of - fered;



Hear how the Mas - ter praised their faith so
Through faith they con - quered flame and sword and
We kept the faith, we shed our blood, were
He scorned the shame, He died, our death en -



fer - vent: "Well done, My ser - vant!"
gal - lows, God's name to hal - low.
mar - tyred; Our lives we bar - tered."
dur - ing, Our hope se - cur - ing.

5 Lord, give us faith to walk where You are sending,
On paths unmarked, eyes blind as to their ending;
Not knowing where we go, but that You lead us—
With grace precede us.

6 You, Jesus, You alone deserve all glory!
Our lives unfold, embraced within Your story;
Past, present, future—You, the same forever—
You fail us never!

Choir: Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

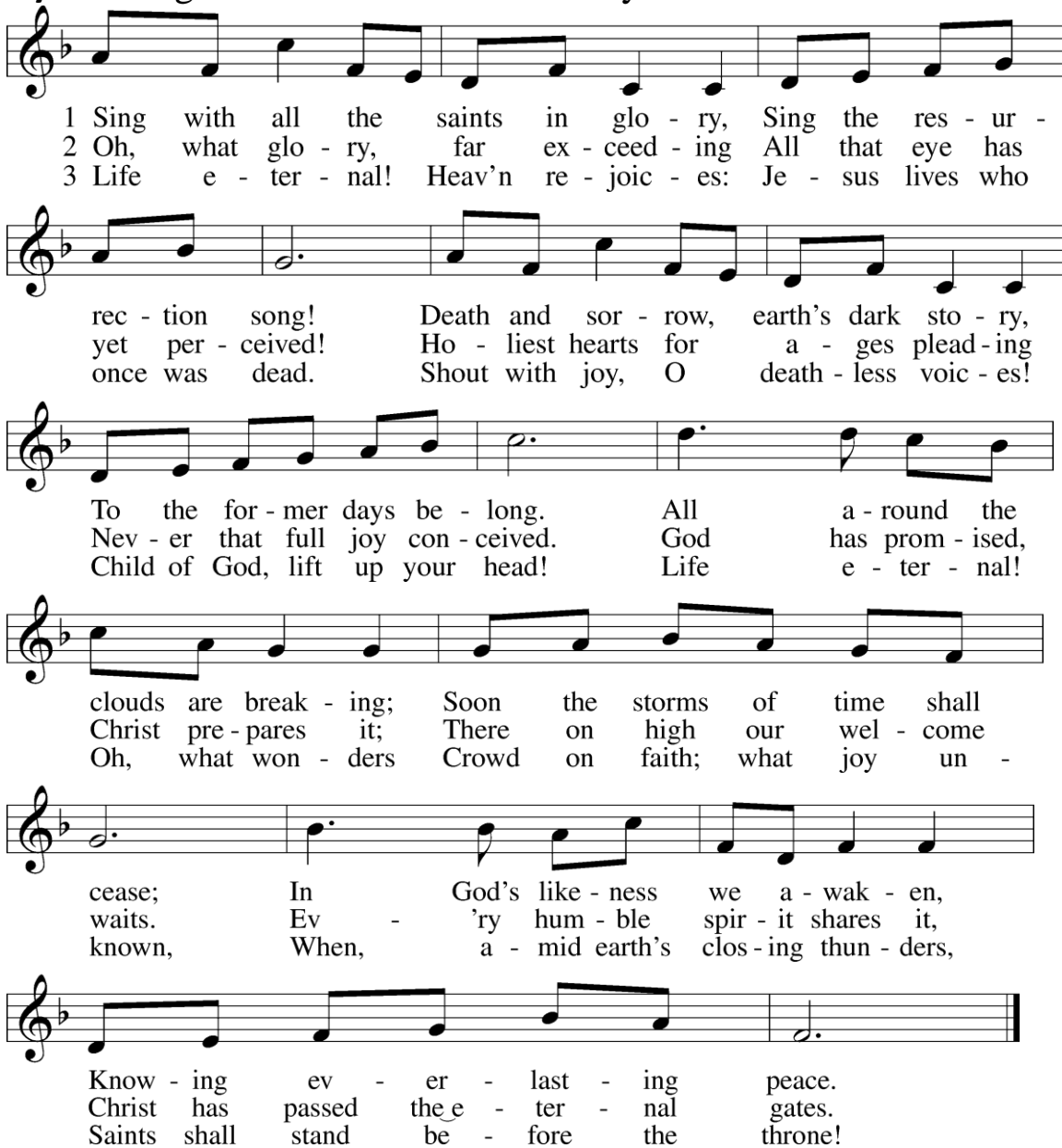
Let all mortal flesh keep silence And with fear and trembling stand;
Ponder nothing earthly-minded, For with blessing in His hand.
Christ our God to earth descending. Comes our homage to demand.

Rank on rank the host of heaven. Spreads its vanguard on the way.
As the Light of Light, descending. From the realms of endless day, that the powers of hell
to vanish. As the darkness clears away.

At His feet the six-winged seraph, Cherubim with sleepless eye.
Veil their faces to the presence. As with ceaseless voice they cry:
“Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, Lord Most High!”

Hymn: Sing with All the Saints in Glory

LSB 671



1 Sing with all the saints in glo - ry, Sing the res - ur -
2 Oh, what glo - ry, far ex - ceed - ing All that eye has
3 Life e - ter - nal! Heav'n re - joic - es: Je - sus lives who

rec - tion song! Death and sor - row, earth's dark sto - ry,
yet per - ceived! Ho - liest hearts for a - ges plead - ing
once was dead. Shout with joy, O death - less voic - es!

To the for - mer days be - long. All a - round the
Nev - er that full joy con - ceived. God has prom - ised,
Child of God, lift up your head! Life e - ter - nal!

clouds are break - ing; Soon the storms of time shall
Christ pre - pares it; There on high our wel - come
Oh, what won - ders Crowd on faith; what joy un -

cease; In God's like - ness we a - wak - en,
waits. Ev - 'ry hum - ble spir - it shares it,
known, When, a - mid earth's clos - ing thun - ders,

Know - ing ev - er - last - ing peace.
Christ has passed the e - ter - nal gates.
Saints shall stand be - fore the throne!

Handbells: "Beautiful Savior"

Hymn: Holy, Holy, Holy

LSB 507



1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!
2 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore Thee,
3 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide Thee,
4 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!



Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to Thee;
Cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;
Though the eye of sin - ful man Thy glo - ry may not see,
All Thy works shall praise Thy name in earth and sky and sea.



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!
Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore Thee,
On - ly Thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side Thee,
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, mer - ci - ful and might - y!

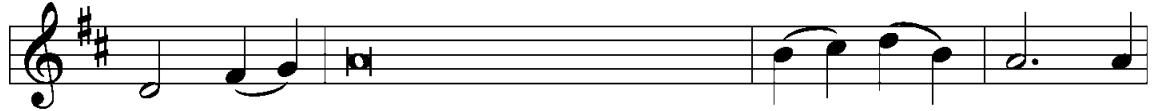


God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!
Which wert and art and ev - er - more shalt be.
Per - fect in pow'r, in love, and pu - ri - ty.
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!

Stand



Nunc Dimittis



C Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant de - part in peace ac-



cord-ing to Thy word, for mine eyes have seen Thy salvation,



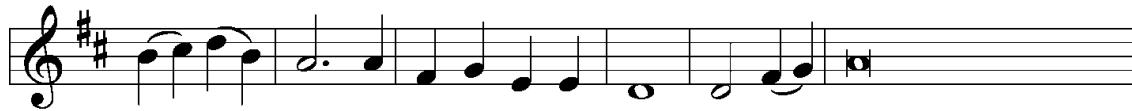
which Thou hast pre - pared be - fore the face of all people,



a light to light - en the Gen - tles and the glo - ry of Thy



peo-ple Is - ra - el. Glo - ry be to the Father and

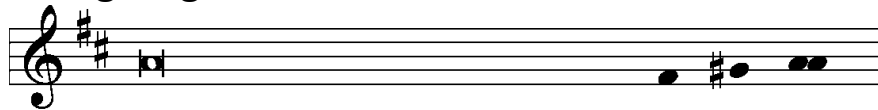


to the Son and to the Ho-ly Ghost; as it was in the beginning,

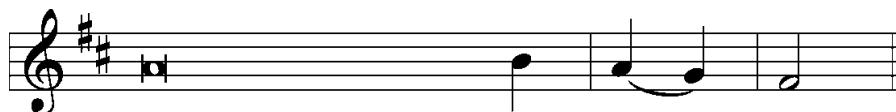


is now, and ev - er shall be, world without end. A - men.

Thanksgiving



A O give thanks unto the Lord, for He is good,



C and His mercy endureth for - ev - er.

A Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen

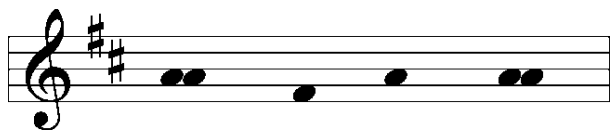
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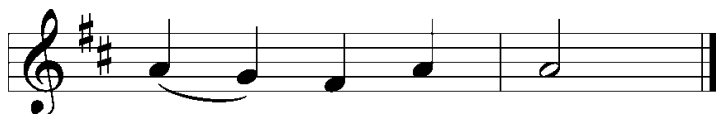
P The Lord be with you.



C And with thy spir - it.



A Bless we the Lord.



C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠give you peace.



C A-men, a-men, a - men.

Closing Hymn: Come, We That Love the Lord

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1 Come, we that love the Lord, And let our joys be
2 Let those re - fuse to sing Who nev - er knew our
3 The hill of Zi - on yields A thou - sand sa - cred
4 Then let our songs a - bound, And ev - 'ry tear be



known; Join in a song with sweet ac - cord,
God; But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King,
sweets Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields,
dry; We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground,



Join in a song with sweet ac - cord And thus sur -
But chil - dren of the heav'n - ly King May speak their
Be - fore we reach the heav'n - ly fields, Or walk the
We're march - ing through Em - man - uel's ground To fair - er



round the throne, And thus sur-round the throne.
joys a - broad, May speak their joys a - broad.
gold - en streets, Or walk the gold - en streets.
worlds on high, To fair - er worlds on high.



We're march - ing to Zi - on, Beau - ti - ful, beau - ti - ful Zi - on;



We're march - ing up - ward to Zi - on, The beau - ti - ful cit - y of God.

Postlude: Ringers of Hope, Joyful, Joyful We Adore Thee

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