

THE EVE OF ALL SAINTS

Taizé Worship and Prayer

Friday, October 31, 2025



"The exchange with God becomes real for us in prayer: by his Holy Spirit, God comes to dwell within us. By his word and by the sacraments, Christ gives himself to us. In return, we can surrender everything to him." Brother Alois, Letter from Cochabamba

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After the spoken word there will be a few minutes of silence. We are invited to reflect on a word, phrase, image or verse that captures our attention. We can then spend time meditating on that word. You may wish to ask God why that particular word spoke to you. You may wish to have a conversation with God in the silence of your heart about that word. Then simply rest in that word from God, and enjoy God's presence in our midst.

Prelude

Song: Come and Fill

Come and fill our hearts with your peace.
You alone, O Lord, are holy.
Come and fill our hearts with you peace, alleluia!

Psalm 149: 1-5

- ¹ Hallelujah! Sing to the Lord a new song,
God's praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- ² Let Israel rejoice in their maker;
let the children of Zion be joyful in their ruler.
- ³ Let them praise their maker's name with dancing;
let them sing praise with tambourine and harp.
- ⁴ For the Lord takes pleasure in the people
and adorns the poor with victory.
- ⁵ Let the faithful rejoice in triumph;
let them sing for joy on their beds.

Silence

Song: In God Alone

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace,
In God my peace and joy.
Only in God my soul can find rest,
Find its rest and peace.

¹¹ In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, ¹² so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. ¹³ In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; ¹⁴ this is the pledge of our inheritance toward redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory.

¹⁵ I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason ¹⁶ I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers, ¹⁷ that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, ¹⁸ so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may perceive what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, ¹⁹ and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. ²⁰ God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, ²¹ far above all rule and authority and power and dominion and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. ²² And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, ²³ which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

Silence

Song: In the Lord

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful,
In the Lord I will rejoice,
Look to God, do not be afraid;
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.
Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

²⁰ Then [Jesus] looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

²¹ “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

²² “Blessed are you when people hate you and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³ Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven, for that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.

²⁴ “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

²⁵ “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

²⁶ “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

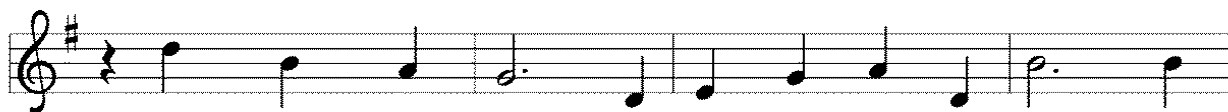
²⁷ “But I say to you who are listening: Love your enemies; do good to those who hate you; ²⁸ bless those who curse you; pray for those who mistreat you. ²⁹ If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also, and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰ Give to everyone who asks of you, and if anyone takes away what is yours, do not ask for it back again. ³¹ Do to others as you would have them do to you.”

Long Silence

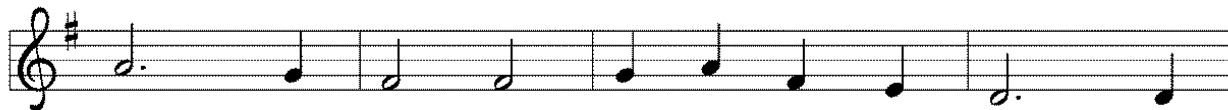
HYMN 422

“For All the Saints”

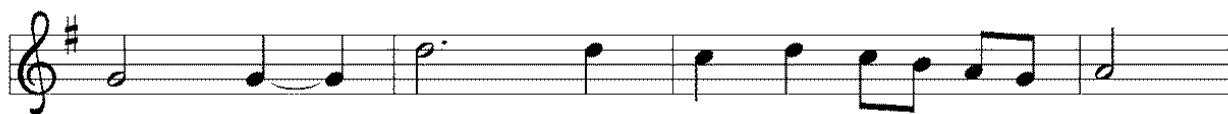
During the hymn you are invited to come forward, light a candle in memory of a sainted loved one, and place it in one of the trays of sand on the altar.



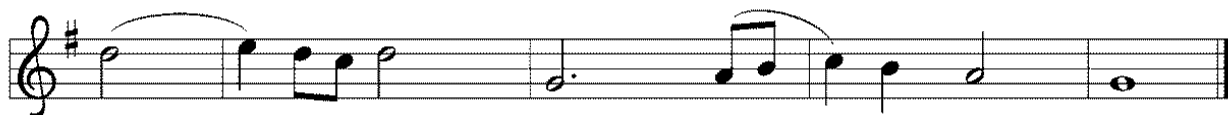
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



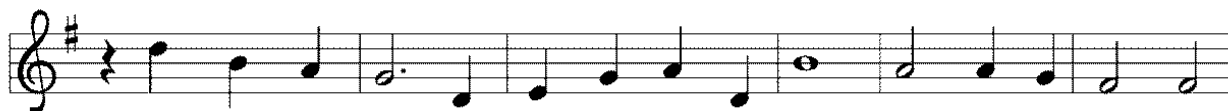
thee by faith be-fore the world con-fessed, thy
Lord, their cap-tain in the well-fought fight; ..
saints tri-um-phant rise in bright ar-ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count-less host, ..



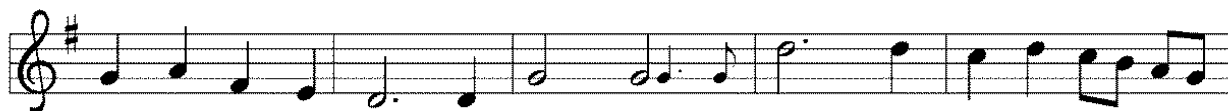
name, O Je-sus, be for-ev-er blest.
thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
King of glo-ry pass-es on his way.
sing-ing to Fa-ther, Son, and Ho-ly Ghost:



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



3 Oh, blest com-mu-nion, fel-low-ship di-vine, we fee-bly strug-gle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, steals on the ear the
5 The gold-en eve-ning bright-ens in the west; soon, soon to faith-ful



they in glo-ry shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
dis-tant tri-umph song, and hearts are brave a-gain and arms are
ser-vants com-eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par-a-dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.

Intercessions (Response: Your mercy is great.)

Gathered with one voice, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

God of all that is, delight in the praises of your people and revive the spirit of your church. Move through us with boldness so that we proclaim the gospel of Christ throughout the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of the beginning, give us the courage to advocate for environmental policy that will ensure a viable future for generations to come. Restore desolate places to health and flourishing. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of all our days, guide the leaders of governments, nations, municipalities, and all those seeking office. Accompany election officials and volunteers. Dismantle injustice and oppression wherever it is found. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

God of comfort in troubled times, we pray for those in need of protection and care. Trusting that you are constant in mercy, protect those who seek safety and solace. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: God of time and space, we give thanks for the faithful departed *Jamie Atkinson, Robert G. Bogart, Pastor Joanne Bond, Conrad J. Brooks, Anne Mae Curtis, Anthony DeLucia, Richard Ericson, Dorothy Galea, George V. Garone, Jr., Lucy Gilliam Gill, Beverly Hanna, Walter Johnston, Virginia “Ginny” Kacin, Robert Kelly, Audrey McLaughlin, John McNally, Catherine Moonis, Conrad Pohlman, Marilyn Poggenburg, Dee Reichert, Leroy Schwen, John Charles Stark, Sandra Joan Starke, Lloyd J. Sutherland, Catherine Waldron.* Sustain us in hope of our eternal unity in Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Pastor: We offer these and all our prayers to you, O God, trusting in your grace and unyielding love; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

SHARING OF PEACE

THE HOLY COMMUNION

The Lord be with you.

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 our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ.

And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he (+) who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy, mighty, and merciful Lord,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

In great love you sent to us Jesus, your Son,
who reached out to heal the sick and suffering,
who preached good news to the poor,
and who, on the cross, opened his arms to all.
In the night in which he was betrayed,
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it for all to drink, saying:
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore, his death, resurrection, and ascension,
we await his coming in glory.

Pour out upon us the Spirit of your love, O Lord,
and unite the wills of all who share this heavenly food,
the body and blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord;
to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
be all honor and glory, now and forever.
Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

There is a place for you at the table of God.
Come, receive the food that does not perish,
a taste of life eternal.
Thanks be to God.

AGNUS DEI



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Please sit

THE DISTRIBUTION

Gluten-free wafers are available. When you come forward, please let your Communion Minister know if you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer.

COMMUNION HYMN 472

“Eat This Bread”

Refrain

“Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev - er be hun - gry.
OR Je - sus Christ, bread of life, those who come to you will not hun - ger.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.”
Je - sus Christ, ris - en Lord, those who trust in you will not thirst.

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Please stand as you are able

BLESSING

Prayer

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. **Amen.**

Song: Jesus Remember Me

Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.
Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Icons

Icons contribute to the beauty of worship. They are like windows open on the realities of the Kingdom of God, making them present in our prayer on earth. Although icons are images, they are not simply illustrations or decorations. They are symbols of the incarnation, a presence which offers to the eyes the spiritual message that the Word addresses to the ears.

Silence

At times prayer becomes silent. Peaceful communion with God can do without words. “I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother.” Remaining silent, we trust and hope in God. Silence makes us ready for new meeting with God. In silence, God’s word can reach the hidden corners of our hearts.

Meditative Singing

Singing is one of the most essential elements of worship. Short songs, repeated again and again, give it a meditative character. Meditative singing thus becomes a way of listening to God. It allows everyone to take part in a time of prayer together and to remain together in attentive waiting on God. To open the gates of trust in God, nothing can replace the beauty of human voices united in song.

The Taizé Community

Taizé is a tiny village hidden away in the hills of Burgundy, in the eastern part of France not far from the town of Cluny. Since 1940 it has been the home of an ecumenical community of brothers whose prayer, three times each day, is at the center of their life. Today, Taizé is a place to which visitors of all ages and backgrounds come on pilgrimage, to participate in international meetings of prayer and reflection.

Brother Roger first came to the village of Taizé in 1940, at the age of twenty-five. He dreamt of starting a community “on account of Christ and the Gospel,” and he chose to do so in an area, in those years, strongly marked by human distress. It was wartime, and his house became a place of welcome for refugees, especially Jews, fleeing from the Nazi occupation. After living alone for two years he was joined by his first brother, and in 1940, when there were seven of them, they committed themselves, for life, to celibacy and to life together. Year after year, other brothers make the same monastic commitments.

At first, the community was made up of brothers from different Protestant denominations. Today it includes many Catholics as well. By its very nature Taizé is an ecumenical community. It is also international. Its eighty or so brothers come from some twenty different countries throughout the world.

Taizé’s vocation is to strive for communion among all. From its beginnings, the community has worked for reconciliation among Christians split apart into different denominations. However, the brothers do not view reconciliation among Christians as the end in itself; it concerns all of humanity, since it makes the Church a place of communion for all.

THE PARISH COUNCIL

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Sunday Schedule	9:30am In person	The Holy Eucharist
	and Live stream via YouTube	
Sunday school N3 – Grade 5	9:30am In person	
Monday Schedule	7:30pm In person	The Holy Eucharist



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OUR MISSION

The mission of Abiding Presence Lutheran Church, a spiritual home centered in Christ and community, is to share Jesus' love in our words and in our works as we welcome all to the family of God.