



ALL SAINTS

P R E S B Y T E R I A N

Lord, we joyfully come together to worship realizing we need not summon you into our midst, for you are here. We need not call you into the secret places of our hearts, for you are there. But we do need our eyes of faith to be opened, that we may see you; our ears to be unstopped, that we may hear you; our minds to be sensitive, that we may know you; our hearts to be tender, that we may receive you. Grant each one a blessing, O Lord, as each has need, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord we ask.

Sunday Schedule

10:00 Worship

Welcome to worship at All Saints! We are really glad to have you with us for worship today. Whether you have been a Christian for many years, are trying to sort out what the Christian faith is all about, or are just here as a favor to your friend, we're thrilled to have you as our guest.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

September 13, 2020 | Fifteenth Sunday after Pentecost

Matthew 28:5-7

Call to Worship

The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay. Then go quickly and tell his disciples: 'He has risen from the dead and is going ahead of you into Galilee. There you will see him.'"

Brothers and sisters: Christ is risen! Let us worship the Risen Lord!

COME, PEOPLE OF THE RISEN KING

KEITH & KRISTYN GETTY, 2008



1. Come, peo - ple of the ris - en King, who de - light to bring him praise.
2. Come, those whose joy is morn - ing sun, and those weep - ing through the night.
3. Come, young and old from ev - 'ry land, men and wo - men of the faith.



Come all, and tune your hearts to sing to the Morn - ing Star of grace.
Come, those who tell of bat - tles won, and those strug - gling in the fight.
Come, those with full or emp - ty hands, find the rich - es of his grace.



From the shift - ing sha - dows of the earth we will lift our eyes to him,
For his per - fect love will nev - er change, and his mer - cies nev - er cease,
O - ver all the world his peo - ple sing, shore to shore, we hear them call



where stead - y arms of mer - cy reach to — ga - ther child - ren in.
but fol - low us through all our days with the cer - tain hope of peace.
the Truth that cries through ev - 'ry age "Our — God is All in All."

Refrain



Re - joice! Re - joice! Let ev - 'ry tongue re - joice! — One heart,



one voice, — O Church of Christ, re - joice!

Nicene Creed

The Creed

The Nicene Creed is one of the most famous and influential creeds in the history of the church because it settled the question of how Christians can worship one God and also claim that this God is three persons.

It was also the first creed to obtain universal authority in the church, and it improved the language of the Apostles' Creed by including more specific statements about the divinity of Christ and the Holy Spirit.

What we call the Nicene Creed is actually the product of two ecumenical councils—one in Nicaea (present-day Iznik, Turkey) in AD 325, and one in Constantinople (now Istanbul) in AD 381—and a century of debate over the nature of the relationship between the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Christian, what do you believe?

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 the 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 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 the living and the dead; whose kingdom shall 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 worshipped and glorified; who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. I acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins; and I look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Opening Prayer

ONE CHURCH, ONE FAITH

EDWARD H. PLUMPTRE, 1889



1. Your hand, O God, has gui - ded your church from age to age;
2. Your her - alds brought the gos - pel to the_ great - est and the least;
3. Your mer - cy nev - er fails_ us, or_ leaves your work un - done;



the tale of love is writ - ten for us on ev - 'ry page.
they sum - moned men and wo - men to share the great King's feast.
with your right hand to help_ us, the vic - t'ry shall be won.



Our fath - ers knew your good - ness and we your works re - cord;
And this was all_ their teach - ing in ev' - ry deed and word,
And then, by all_ cre - a - tion, your name shall be a - dored;



and each of these bear wit - ness: One church, one faith, one Lord
to all a - like pro - claim - ing: One church, one faith, one Lord.
with earth and hea - ven sing - ing: One church, one faith, one Lord



One church, one faith, one Lord of life; one Fa - ther, one Spir - it, one Christ.



One church, one faith, one Lord of life; One heav - en - ly King, Lord of all.

Confession of Sin

The heart is deceitful above all things, and desperately sick;
who can understand it?

Jeremiah 17:10

But I will give them an undivided heart and put a new spirit in them;
I will remove from them their heart of stone and give them a heart of flesh.

Ezekiel 11:19-20

**Holy Father, Son, and Spirit,
we confess our hearts are unruly.
Though you have renewed them,
they still lead us astray.
Forgive us Lord for all the evil we have done,
and the good we have failed to do.**

(You are invited to confess your sins silently.)

SPIRIT OF GOD, WHO DWELLS WITHIN MY HEART

GEORGE CROLY, 1867



1. Spir - it of God, who dwells with - in my heart,
2. Did you not bid us love you, God and King,
3. Teach me to love you as your an - gels love,



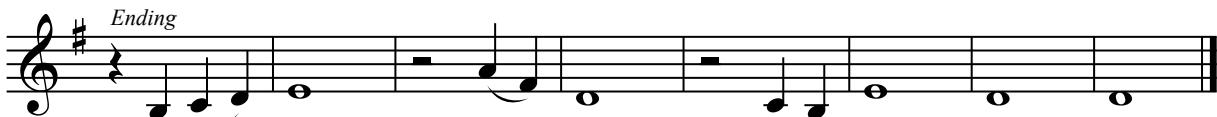
wean it from sin, through all its puls - es move.
love you with all our heart and strength and mind?
one ho - ly pas - sion fill - ing all my frame:



Stoop to my weak - ness, might - y as you are,
I see the cross, there teach my heart to cling.
the full - ness of the heav'n de - scend - ed Dove;



and make me love you as I ought to love.
O let me seek you and O let me find!
my heart an al - tar, and your love the flame.



A - men, A - men. A - men. A - men.

Assurance of Pardon

Hebrews 10:19-25

Therefore, brothers and sisters, since we have confidence to enter the Most Holy Place by the blood of Jesus, by a new and living way opened for us through the curtain, that is, his body, and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us draw near to God with a sincere heart and with the full assurance that faith brings, having our hearts sprinkled to cleanse us from a guilty conscience and having our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

Passing of the Peace

As recipients of God's grace, we gladly receive peace from him. In response to his grace, we also extend that grace to one another.

Prayers for the Church and World

Almighty God, we pray for your church throughout the world, that it may be filled with truth and love, and be found without fault at the day of your coming.

(Please silently add your prayers)

We pray for the persecuted church, that she may persevere through suffering; and for the persecutors, that you would turn their hearts.

(Please silently add your prayers)

We pray for our President, Congress, Courts, and for all in positions of authority and public service, that their governance would be according to your will, and that it would further justice and peace on earth.

(Please silently add your prayers)

We pray for all those who are struggling to believe, that the Savior would draw them to himself.

(Please silently add your prayers)

We pray for all those who minister to the sick, that you would give them strength and skill; and for those who are ill, prosper the means made use of for their cure.

(Please silently add your prayers)

Increase, O God, the spirit of neighborliness among us, that in peril we may uphold one another, in suffering tend to one another, and in homelessness, loneliness, or exile befriend one another. Grant us brave and enduring hearts that we may love one another, until the disciplines and testing of these days are ended, and you again give peace in our time; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Offering

The offering is part of our regular worship. Our hope is that all gifts offered will come from an understanding that we give because God first gave to us, and that every penny will be carefully and thoughtfully invested in cultivating faith in Jesus Christ.

Offering

To give online, visit our website, allsaintspca.org/give. Or you can text GIVE to 208-591-8044 and follow the instructions that are texted in reply.

Nehemiah 4:1-23

Ezra-Nehemiah: Restore,
Revive, Reform

Sermon

When Sanballat heard that we were rebuilding the wall, he became angry and was greatly incensed. He ridiculed the Jews, 2 and in the presence of his associates and the army of Samaria, he said, “What are those feeble Jews doing? Will they restore their wall? Will they offer sacrifices? Will they finish in a day? Can they bring the stones back to life from those heaps of rubble—burned as they are?” 3 Tobiah the Ammonite, who was at his side, said, “What they are building—if even a fox climbed up on it, he would break down their wall of stones!”

4 Hear us, O our God, for we are despised. Turn their insults back on their own heads. Give them over as plunder in a land of captivity. 5 Do not cover up their guilt or blot out their sins from your sight, for they have thrown insults in the face of the builders.

6 So we rebuilt the wall till all of it reached half its height, for the people worked with all their heart. 7 But when Sanballat, Tobiah, the Arabs, the Ammonites and the men of Ashdod heard that the repairs to Jerusalem’s walls had gone ahead and that the gaps were being closed, they were very angry. 8 They all plotted together to come and fight against Jerusalem and stir up trouble against it. 9 But we prayed to our God and posted a guard day and night to meet this threat. 10 Meanwhile, the people in Judah said, “The strength of the laborers is giving out, and there is so much rubble that we cannot rebuild the wall.” 11 Also our enemies said, “Before they know it or see us, we will be right there among them and will kill them and put an end to the work.” 12 Then the Jews who lived near them came and told us ten times over, “Wherever you turn, they will attack us.”

13 Therefore I stationed some of the people behind the lowest points of the wall at the exposed places, posting them by families, with their swords, spears and bows. 14 After I looked things over, I stood up and said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “Don’t be afraid of them. Remember the Lord, who is great and awesome, and fight for your brothers, your sons and your daughters, your wives and your homes.”

15 When our enemies heard that we were aware of their plot and that God had frustrated it, we all returned to the wall, each to his own work. 16 From that day on, half of my men did the work, while the other half were equipped with spears, shields, bows and armor. The officers posted themselves behind all the people of Judah 17 who were building the wall. Those who carried materials did their work with one hand and held a weapon in the other, 18 and each of the builders wore his sword at his side as he worked. But the man who sounded the trumpet stayed with me.

19 Then I said to the nobles, the officials and the rest of the people, “The work is extensive and spread out, and we are widely separated from each other along the wall. 20 Wherever you hear the sound of the trumpet, join us there. Our God will fight for us!” 21 So we continued the work with half the men holding spears, from the first light of dawn till the stars came out. 22 At that time I also said to the people, “Have every man and his helper stay inside Jerusalem at night, so they can serve us as guards by night and workmen by day.” 23 Neither I nor my brothers nor my men nor the guards with me took off our clothes; each had his weapon, even when he went for water.

The Lord's Supper

The Lord's Supper, also called the Eucharist or Communion, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all baptized followers of Jesus Christ who acknowledge their sins against God and their neighbors, and confess their need for the grace of Christ to partake of this meal. If you are a Christian and haven't been baptized, please talk with one of our pastors. We would be honored to baptize you.

The Lord be with you.

And with your spirit.

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 him thanks and praise.

Father, as grain that was scattered on the hillside was gathered together and made into one loaf, so too, we, your people, scattered throughout the world, are gathered together around your table and become one.

We rejoice that the grave could not hold your Son, and that he has conquered death, risen to rule over all powers of this earth. We praise you that he summons us into new life, to follow him with joy and gladness.

Father, give us Jesus. Let this world pass away, but give us Jesus, in all his fullness. Amen.

Communion

Please pick up your communion cups on the entry table. The bread is gluten-free. The grape juice is white and wine red.

Just as the climax of all history will be the Wedding Supper of the Lamb, we conclude our worship in the presence of God by feasting. The Spirit takes the common elements of bread and wine and feeds us spiritually with the body and blood of Jesus, for our nourishment and growth in grace, and so strengthens us to be sent out into the world as God's agents of his generous hospitality.

I'D RATHER HAVE JESUS

RHEA F. MILLER, 1922



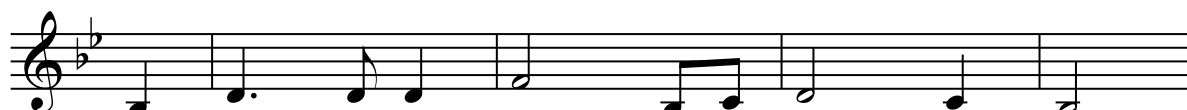
1. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than sil - ver or gold;
 2. I'd rath - er have Je - sus than men's ap - plause;
 3. He's fair - er than lil - ies of rar - est — bloom;



I'd rath - er be his than have rich - es un - told;
 I'd rath - er be faith - ful to his — dear cause;
 he's sweet - er than hon - ey from out of the comb;



I'd rath - er have Je - sus than hous - es or lands.
 I'd rath - er have Je - sus than world - wide fame.
 he's all that my hun - ger - ing spir - it — needs.



I'd rath - er be led by his nail - pierced hand
 I'd rath - er be true to his ho - ly name
 I'd rath - er have Jesus and — let him lead.

Refrain



Than to be the king of a vast do - main or be held in



sin's dread sway. — I'd rath - er have Je - sus than



an - y - thing this world af - fords to - day. —

DOXOLOGY

THOMAS KEN, 1674



Praise God ___ from whom all bless - ings flow.




Praise him, ___ all crea - tures here ___ be - low.



Praise him ___ a - bove, ye heav - en - ly host.



Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



Praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.

Benediction and Sending

Therefore, go forth and serve the world as those who love our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.
Thanks be to God!

May you be blessed,
whose strength is in the LORD.
May you go from strength to strength
till you appear before God in the heavenly city. Amen.

Psalm 84:5,7