



The Worship of God

November 1, 2020

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Eleven O'Clock

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

PRELUDE: Cantilena

Georg Goltermann

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CALL TO WORSHIP

Love circles around, joining hands, linking hearts;
Flowing from parent to child, from friend to friend to friend;
From one beloved to another.
Love circles around, never giving up, always reaching out.
Love circles around, and God's love embraces all. Thanks be to God!

THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

CHORAL RESPONSE: "Pie Jesu"

Andrew Lloyd Webber

*Pie Jesu, Qui tollis peccata mundi; Dona eis requiem. Agnus Dei, Qui tollis peccata mundi;
Dona eis requiem. Sempiternam requiem.*

Lord, have mercy, You who take away the sins of the world; Grant them peace. Lamb of
God, You who take away the sins of the world; Grant them peace. Peace everlasting.

THE MEMORIAL SERVICE

THE HOMILY

THE NAMING OF OUR BELOVED SAINTS

*Jane Abbott
Chorey Collins*

*Ed Astin
Anne Crane
Audrey Scarboro*

*Hazel Ayscue
Marie Price*

THE KINDLING OF THE FLAMES

*After the candles have been lit in memory of these friends, the votives placed by
members of the church in memory of loved ones will be lit. You are invited to light one or
more candles in memory of loved ones from your circle of friends or family, especially if the
death has occurred during the past year. You are also invited to light candles for persons
who died years ago, but whose memory is still bright for you.*

HANDBELL MEDITATION: Ave Maria

J.S.Bach/Gonoud/translated Artis Freeman

MEDITATION

THE EPISTLE LESSON:

Revelation 7:9-17

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

ANTHEM: "Requiem"

Eliza Gilkyson/arr. Craig Hella Johnson

Mother Mary, full of grace, awaken. All our homes are gone, our loved ones taken, taken by the sea. Mother Mary, calm our fears, have mercy. Drowning in a sea of tears, have mercy. Hear our mournful plea. Our world has been shaken. We wander our homelands forsaken. In the dark night of the soul bring some comfort to us all. Oh, Mother Mary, come and carry us in your embrace that our sorrows may be faced. Mary, fill the glass to overflowing, illuminate the path where we are going. Have mercy on us all. In funeral fires burning, each flame to your mystery returning. In the dark night of the soul, your shattered dreamers, make them whole. Oh Mother Mary find us where we've fallen out of grace, lead us to a higher place. In the dark night of the soul, our broken hearts you can make whole. Oh Mother Mary, come and carry us in your embrace. Let us see your gentle face, Mary.

PROCLAMATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON:

Matthew 5:1-12

SERMON:

"For All the Saints"

Dr. Wright

OFFERTORY OPPORTUNITY AND PRAYER

This morning we give thanks for all of the people who bless our lives in so many ways.

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of unconditional love, we measure our love against yours: your love is vulnerable, helpless as a new-born babe, but our love is often cautious and well defended; Your love is offered humbly, but we often seek to impress with our devotions; Your love is free while ours often comes with strings attached. Forgive us, O God, and teach us to love as you love; through Jesus Christ. *silence*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

As we celebrate communion together, you are invited to have something to eat and drink, whatever represents for you the body and blood of Christ. The minister will invite you to eat in memory of Christ's body broken for you and to drink in memory of Christ's blood shed for you.

HYMN:

"For All the Saints"

SINE NOMINE

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

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!

AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth;
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into Hell; the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

POSTLUDE: Basse et Dessus de Trompette

Louis Clérambault

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Amy Shortt
Minister of Music

Sarah Summers
Soprano

Diana Kirkpatrick
Organist

Erica Timmerman
Alto

Jacob McCain
Tenor

Jackson Baldwin
Baritone/Bass

Dianne Bulluck

Handbells
Casey Macanka

Elizabeth Edwards

Spencer Edwards

Cornelia Singletary