

Feast of All Saints
Sunday, November 7, 2021
Living Faith Lutheran Church, Davis Bay, BC

Preservice Music/Welcome/Announcements

GATHERING

Gathering Song #422 ‘For All the Saints’, vv. 1-4

Apostolic Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the companionship of the Holy Spirit, be with you all. **And also with you.**

Prayer of the Day

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 faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

First Lesson Isaiah 25:6-9

Word of God. Word of Life.

Second Lesson Revelation 21:1-6a

Word of God. Word of Life

Holy Gospel

*The response to announcement of the Gospel is “Glory to you, O Lord”
The response at the end of the reading is “Praise to you, O Christ”*

*The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.***

Hymn #422 “For All the Saints” vv. 5-7

Sermon

Hymn of the Day #429 “Give Thanks for Saints”

Let us affirm our faith together.

**We believe in God, Creator of the universe,
dwelling forever beyond time and space.**

We believe in Jesus Christ who came to live amongst us and let us see what God is like.

We believe in the Holy Spirit sent from God through Jesus, to be our guide and comforter.

Therefore we believe in love, in hope, compassion, joy and faith, and forgiveness beyond eternal life.

Thanksgiving for Saints

Individual candles will be lit, the light taken and passed on from the Paschal Candle, symbol of the new life given to Christ and promised to us. When all the candles are burning, the presider prays:

O God of the pilgrim's way, we give thanks for those in generations past who have been examples for us of God's love at work in the world. As we pray, we know that we are surrounded by this great, rejoicing cloud of witnesses. Yet even as we name these holy ancestors, we thank you for those others whose names we never knew or have forgotten, who showed us the meaning of life in Christ.

*A recitation of the names of saints from the past and present will be read by the Presider (see list below). After each name is spoken, all are asked to respond aloud with the word "**Present.**" When that list of names is completed, the presider will say "For these, we give thanks."*

Then members of the community, whether in the worship space in the church building or at homes are invited to speak the names of their loved ones who have died recently or long ago. After the last name is spoken, the Presider will say

*"For these who are the blessed, we give thank for who they are. . . (and all will say). . . **Present.***

*Martyred for the faith

*Paul of Tarsus, 65

Mary Magdalene

Augustine, Bishop of Hippo, 430

Gwen Hawkins, June 22, 2021

Patrick, Bishop, Missionary to Ireland, 464

David, Son of Jesse

Martin Luther, 1546

Francis of Assisi, 1226

Mary, Mother of Jesus

Walter Ratke, August 27, 2021

*Oscar Romero, Archbishop of El Salvador

Sarah and Abraham

Ignatius of Antioch, 177

John Milton

*Dietrich Bonhoeffer, 1945

Johann Sebastian Bach, 1750

Karsten Haukaas, November 1, 2020

Simon Peter, 65

John Donne

Ernesto Cardenal, priest and poet from Nicaragua

Teresa of Avila, 1582

Victims of mass shootings at churches, mosques and synagogues

Indigenous children who died and were buried

on the grounds of Residential schools across Canada

For these we give thanks.

And now, we remember all of those saints known to us and loved by us who have died--whose names we speak aloud or silently in our hearts. . . .

The Rite of Remembrance will then conclude with the presider saying,

*“For these who are the blessed, we give thanks for they are. . .**PRESENT!***

After the candles are extinguished, we will share the peace.

Sharing of the Peace

A musical reflection is played while the gifts are brought forward and the table is set

Offering Prayer

Merciful God, **as grains of wheat scattered upon the hills were gathered together to become one bread, so let your church be gathered together from the ends of the earth into your kingdom, for yours is the glory through Jesus Christ, now and forever. Amen.**

MEAL

Great Thanksgiving

God is with you. **And also with you.**
Lift your hearts to heaven. **We lift them up to God.**
Let us give thanks to our gracious God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving over the blessings received from the creation

O God before time. . .

Remembering his death, we speak "Amen". **Amen.**
Celebrating his resurrection, we cry out "Amen". **Amen.**
Trusting his presence in every time and place, we whisper "Amen". **Amen.**

Come, Holy Spirit. . .

O God before time, O God at the end: Glory and praise, blessing and worship, honour and power and might be to you, forever and ever. Amen.

With saints of every age and time and place, we pray together as Jesus taught us
Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

Fraction The gifts of God for the saints of God. **Thanks be to God.**

Invitation to the meal

Come to the banquet table where Christ gives himself as food for the journey.

Song before distribution #518 "We Eat the Bread of Teaching"

Prayer after the Meal

O God, our life, our strength, our food, **we give you thanks for sustaining us with the body and blood of your Son. By your Holy Spirit, enliven us to be his body in the world, that more and more we will give you praise and serve your earth and its many peoples, through Jesus Christ, the Perfector of the Saints. Amen.**

Blessing

May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made,
who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service,
give you reason to rejoice and be glad! And the blessing of God,
Sovereign, ✠ Saviour, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn: #423 "Shall We Gather at the River"

Postlude

Dismissal

God has made us saints and called us to live as saints.
Let us rejoice and be glad. **Thanks be to God. Hallelujah!**