

# St. John's Lutheran Church

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All Saints' Day



**PRELUDE: "For All the Saints"**

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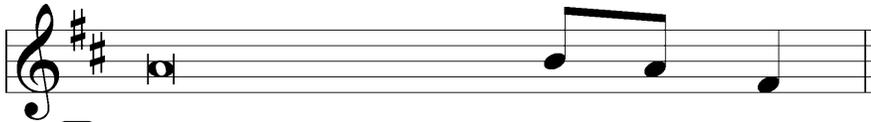
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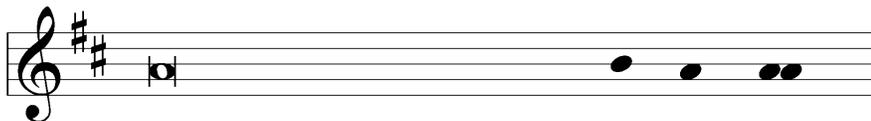
**OPENING VERSICLES**



**L** O Lord, o - pen my lips,



**C** and my mouth will de - clare Your praise.



**L** Make haste, O God, to de - liv - er me;



**C** make haste to help me, O Lord.



**C** Glo-ry be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spir - it;



as it was in the be - gin - ning, is now, and will be for - ev - er. A - men.



*Common:* Praise to You, O Christ. Al - le - lu - ia.

## PHOS HILARON

sung by the Choir

*Joyous light of glory:  
of the immortal Father;  
heavenly, holy, blessed Jesus Christ.  
We have come to the setting of the sun,  
and we look to the evening light.  
We sing to God, the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit:  
You are worthy of being praised  
with pure voices forever.  
O Son of God, O Giver of life:  
the universe proclaims Your glory.*

## THANKSGIVING FOR LIGHT

**L** We praise and thank you, O God, for You are without beginning and without end. Through Christ You are the creator and preserver of the whole world; but above all, You are His God and Father, the giver of the Spirit, and the ruler of all that is, seen and unseen. You made the day for the works of light and the night for the refreshment of our weakness. O loving Lord and source of all that is good, mercifully accept our evening sacrifice of praise. As you have conducted us through the day and brought us to night's beginning, keep us now in Christ; grant us a peaceful evening and a night free from sin; and at the end bring us to everlasting life through Christ our Lord. Through Him we offer glory, honor, and worship to You in the Holy Spirit now and always and forever and ever.

**C** Amen.

*Sit*

## PSALMODY

### PSALM 141:1-4, 8



**C** Let my prayer rise be - fore You as in - cense,



the lift - ing up of my hands as the eve - ning sac - ri - fice.

*Choir: O Lord, I call to you; come to me quickly; hear my voice when I cry to you.*



*Choir: Set a watch before my mouth, O Lord, and guard the door of my lips. Let not my mouth incline to any evil thing; let me not be occupied in wickedness with evildoers.*

*But my eyes are turned to you, O God; in you I take refuge. Strip me not of my life.*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*



## PSALM 110

*Antiphon: I beheld a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, standing before the throne.*



from the womb of the morning the dew of your youth | will be yours.

**The LORD has sworn and will not | change his mind,\***

**“You are a priest forever after the order of Mel- | chizedek.”**

The Lord is at your | right hand;\*

he will shatter kings on the day | of his wrath.

**He will execute judgment among the nations, filling them with | corpses;\***

**he will shatter chiefs over the | wide earth.**

He will drink from the brook | by the way;\*

therefore he will lift | up his head.

**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.

*Antiphon: I beheld a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, standing before the throne.*

## **PSALM 111**

sung by the Choir

*Antiphon: And all the angels were standing around the throne, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God.*

*Praise the LORD! I will give thanks to the LORD with my whole heart, in the company of the upright, in the congregation.*

*Great are the works of the LORD, studied by all who delight in them.*

*Full of splendor and majesty is his work, and his righteousness endures forever.*

*He has caused his wondrous works to be remembered; the LORD is gracious and merciful.*

*He provides food for those who fear him; he remembers his covenant forever.*

*He has shown his people the power of his works, in giving them the inheritance of the nations.*

*The works of his hands are faithful and just; all his precepts are trustworthy; they are established forever and ever, to be performed with faithfulness and uprightness.*

*He sent redemption to his people; he has commanded his covenant forever. Holy and awesome is his name!*

*The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom; all those who practice it have a good understanding. His praise endures forever!*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*Antiphon: And all the angels were standing around the throne, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God.*

## PSALM 112

sung by the Choir

*Antiphon: By your blood, O Lord God, you have redeemed us from every tribe and language and people and nation, and have made us a kingdom to our God.*

*Praise the LORD! Blessed is the man who fears the LORD, who greatly delights in his commandments!*

*His offspring will be mighty in the land; the generation of the upright will be blessed.*

*Wealth and riches are in his house, and his righteousness endures forever.*

*Light dawns in the darkness for the upright; he is gracious, merciful, and righteous.*

*It is well with the man who deals generously and lends; who conducts his affairs with justice.*

*For the righteous will never be moved; he will be remembered forever.*

*He is not afraid of bad news; his heart is firm, trusting in the LORD.*

*His heart is steady; he will not be afraid, until he looks in triumph on his adversaries.*

*He has distributed freely; he has given to the poor; his righteousness endures forever; his horn is exalted in honor.*

*The wicked man sees it and is angry; he gnashes his teeth and melts away; the desire of the wicked will perish!*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

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## PSALM 113

*Antiphon: Praise the Lord, all his chosen ones; keep joyful feast days and give thanks to him.*



Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,\*  
praise the name | of the LORD!

**Blessèd be the name | of the LORD\***  
**from this time forth and for- | evermore!**

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\*  
the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

**The LORD is high above all | nations,\*  
and his glory above the | heavens!**

Who is like the | LORD our God,\*  
who is seat- | ed on high,  
**who | looks far down\***

**on the heavens | and the earth?**

He raises the poor | from the dust\*  
and lifts the needy from the | ash heap,  
**to make them sit with | princes,\*  
with the princes of his | people.**

He gives the barren wo- | man a home,\*  
making her the joyous mother of children. | 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.

*Antiphon: Praise the Lord, all his chosen ones; keep joyful feast days and give thanks to him.*

## **PSALM 116:10-19**

sung by the Choir

*Antiphon: This is a hymn for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him; this is honor for all his godly ones.*

*I believed, even when I spoke, "I am greatly afflicted";*

*I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."*

*What shall I render to the LORD for all his benefits to me?*

*I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the LORD,*

*I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people.*

*Precious in the sight of the LORD is the death of his saints.*

*O LORD, I am your servant; I am your servant, the son of your maidservant. You have loosed my bonds.*

*I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving and call on the name of the LORD.*

*I will pay my vows to the LORD in the presence of all his people,*

*in the courts of the house of the LORD, in your midst, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD!*

*Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;*

*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen*

*Antiphon: This is a hymn for all his saints, for the people of Israel who are near to him; this is honor for all his godly ones.*

*Stand*

## LESSON

## Revelation 7:2-17

Then I saw another angel ascending from the rising of the sun, with the seal of the living God, and he called with a loud voice to the four angels who had been given power to harm earth and sea, saying, “Do not harm the earth or the sea or the trees, until we have sealed the servants of our God on their foreheads.” And I heard the number of the sealed, 144,000, sealed from every tribe of the sons of Israel: 12,000 from the tribe of Judah were sealed, 12,000 from the tribe of Reuben, 12,000 from the tribe of Gad, 12,000 from the tribe of Asher, 12,000 from the tribe of Naphtali, 12,000 from the tribe of Manasseh, 12,000 from the tribe of Simeon, 12,000 from the tribe of Levi, 12,000 from the tribe of Issachar, 12,000 from the tribe of Zebulun, 12,000 from the tribe of Joseph, 12,000 from the tribe of Benjamin were sealed.

After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying, “Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?” I said to him, “Sir, you know.” And he said to me, “These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. “Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

**L**O Lord, have mercy upon us.

**C**Thanks be to God.

*Sit*

## SERMON

**RESPONSE:** “Oh, How Blest Are Ye Whose Toils Are Ended” sung by the Choir

*Oh, how blest are ye whose toils are ended,  
Who through death have unto God ascended!  
Ye have arisen  
From the cares which keep us still in prison.*

*We are still as in a dungeon living,  
Still oppressed with sorrow and misgiving;  
Our undertakings  
Are but toils and troubles and heart-breakings.*

*Ye meanwhile are in your chambers sleeping,  
Quiet, and set free from all our weeping;  
No cross or sadness  
There can hinder your untroubled gladness.*

*Christ has wiped away your tears forever;  
Ye have that for which we still endeavor;  
To you are chanted  
Songs that ne'er to mortal ears were granted.*

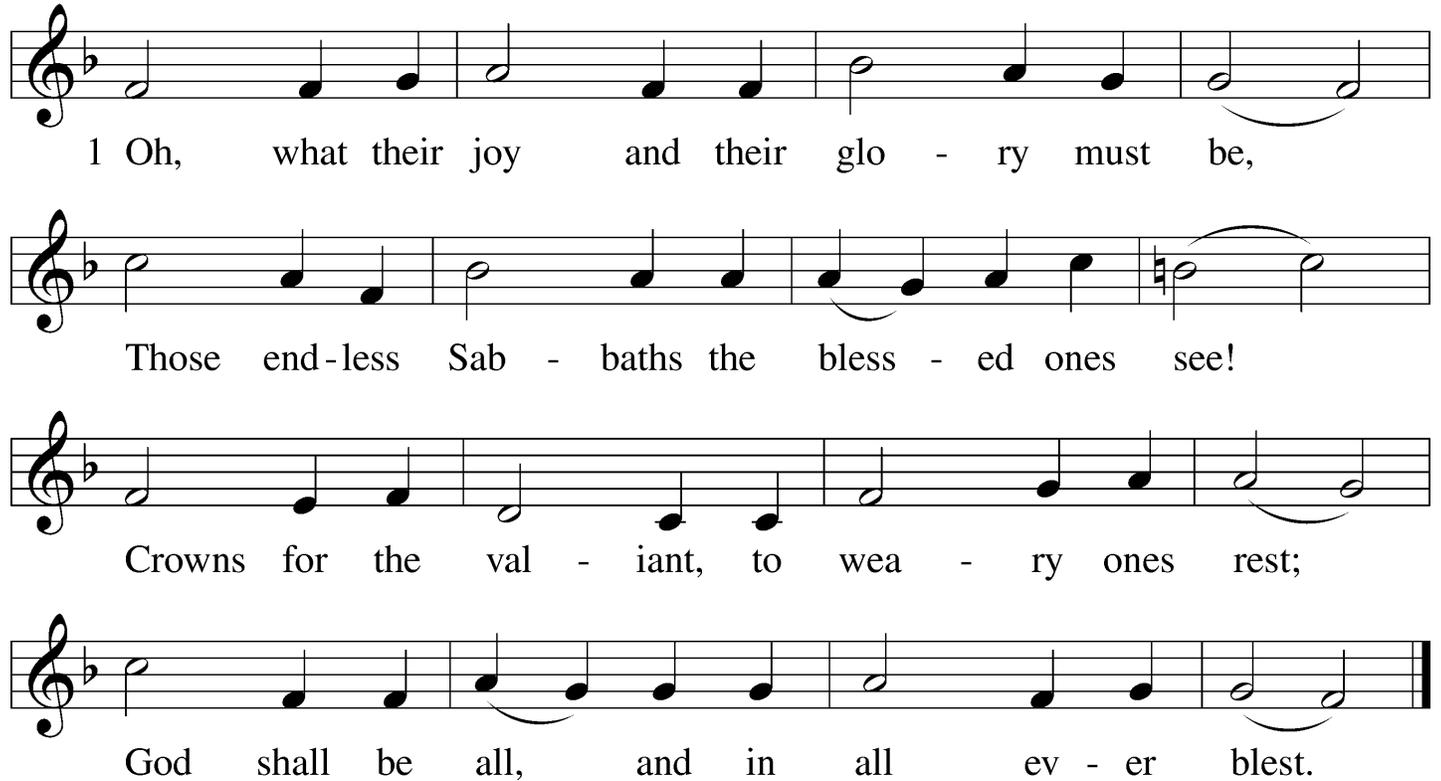
*Ah, who would, then, not depart with gladness  
To inherit heaven for earthly sadness?  
Who here would languish  
Longer in bewailing and in anguish?*

*Come, O Christ, and loose the chains that bind us:  
Lead us forth and cast this world behind us.  
With Thee, the Anointed,  
Finds the soul its joy and rest appointed.*

*- Simon Dach, 1605-69  
Tr. Samuel Longfellow, 1807-82, alt.*

*Stand*

## HYMN: "Oh, What Their Joy"



The image shows the musical notation for the hymn "Oh, What Their Joy". It consists of four staves of music in a single system, each with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat (B-flat). The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff begins with a '1' indicating the first verse. The music is written in a simple, melodic style with various note values and rests.

1 Oh, what their joy and their glo - ry must be,  
Those end-less Sab - baths the bless - ed ones see!  
Crowns for the val - iant, to wea - ry ones rest;  
God shall be all, and in all ev - er blest.

- 2 What are the Monarch, His court, and His throne?  
What are the peace and the joy that they own?  
O that the blest ones, who in it have share,  
All that they feel could as fully declare.
- 3 Truly Jerusalem name we that shore,  
"Vision of peace," that brings joy evermore.  
Wish and fulfillment can severed be ne'er,  
Nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.
- 4 There, where no troubles distraction can bring,  
We the sweet anthems of Zion shall sing,  
While for Thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise  
Thy blessed people eternally raise.
- 5 There dawns no Sabbath, no Sabbath is o'er,  
Those Sabbath-keepers have one evermore;  
One and unending is that triumph-song  
Which to the angels and us shall belong.

6 Now in the meanwhile, with hearts raised on high,  
We for that country must yearn and must sigh;  
Seeking Jerusalem, dear native land,  
Through our long exile on Babylon's strand.

7 Low before Him with our praises we fall,  
Of Whom, and in Whom, and through Whom are all:  
Of Whom, the Father; and in Whom, the Son;  
Through whom, the Spirit, with them ever One.

*Choir: Let the godly exult in glory; let them sing for joy upon their beds.*

## **MAGNIFICAT**

sung by the Choir  
Setting by Frank Henry Shera

*Antiphon: O how glorious is the kingdom where all the saints rejoice with  
Christ; clothed in white robes, they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.*

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, and my spirit hath rejoiced in God, my Savior.  
For He hath regarded the low estate of His handmaiden.  
For, behold, from henceforth, all generations shall call me blessed.  
For He that is mighty hath done to me great things, and holy is His name.  
And His mercy is on them that fear Him from generation to generation.  
He hath showed strength with His arm; He hath scattered the proud in the imag-  
ination of their hearts.  
He hath put down the mighty from their seats and exalted them of low degree.  
He hath filled the hungry with good things, and the rich He hath sent empty  
away.  
He hath holpen His servant Israel in remembrance of His mercy, as He spake to  
our fathers, to Abraham, and to his seed forever.  
Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.*

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# PRAYER

## KYRIE



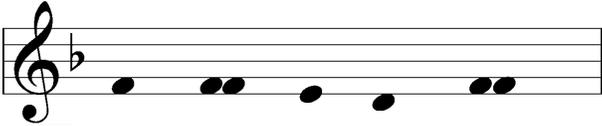
**C** Lord, have mer-cy; Christ, have mer-cy; Lord, have mer-cy.

## LORD'S PRAYER

sung by the Choir

*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.*

## SALUTATION AND COLLECTS



**L** O Lord, hear my prayer.



**C** And let my cry come to You.



**P** Let us pray.

**L** 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.

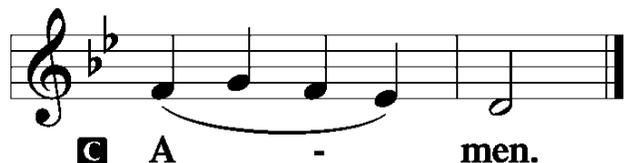


**C** A - men.

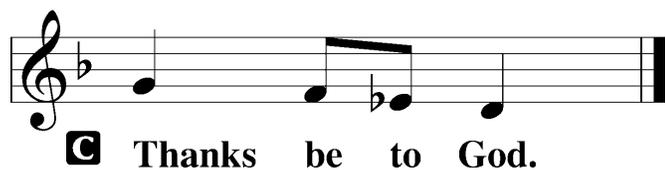
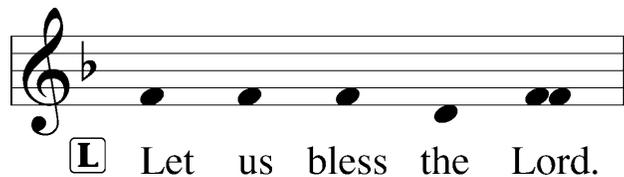
*Choir: Grant peace, we pray, in mercy, Lord;  
Peace in our time, O send us!  
For there is none on earth ut You,  
None other to defend us.  
You only Lord, can fight for us. Amen*

*Peace be within your walls, and security within your towers.*

**[L]** O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



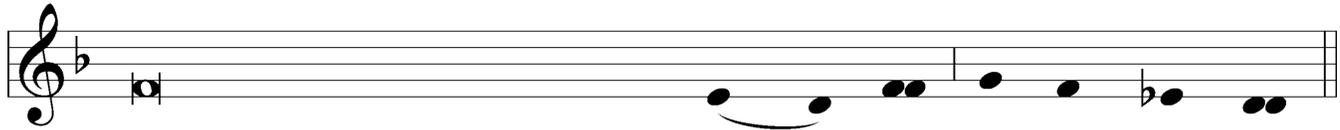
## **BENEDICAMUS**



# BENEDICTION



**L** The grace of our Lord † Je - sus Christ and the love of God



and the communion of the Holy Spir - it be with us all.



**C** A - men.

# TE DEUM: "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"



1 Ho - ly God, we praise Thy name; Lord of all, we  
 2 Hark! The glad ce - les - tial hymn An - gel choirs a -  
 3 Lo, the a - pos - tles' ho - ly train Join Thy sa - cred



bow be - fore Thee. All on earth Thy scep - ter claim,  
 above are rais - ing; Cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim,  
 name to hal - low; Proph - ets swell the glad re - frain,



All in heav'n a - bove a - dore Thee. In - fi - nite Thy  
 In un - ceas - ing cho - rus prais - ing, Fill the heav'ns with  
 And the white - robed mar - tyrs fol - low, And from morn to



vast do - main, Ev - er - last - ing is Thy reign.  
 sweet ac - cord: Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord!  
 set of sun Through the Church the song goes on.

- 4 Holy Father, holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, three we name Thee;  
Though in essence only one,  
Undivided God we claim Thee  
And, adoring, bend the knee  
While we own the mystery.
- 5 Thou art King of Glory, Christ;  
Son of God, yet born of Mary.  
For us sinners sacrificed,  
As to death a Tributary,  
First to break the bars of death,  
Thou hast opened heav'n to faith.
- 6 From Thy high celestial home,  
Judge of all, again returning,  
We believe that Thou shalt come  
On that final judgment morning,  
When Thy voice shall shake the earth  
And the startled dead come forth.
- 7 Spare Thy people, Lord, we pray,  
By a thousand snares surrounded;  
Keep us without sin today,  
Never let us be confounded.  
Lo, I put my trust in Thee;  
Never, Lord, abandon me.

**POSTLUDE: "Te Deum"**

Max Reger

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