

# Order of Service: The Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost

## All Saints' Day – November 1, 2020

**Prelude** *When in Our Music God is Glorified*

Charles V. Stanford arr. Mark Hayes  
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

We call out the names of the saints whose lives are lights for our journey.

*(The saints included in our prayers are named by participants in our Thursday Worship and Bible Study, which observes the Episcopal Calendar of Saints named in Great Cloud of Witnesses. All these saints have been raised up in our Sunday worship or in Thursday worship during the pandemic.)*

We call out the names of the saints of St. Luke's who have gone home to God since the last All Saints' Day.

*Valerie Butcher, Eunice Collins, Tula Guzman, Robert Hatch, John Eaton Kuster, Miguel Mascorro Fregoso, Javier Murakami, Nancy McCarthy, Kenneth Gordon Shelton, Enid Whitter, The Rev. A. LeRoy Young*

We call out the names of the 1.19 million saints who have gone home to God as a result of the COVID-19 Pandemic.

*(Please unmute and offer the names of those known to you who have died as a result of COVID-19.)*

We call out the names of the saints beloved to us who have gone home to God.

*(As we join the New Orleans Jazz Band in *When the Saints Go Marchin' In*, please offer, in Chat or on Facebook Live Comment, the names of those you love who have gone home to God.)*

**Video** – *When the Saint Go Marchin' In*

May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

### Opening Acclamation

*Celebrant* Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

*People* **Glory to God forever and ever.**

*Celebrant* There is one Body and one Spirit;

*People* **There is one hope in God's call to us;**

*Celebrant* One Lord, one Faith, one Baptism;

*People* **One God and Father of all.**

### Collect of the Day *(people muted)*

*Celebrant* God be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Celebrant* Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love

you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

**Hymn** *For all the saints, who from their labors rest*  
(Mute your device and sing loudly and joyfully)

Sine Nomine



1 For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might:\_\_\_  
3 O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,\_\_\_  
4 O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!\_\_\_



thee\_\_\_ by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy  
thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well - fought fight;\_\_\_  
fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and  
We feeble - ly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet



Name, O\_\_\_ Je - sus, be for ev - er blessed.  
thou, in the dark - ness drear, the one true Light.  
win, with\_\_\_ them, the vic - tor's crown of gold.  
all are\_\_\_ one in thee, for all are thine.



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

**A Reading** *Revelation 7:9-17 (people muted)*

A reading from the Book of Revelation.

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "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, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people. **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm Taste and See** (people muted but singing the refrain loudly and joyfully)

(The Psalm appointed for All Saints' Day is Psalm 34, which begins "I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. I will glory in the Lord;")

**REFRAIN:**

Taste and see. Taste and see the good - ness  
of the Lord. O Taste and see. Taste and  
see the good - ness of the Lord. **Fine**

**Sung by soloist:**

I will bless the Lord at all times.  
His praise shall always be on my lips;  
My soul shall glory in the Lord;  
For He has been so good to me. **(refrain)**

Worship the Lord all you people.  
You'll want for nothing if you ask.  
Taste and see that God is good;  
in Him we need put all our trust. **(refrain)**

Glorify the Lord with me.  
Together let us all praise His name.  
I called the Lord and He answered me; from all  
my troubles He set me free. **(refrain)**

**The Gospel** *Matthew 5:1-12* (people muted)

*Celebrant* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according to Matthew.

*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

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

**Anthem** *How lovely are the messengers*

Felix Mendelssohn

How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace,  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace,  
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words,  
Throughout all the lands their glad tidings.  
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.

**The Sermon** *(people muted)*

The Rev. Jane Gould

*Silence follows the sermon.*

**Music** *Be Thou My Vision*

arr. David S. Abramsky  
George Bullock, Cello & Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano

**Affirmation of Faith: Baptismal Covenant**

*(Please unmute your device to offer your responses.)*

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Father?

*People* **I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in Jesus Christ, the Son of God?

*People* **I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.**

*Celebrant* Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

*People* **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.**

*Celebrant* Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of the bread, and in the prayers?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you proclaim by word and example the Good News of God in Christ?

*People* **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant* Will you cherish the wondrous works of God, and protect the beauty and integrity of all creation?

*People*            **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*        Will you seek and serve Christ in all persons, loving your neighbor as yourself?  
*People*            **I will, with God's help.**

*Celebrant*        Will you strive for justice and peace among all people, and respect the dignity of every human being?  
*People*            **I will, with God's help.**

## **Pledge Video**

### **Anthem** *Marchin' with the Saints*

Traditional Spiritual arr. Patti Drennan

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,  
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marchin' in.

Let me tell you it makes me love ev'rybody  
It makes me love ev'rybody  
It makes me love ev'rybody  
It's good enough for me.

Oh, when the sun begins to shine,  
Oh, when the sun begins to shine,  
Oh, Lord I want to be in that number,  
When the sun begins to shine.

Oh, when the saints go marchin' in,  
Oh, when the saints go marchin' in  
Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number,  
When the saints go marchin's in.

Give me that old time religion,  
Give me that old time religion,  
Give me that old time religion,  
It's good enough for me

Give me that old religion!

## **The Prayers of the People**

*The Leader and People pray responsively.*

Gracious God, you call us into the community of the church, as your early followers came "together and had all things in common" so may your church today be faithful to our Baptismal promises and become the beloved community that is your dream.

You declare, "Behold I make all things new." **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Life-giving God, You directed your followers to "Go therefore and make disciples of all nations." Inspire us to live into our vocation as Christians using our voices and votes to ensure that those whom we elect and those who serve in government are motivated to create abundance for all people and Your creation.

You declare, "Behold I make all things new." **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Creator God, You gave humankind the responsibility to care for all creation. In the midst of these trying times, apocalyptic visions feel all too real as we witness fire and flood; sickness and suffering; discord, division, and death; protest, prejudice, and pandemic; systemic injustice and structural sin. Fill us with courage and creativity to repair our world.

You declare, "Behold I make all things new." **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Merciful God, look with compassion on our city of Long Beach and our County of Los Angeles. Give us courage and commitment to be beacons of light as we offer our time and talent to the weaving together of our community so that all people live with dignity. Help us to follow your way of love as we "pursue social and spiritual transformation."

You declare, "Behold I make all things new." **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Loving God, You command your followers to "Love one another as you love us." Open our eyes, hearts, and lives to all those who are in any need or trouble. Hear now the names of those for whom we pray:

*Please offer your own prayers either silently or aloud.*

You declare, "Behold I make all things new." **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

Holy God, You promise to "make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines... and to swallow up death forever." We remember all those who have died of the Corona Virus, due to acts of violence, as a result of loneliness or neglect. We ask your blessing upon our loved ones who have died remembering especially....

*Please offer your own prayers either silently or aloud.*

You declare, "Behold I make all things new." **May we be partners in Your new creation.**

### **Concluding Collect**

"God of our weary years, God of our silent tears" give us the fortitude to make "good trouble" as we partner with You to "create a new heaven and a new earth." Hear our sorrows and struggles as well as hopes and dreams as we join You in building Your beloved community. **Amen.**

### **Confession and Absolution**

*Celebrant* Let us confess our sins to God.

*People* **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**Anthem** *Turn my heart to you*

Nancy Raabe  
Blair Webb, Soloist

Turn my heart to you, turn my heart to you,  
Turn my heart to you, Lord Jesus.  
Turn my heart to you, create my life anew.  
Turn my heart to you, O God.

Lead us in your light, lead us in your light,  
Turn our heart to you, Lord Jesus.  
Lead us in your light, show us what is right.  
Turn our hearts to you, O God.

Make me free from sin, make me free from sin,  
Turn my heart to you, Lord Jesus.  
Make me free from sin, make me free from sin,  
Turn my heart to you, O God.

Sealed in joy by the Spirit's pow'r,  
Celebrating each new birth,  
Marked in grace by the cross's sign,  
We embrace your kingdom here on earth!

Cleansed by water's redeeming flood,  
Our salvation is assured.  
Clothed in Christ, we're one family,  
In one church, one hope, one faith, one Lord.

Turn our hearts to you, turn our hearts to you,  
Turn our hearts to you, Lord Jesus.  
Turn our hearts to you, create our lives anew.  
Turn our hearts to you, O God.

**Invitation to Spiritual Communion**

In times of loss, suffering, anxiety, and fear, Christians gather in our churches to be comforted, inspired, and healed. We come together to be fed at the Lord's Table, and as we receive the Body of Christ, we pray that we might "become what we receive." No matter what distracts, disrupts, depresses, or divides us, the bread and wine of Holy Communion unite us in the Body of Christ. Having been separated from the sacraments, our sacred space, and one another for more than 7 months, we hunger and thirst for each other, for peace, for the Body of Christ. And so, in sorrow and solidarity, we join together in the Prayer for Spiritual Communion.

**Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*(Please unmute yourself to pray together.)*

**In union, Blessed Jesus, with the faithful gathered at every altar of Your Church where Your blessed body and blood are offered, I long to offer You praise and thanksgiving. I believe that You are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. And since I cannot at this time receive communion, I pray You to come into my heart, my soul, and my mind. I unite myself to You, and embrace You with all the affections of my soul. Let nothing separate me from You; let me serve You in this life until, by Your grace, I join You in Your reign of unending peace. Amen.**

*(St. Augustine of Hippo)*

**Lord's Prayer** *(people un-muted)*

**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 for ever and ever. Amen.**  
**Blessing of Birthdays and Anniversaries**

### **The Blessing**

Remember, my friends that “Life is short. We don't have much time to gladden the hearts of those who walk this way with us. So, be swift to love and make haste to be kind.” And may the blessing of our loving, life-giving God, who created us, who lived as one of us, and who abides within and among us be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

*Source: Henri-Frédéric Amiel*

### **Announcements**

#### **The Peace**

*Celebrant*     The peace of Christ be always with you.  
*People*        **And also with you.**

**Postlude** *Soon and Very Soon*

Andrae Crouch arr. Lloyd Larson  
Dr. Gukhui Han, Piano