



Sunday, November 6, 2022

Sunday
Virtual Worship

SUNDAY VIRTUAL WORSHIP

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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GREETING and WELCOME

PRELUDE *"Shall We Gather at the River"* Robert Lowry

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Revelation 7)

I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, crying out with a loud voice:

"Salvation belongs to our "God who sits upon the throne, and to the Lamb!"

And all the angels stood round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, saying,

"Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen!"

Let us Worship God!

UNISON PRAYER

Eternal God, you have knit your people of all times and places into one communion in the mystical body of our Lord Jesus Christ. Grant us your Holy Spirit of encouragement and strength so we may persevere in our leg of the relay race of faith until such time as we join the great cloud of witnesses who cheer us on the Way. Keep us one with all who proclaim your gospel until such time as we finish our race, collapsing into your arms where you wait for us at the finish of your new creation begun in Christ, the pacesetter and perfecter of the way, the truth, and life everlasting. Amen.

***HYMN 446** *"Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"*

PRAYER of CONFESSION: Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

(Time for silent, personal confession)

SONG DURING CONFESSION *"Lord Have Mercy upon Us"*

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE of PARDON

Friends, hear the good news!

If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the living and the dead. When we were baptized in Christ Jesus, we were baptized into his death. Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of God, we too might walk in newness of life.

Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Let us give thanks unto the Lord; God's steadfast love endures forever!

PASSING of the PEACE

CHORAL ANTHEM *"Let Us Now Praise Famous Men"* R. Vaughn Williams

OFFERING/OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY *Praise God from whom all blessings flow, Praise Him all creatures here below,
Praise Him above ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

PRAYER of DEDICATION

NEW TESTAMENT LESSON Acts 20:17-38

SERMON *"Our Spiritual Legacy"*

Series: "So, Now What? – Living Faithfully After Jesus' Resurrection" The Rev. Dr. Hilary Livingston

***HYMN 526** *"For all the Saints"*

***LITANY for ALL SAINTS DAY**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.

We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth shall we return.

This you ordained when you created us, saying, "You are dust, and to dust you shall return."

**All of us go down to the dust; yet even at the grave we make our song: Alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

I am the resurrection and the life, says the Lord. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.

**Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, says the Spirit. They rest from their
labors, and their works follow them.**

AFFIRMATION of FAITH (The Apostles' Creed)

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 Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on 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 Ghost; the holy Catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

REMEMBRANCE and CANDLE LIGHTING

At the minister's prompting, the congregation is invited to remember other loved ones and friends who have died. Please come, speak their names and light a candle to celebrate the light they continue to shine in our lives.

INVITATION to the TABLE (and instructions for virtual communion)

***COMMUNION HYMN 508** *“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”*

SHARING JOYS and CONCERNS

THE PRAYER of GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you, **And also with you.**

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 God thanks and praise.**

As the prayer concludes, let us all join:

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 sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

BREAKING the BREAD – LIFTING the CUP

COMMUNION of the PEOPLE

PRAYER of COMMITMENT

CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *“How Firm a Foundation Ye Saints of the Lord”* arr. Edward Broughton

Acts 20:17-38

¹⁷ From Miletus he sent a message to Ephesus, asking the elders of the church to meet him. ¹⁸ When they came to him, he said to them: “You yourselves know how I lived among you the entire time from the first day that I set foot in Asia, ¹⁹ serving the Lord with all humility and with tears, enduring the trials that came to me through the plots of the Jews. ²⁰ I did not shrink from doing anything helpful, proclaiming the message to you and teaching you publicly and from house to house, ²¹ as I testified to both Jews and Greeks about repentance toward God and faith toward our Lord Jesus. ²² And now, as a captive to the Spirit, I am on my way to Jerusalem, not knowing what will happen to me there, ²³ except that the Holy Spirit testifies to me in every city that imprisonment and persecutions are waiting for me. ²⁴ But I do not count my life of any value to myself, if only I may finish my course and the ministry that I received from the Lord Jesus, to testify to the good news of God’s grace. ²⁵ “And now I know that none of you, among whom I have gone about proclaiming the kingdom, will ever see my face again. ²⁶ Therefore I declare to you this day that I am not responsible for the blood of any of you, ²⁷ for I did not shrink from declaring to you the whole purpose of God. ²⁸ Keep watch over yourselves and over all the flock, of which the Holy Spirit has made you overseers, to shepherd the church of God that he obtained with the blood of his own Son. ²⁹ I know that after I have gone, savage wolves will come in among you, not sparing the flock. ³⁰ Some even from your own group will come distorting the truth in order to entice the disciples to follow them. ³¹ Therefore be alert, remembering that for three years I did not cease night or day to warn everyone with tears. ³² And now I commend you to God and to the message of his grace, a message that is able to build you up and to give you the inheritance among all who are sanctified. ³³ I coveted no one’s silver or gold or clothing. ³⁴ You know for yourselves that I worked with my own hands to support myself and my companions. ³⁵ In all this I have given you an example that by such work we must support the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, for he himself said, ‘It is more blessed to give than to receive.’” ³⁶ When he had finished speaking, he knelt down with them all and prayed. ³⁷ There was much weeping among them all; they embraced Paul and kissed him, ³⁸ grieving especially because of what he had said, that they would not see him again. Then they brought him to the ship.