

All Saints Day, November 1, Year B

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Scriptures: [Scripture linked to NRSV at [Oremus Bible Browser](#)]

[Isaiah 25:6-9](#) (*A banquet on the day of the Lord's salvation*)

[Psalm 24](#) (*They will receive blessing from the God of their salvation*)

[Revelation 21:1-6a](#) (*Vision of a new heaven and a new earth*)

[John 11:32-44](#) (*Jesus raises Lazarus from death*)

Themes: Communion, Salvation, Kingdom of God, Resurrection, Saints

HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](#), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the scriptures or themes of this service.

[Come, We That Love the Lord / Marching to Zion](#) (*FESTAL SONG/MARCHING TO ZION*) Isaiah, Revelation

[For All the Saints](#) (*SINE NOMINE*) Isaiah, Psalms, Revelation, All Saints

[Jerusalem, My Happy Home](#) (*LAND OF REST*) Isaiah, Revelation

[Holy God, We Praise Your Name](#) (*GROSSER GOTT*) Revelation, All Saints

[Holy, Holy, Holy](#) (*NICAEA*) Revelation, All Saints

[I Sing a Song of the Saints of God](#) (*GRAND ISLE*) All Saints

[Lift Up Your Heads, Ye Mighty Gates](#) (*TRURO*) Psalms

[Love Divine, All Loves Excelling](#) (*BEECHER; HYFRYDOL*) Revelation, All Saints

[Now the Green Blade Riseth](#) (*NOEL NOUVELET*) John

[O Day of Peace That Dimly Shines](#) (*JERUSALEM; CANDLER*) Isaiah, Revelation

[O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing](#) (*AZMON*) Isaiah, John

[O Holy City, Seen of John](#) (*MORNING SONG*) Isaiah, Psalms

[Rejoice in God's Saints](#) (*HANOVER*) Revelation, All Saints

[Shall We Gather at the River](#) (*HANSON PLACE*) Isaiah, All Saints

[Table of Plenty \[Come to the Feast of Heaven and Earth\]](#) (*TABLE OF PLENTY*) Isaiah, Communion

ANTHEMS

E = Easy, M = Moderate, MD = Moderately Difficult

And I Saw a New Heaven – MDRevelation
Edgar Bainton
© 1956, Novello & Co., 29 0342
SATB, Organ

Fling Wide the Door – MPsalms
MACHT HOCH DIE TÜR/John Yarrington, arr.
© 1987, Augsburg Fortress, 11-2394
SATB, Keyboard, Flute, Hand Drum

For All the Saints – ME Isaiah, Psalms, Revelation
Bob Moore
© 1989, GIA Publications, G-8116
SAB, Piano

Holy God, We Praise Thy Name – M..... All Saints
GROSSER GOTT /John Ferguson, arr.
© 1988, GIA Publications, G-3167
SATB, Organ, opt. Brass

How Can I Keep From Singing? – MRevelation
HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING; WONDROUS LOVE/
Maureen Howell, arr.
© 2024, GIA Publications, G-11086
SATB, Piano, opt. Organ

Jerusalem, My Happy Home – ERevelation
LAND OF REST/Robert Benson, arr.
© 2017, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-2594-8
SATB, Piano, opt. Flute, Violin, Cello

Paradise (from *Hymnody of the Earth*) – M John
NORTHPOINT/Malcolm Dalglish, arr.
© 1995, OoliticMusic.com, Hymn #18
SSAATBB, a cappella

Saints, Are You Ready to Go? – M Rev., All Saints
Jason Max Ferdinand and Keith Kirk
© 2013, AACM Series/GIA Publications, G-8570
SATB, a cappella

Soon and Very Soon – MERevelation
Andraé Crouch/Jack Schrader, arr.
© 2013, Hope Publishing, C5825
2-Part Mixed, Piano, opt. Rhythm and Bass, Brass
(also available SATB, SAB, TTBB)

The Spring of the Water of Life – MDRevelation
Howard Goodall
© 2019, MorningStar Music, 50-0111
SATB, Organ

– CHILDREN and YOUTH CHOIRS –

Sing a Festive Song! – MPsalms
Larry E. Schultz
© 2003, Choristers Guild, CGA1013
SATB, Piano

Let All the Gates Be Opened Wide – EPsalms
Johannes Brahms/Hal H. Hopson, arr.
© 1996, Choristers Guild, CGA736
Unison/2-Part, Keyboard

Who Shall Ascend? – MEPsalms
Hank Beebe
© 1972, Pembroke Music, PC1005
2-Part (Any), Keyboard

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*My God, do not delay any longer
to make me a saint...
and until You make me a saint,
I am at least going to try
and act as if I were one.*

– THOMAS MERTON (1947), *Entering the Silence*, 1994

CALL TO WORSHIP

(Referencing "For All the Saints")

Leader: For all the saints who from their labors rest,
People: we give thanks, O God, for you were their inspiration and hope.

Leader: For all the tears that have been shed as a sign of sorrow and evidence of love,
People: we give thanks, O God, for you have wept with us.

Leader: For the hope that one day you will wipe away all tears,
People: we give thanks, O God, for you will swallow up death forever.

Leader: For all the saints who from their labors rest,
People: who thee by faith before the world confessed,

Leader: thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
People: Alleluia! Alleluia!

— Christopher C. F. Chapman*

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God saves his deepest silence for his saints.

— JOHN UPDIKE, *Midpoint*, 1969

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COLLECT (Unison)

Unbind our hearts, O God, that we may feel again after closing ourselves off to suffering and sorrow. Unbind our spirits that we may use our newfound freedom to take risks for love and justice. Unbind our minds that we may recognize the new heaven and new earth you are creating where disgrace has been taken away, mourning and crying and pain will be no more. Unbind us, Liberating God, that we may go forth from the tombs of isolation and oppression, like Lazarus, and embrace life with joy. In the name of the One who weeps with us and then sets us free from weeping, we pray. Amen.

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*They know a high road we have yet to travel.
They rest in peace and their peace is still at work.*

— HERBERT BROKERING, *More Dog Psalms*, 2008

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (Responsive)

Leader: Eternal God, Maker of heaven and earth, we give thanks for the majesty of creation.

People: The earth is yours and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it.

Leader: We give thanks for the gift of salvation, for the new world you are creating in Christ.

People: We have waited for you, that you might save us, and now we rejoice in our salvation.

Leader: We give thanks for the ways you have sustained us through a pandemic and provoked us to greater awareness of injustice.

People: You have wept with us in the midst of suffering and then called us to unbind all who are oppressed in any way.

Leader: We give thanks for the people who have inspired us.

People: For the saints of all ages, for the saints of our church, for the saints in this room now.

Leader: At this table, we give thanks for the feast you have prepared,

People: a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines.

Leader: Pour out your Spirit upon us that we may eat and drink to our fill.

People: Pour out your Spirit that we may welcome all people to this table.

Leader: Pour out your Spirit as we eat of this bread and drink of this cup, proclaiming the Lord's death until he comes.

People: For it is done! You are the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

Leader: To the thirsty, you give the water of life.

People: May we drink of this water now, trusting that if we believe, we will never be thirsty again.

**All: In the name of the One who brings us the water of life, we pray.
Amen.**

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

And now, may the God who creates a world and all who live in it create hope within your heart. May the God who wipes away tears and disgrace wipe away all that prevents you from experiencing joy. May the God who makes a home among mortals dwell with you, that you may know that you are never alone. Amen.

* Thanks to Dr. Christopher C. F. Chapman for contributing this week's liturgy.

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