

***FESTIVE EVENSONG for  
the Feast of All Saints***  
*for November 1, 2024 at 6:30 PM EST*

O P E N I N G

Entrance of the Light

Light and peace in Jesus Christ!

**Thanks be to God!**

I saw an immense crowd without number from every nation, tribe, people and language. Standing in front of the throne and of the Lamb, with them we cry out:

**Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!!**

+Hymn

88.44.88 with refrain

Tune: LASST UNS ERFREUEN (*UMH* 90)

Ye watchers and ye holy ones,  
bright seraphs, cherubim and thrones:  
raise the glad strain! Alleluia!  
Cry out dominions, principedoms, powers,  
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!!

Respond, you souls in endless rest,  
you patriarchs and prophets blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
You holy twelve, you martyrs strong,  
all saints triumphant, raise the song:  
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Alleluia!!

John Althelstan Laurie Riley (1858-1945)

+Thanksgiving for the Light

With all the saints, we praise you,  
God of all times and places,  
Continue to recreate and form us with the light of your love.  
Remembering Christ's incarnation, life, death and rising,  
we rejoice to have been born by water and the Spirit  
at the font, the womb of your Church.

**All glory be to you through Jesus Christ our risen Lord  
in the light of the life-giving love of the Holy Spirit  
now and unto ages of ages. Amen.**

OSL

## Prayer of Awareness and Assurance

God concealed in mystery and majesty,  
we stagger at the mercy  
that takes our sins as your own habitation.  
Forgive us when we are unfaithful  
in word or deed, whether aware or unaware.  
We have seen your glory and grace  
in the lives of faithful men and women  
who followed Jesus.  
Reveal yourself anew  
as we recall their kindness and courage  
so that, blessing you for their fidelity to your Way,  
we may be joined with them in faithful service and praise,  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

DTB

### *Silence*

The days are coming—it is your God who speaks—when I will establish a new Covenant. I will put my laws into your minds and write them on your hearts. I will be your God and you will be my people.

Adapted from Hebrews 8:8a, 10b *TIB*

We are a forgiven people!  
**Thanks be to God!**

## P S A L T E R

Psalm 116 *chanted to psalm tone 6*

### *Antiphon*

[I will lift up the cup of sal-vation,] \*  
and call on the Name of A-DO-NAI.

1 I love you, ADONAI, for you have heard my cry for *mercy*.\*  
2 You have listened to me; I will call on you all my *days*.  
3 The bands of Death encircled me; [the grip of the grave took hold of *me*\*],  
I was overcome with trouble and *sorrow*.

4 Then I called your Name, ADONAI-- "[I pray to you, save my *life*.\*]"  
5 You are gracious, ADONAI, and just; [you are full of *com-passion*].  
6 You pro-*tect* [the *innocent*];\*  
when I was brought low, you *saved me*.

7 Be at rest once again, my soul, for ADONAI has been good to *you*.\*  
8 You have rescued my soul from Death, my eyes from Tears, and my feet from  
[*stumbling*].  
9 I walk before you, A-DO-NAI,\*  
in the land of the *living*.

10 I believed even when I said, "I am com-plete-ly crushed,"\*  
11 and in despair said-, "No one can be *trusted*."  
12 How can I repay you, A-DO-NAI,\*  
for all your goodness to *me*.

13 [I will lift up the cup of salvation,] and call on the Name of A-DO-NAI.\*  
14 I will fulfill my vows to you in the presence of all your *people*.

15 The death of your faithful is precious in your *sight*.\*  
16 ADONAI, I am your faith-ful *one*.  
I am faithful to you alone, the child of your *fi-delity*.\*  
You have freed me from my *chains*.

17 I will offer you the sacrifice of praise, and call on the Name of A-DO-NAI.\*  
18 I will fulfill my vows to you in the presence of all your *people*,  
19 in the courts of the house of A-DO-NAI,\*  
in the midst of Jerusalem. A|le-luia!

#### *Gloria*

Glory to God: Source of all, Eternal Word and Ho-ly *Spirit*,\*  
one God, holy and bles-ed *Trinity*,  
who is now, ever was, and ever shall *be*\*  
for endless ages. A – *men*.

#### *Antiphon*

[I will lift up the cup of sal-va-tion,] \*  
and call on the Name of A-DO-NAI.  
OSL

#### *Silence*

#### W O R D

#### Scripture

Hebrews 11:32-12:2

Holy wisdom! Holy Word! **Thanks be to God!**

#### *Silence*

#### *Invitation to sharing of Words or Phrases from the Reading*

#### Reflection on the Reading

Br. Louis Serra

#### Canticle of Mary *chanted to psalm tone seven*

My soul proclaims your great-ness, *Lord*.\*

my spirit rejoices in you, my *Savior*;  
For you have looked with favor on your low-ly servant,\*  
from this day all generations will call me *blessed*.  
You the Almighty have done great things for *me*,\*  
and Holy is your *Name*.

You have mercy on those who *fear you*\*  
in every gen-er-ation.  
You have shown the strength of your *arm*;\*  
you have scattered the proud in their *con-cept*.  
You have cast the mighty from their *thrones*,\*  
you have lifted up the *lowly*.

You have filled the hungry with good *things*,\*  
and the rich have been sent a-way *empty*.  
You have come to the help of your ser-vant *Israel*,\*  
for you have remembered your promise of *mercy*  
the promise you made to our *forebears*,\*  
to Abraham and his children for *ever*.

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*:\*  
One God, now and for ever. *A-men*.

## P R A Y E R S

Kyrie

Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, O Kyrie eleison, Kyrie eleison.

*Book of Offices and Services pg 6*

Silent Prayer

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Grant, almighty God,  
that all who confess your name may be united in your truth,  
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. *Silent prayer or aloud names of people, places, or situations.*

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,  
in the ways of justice and peace;  
that we may honor one another and serve the common good.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer**. *Silent prayer or aloud.*

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation,  
that we may use its resources rightly

in the service of others and to your honor and glory.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer or aloud.*

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,  
and grant that we may serve Christ in them,  
and love one another as Christ loves us.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer or aloud.*

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;  
give them courage and hope in their troubles,  
and bring them the joy of your salvation.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer or aloud.*

We commend to your mercy all who have died,  
that your will for them may be fulfilled;  
and we pray that we may share with all your saints  
in your eternal kingdom

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.** *Silent prayer or aloud.*

We offer these prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*(may be chanted to tone 3)*

You are God: we *praise you!*\*

You are the Lord, we ac-claim you.

You are the eternal God who has cre-ated;

all creation wor-ships you.

To you, all angels, all the powers of *heaven*,\*  
Cherubim and Seraphim sing in end-less praise:  
Holy, holy, holy God of power and *might*,\*  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of a-pos-tles *praise you.*\*

The noble fellowship of pro-phets *praise you.*

The white robed army of mar-tyrs *praise you.*

Throughout the world, the holy Church *ac-claims you.*

O creator God, of majes-ty *un-bounded*,\*  
Your Chosen One, worthy of all *worship*,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and *guide*:\*  
You, Christ, reign in glory,  
The eternal Chosen One of God.\*  
When you came in the flesh *to set us free*,

You took our nature on *you*,\*  
Human child of hu-man *mother*.

To give us life, you died and broke death's *power*,\*  
Making us worthy by your bound-less *goodness*.  
You broke the chains that held us *captive*\*  
And opened wide the gates of eternal life with *you*.

Complete the work of our *sal-vation*;\*  
with grace and judgment, come and save your *people*.  
And bring us with your *saints*\*  
to live with you in God's e-ter-nal *presence*.

Selected strophes of the "Ambrosian hymn"  
Attr. to Bishop Nicetus of Remesiana, c. 335-414, OSL  
Fourth strophe, *ELLC, alt.*

### The Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours  
now and forever. Amen.

ELLC

### Collect for the Feast of All Saints

Mighty God,  
we offer you praise and thanks for your grace  
manifested in your saints, especially . . .  
*(here the names of those who have been saints to you  
may be lifted up)*  
These saints, by their lives and labors  
have shone forth as lights in the darkness.  
In worship and integrity of life,  
continue our holy communion with them,  
and by their examples,  
guide us to be mindful of what is required of us  
for our time as they have been in theirs,  
through Jesus Christ crucified and risen. **Amen.**

John Cosin, *Private Devotions 1560* (adapted)

Hymn

87.87.77; Tune: IRBY (*UMH 250*)  
(*"Once in royal David's city . . .*)

Who are these like stars appearing,  
these, before God's throne who stand?  
Each a golden crown is wearing,  
who are all this glorious band?  
Alleluia! Hark they sing,  
praising loud their heavenly King!

These are they whose hearts were riven,  
sore with woe and anguish tried,  
who in prayer full oft have striven  
with the God they glorified;  
now their painful conflict o'er,  
God has bid them weep no more.

These, like priests, have watched and waited,  
offering up to Christ their will.  
Soul and body consecrated,  
day and night they serve him still.  
Now in God's most holy place,  
blest they stand before God's face.

Theobald Henrich Schenk (1656-1727)  
Trans. France Elizabeth Cos (1812-1897)

### Closing Prayer

God, we remember those Saints who have gone before us; **We lament their passing,**

And honor their legacy. **We give thanks for all we have learned from them.**

Those who followed the Way of Christ faithfully, **We follow their example.**

Those who made mistakes along the way, **We learn from their experience.**

Those who made progress for peace, **We continue their work.**

Those who lived simply and quietly, **We are enlightened by them.**

Those who gained honor and distinction without pride, **We are humbled by them.**

Those who were martyred for their faith, **We commend them to your care.**

They have finished their work on earth, **And it lives on,**

Reverberating into our lives now As the work of Christ lives on.

May the peace of Christ continue to inspire us **To good works, humility, simplicity**  
**and peacemaking,**

As those foremothers and forefathers were inspired by him **To live in grace and love.**

**Amen**

### Commendation

In peace we will lie down and sleep.

**In the Lord alone we safely rest.**

Guide us waking, O Lord, and guard us sleeping,

**that awake we may watch with Christ,  
and asleep we may rest in peace.**

May the divine help remain with us always.

**And with those who are absent from us.**

*silence*

Into your hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit.

**For you have redeemed me,  
O Lord, O God of truth.**

Adapted from the Sarum Breviary; Psalm 4:8 and 30:5

### Canticle of Simeon (*Nunc dimittis*)

*(commonly spoken in unison or sung to psalm tone one)*

Lord, you have now set your ser-vant *free*\*

to go in peace as you have *promised*;

for these eyes of mine have seen the *Savior*\*

whom you have prepared for all the world to *see*,

a Light to en-lighten the *nations*,\*

and the glory of your peo-ple *Israel*.

ICET

Glory to you, O Trinity, most holy and *blessed*,\*

one God, now and for ever. *A-men*.

### Going Forth

May we be made strong with strength coming from God, and may we be prepared to endure everything with patience, as we joyfully give thanks to the One who enables us to share in the inheritance of the saints in light, rescuing us from the power of darkness, and transferring us to the realm of God's beloved Son.

Adapted from Colossians 1:11-13 OSL (*BOS* 180)

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with us.

With all the saints, let us bless the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**