

The Feasts of All Saints and All Souls

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from St. Gregory of Nyssa Episcopal Church in San Francisco, featuring a multi-panel icon by Mark Dukes, called "The Dancing Saints." The work was completed in December 2008.



*Beloved Companions in the Spirit -
Come as you are offering our lives
With all the saints...
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch. No matter who you are
or what you are carrying today, know you are beloved
and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith,
encourage hope, share meals, care for each other, our
neighbourhoods and for God's creation – and strive to
practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we
share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture
(The Bible) and summarized in ancient Christian
creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God,
and with our questions and doubts of how to follow
Jesus into this world.

We invite and celebrate diversity in our community
and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor,
conservative, liberal, radical, LGBTQ2IA+, straight,
evangelical, progressives, overeducated,
undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain,
doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few)...

We believe that Christ's radical love binds us together
in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of
welcome... Welcome!

*The AbbeyChurch worships, prays, plays and gathers
on the traditional lands of the ɫəkwəŋən People, known
today as the Esquimalt and Songhees Nation.*

We Gather

Opening Loop (Announcements)

Tolling of the Bells

**Welcome, Announcements and Land Acknowledgement
with ɫəkʷəŋən from elder Butch Dick**

Gathering Words

As a gathered community of disciples,
created by the hands of the Holy,
born with Divine purpose,
and bound together by the Spirit
that breaths life into all things,

**We affirm our commitment to the way of Jesus Christ,
who is The Liberator of the Oppressed,
The Bread of Heaven, God enfleshed.**

With faith, we aim to live as Christ taught us,
laboring towards liberation,
and seeking a world free of domination and control.

**We trust in God's promise to uplift the lowly
and bring the powerful down from their thrones.**

We believe the resurrecting power of Christ
cannot be overcome by evil,
but persists in all collective efforts
to make life flourish in the midst of destruction,
to birth beauty in places of death,
and to tend gently to the aches of this world.

We profess the transforming power of love.

We profess that justice is a form of love.

**We profess that we are still growing
into the mystery of love.**

**In the company of the saints who go before us,
we journey together by grace,
seeking always to unlearn**

**all that obstructs authentic relationship,
listening for the guidance of Sacred Wisdom,
And praying earnestly for the day
the Kin-dom of God is born anew.**

Until it is so, we live in hope,
for God is with us. - Rev. M Jade Kaiser, enfleshed

*During this next song,
AbbeyKids come forward to set the table.*

Opening Song: Holy Holy Holy Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinfulness thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!

All thy works shall praise thy name
in earth and sky and sea.

Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!

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Lighting of the Pascal candle

[as the candle is lit:] 'In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. The Word was with God in the beginning. Through the Word, all things were made. In the Word was life, and that life was the light of all. The light shines in the shadows, and the shadows have not overcome it.'

Poem excerpts from [AllHallowTide by Christien Gholsen](#) - chosen/read by poet-in-residence Rebecca Yeo

We Proclaim

Song of the Three Youths (Additional Daniel 3)

[voice 1] They walked about in the midst of the flames, singing hymns to God and blessing the Lord. ...then the angel of the Lord came down into the furnace to be with Azari'ah and their companions, and drove the fiery flame out of the furnace, and made the midst of the furnace like a moist whistling wind, so that the fire did not touch them at all or hurt or trouble them. They walked about in the midst of the flames, singing hymns to God and blessing the Lord. hey walked about in the midst of the flames, singing hymns to God and blessing the Lord. Then the three, as with one mouth, praised and glorified and blessed God in the furnace, saying:

[voice 2] Glory to you, Lord God of our forebears; *
you are worthy of praise; glory to you.
Glory to you for the radiance of your holy Name; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you in the splendor of your temple; *
on the throne of your majesty, glory to you.
Glory to you, seated between the Cherubim; *
we will praise you and highly exalt you for ever.
Glory to you, beholding the depths; *
in the high vault of heaven, glory to you.

[voice 3] Glorify the Lord, all you works of the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
In the firmament of God's power, glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, you angels and all powers of the Lord, *
O heavens and all waters above the heavens.
Sun and moon and stars of the sky, glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, every shower of rain and fall of dew, *
all winds and fire and heat.
Winter and summer, glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O chill and cold, *
drops of dew and flakes of snow.
Frost and cold, ice and sleet, glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O nights and days, *
O shining light and enfolding dark.
Storm clouds and thunderbolts, glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Let the earth glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O mountains and hills,
and all that grows upon the earth, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O springs of water, seas, and streams, *
O whales and all that move in the waters.
All birds of the air, glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O beasts of the wild, *
and all you flocks and herds.

[voice 1] O humans of all genders everywhere, glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Let the people of God glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
Glorify the Lord, Hanani'ah, Azari'ah, and Mish'ael *
give praise and exaltation for ever.
for God has rescued us from Hades and saved us from the hand
of death *
and delivered us from the midst of the burning fiery furnace;
from the midst of the fire God has delivered us.
Glorify the Lord, for the Lord is good *
and whose mercy endures for ever.
Bless God, all who worship the Lord, the God of gods *
sing praise to God and give thanks to God,
whose mercy endures for ever."

Bless the Lord!

Thanks be to God.

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our hearts to hear the Gospel. AbbeyKids leave for their time.

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory, glory!
Hallelujah, Hallelujah! Singing glory to the Maker,
Hallelujah!

Liz Vice/Porters Gate [Merlin] Absolute Label Services (on behalf of Integrity Music);
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The Gospel: Matthew 27: 50-56 Wil Gafney translation.

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

Jesus cried again with a loud voice and relinquished his spirit. Then, look! The curtain of the temple was torn from top to bottom in two. And the earth was shaken, and the rocks were split. And the tombs were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. Then after his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were standing guard over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, ' "Truly this man was God's Son!" Now there were many women there, from a distance watching; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had ministered to him. Among them were Mary the Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee.

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Sermon

Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC

Bell / Silence / Bell

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit
as we affirm the story of our faith.*

The Creed (Sung)

I believe in God the Maker almighty
Creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 heav'n and is seated
at the right hand of the Maker.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
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. Amen.

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Our Prayers - we 're-member'

Prayer Stations

*During this time of prayer you are invited to light a candle
for those who have been a saint in your life - or for the
prayers that need illuminating. or write their name on a
piece of paper and put it on the altar.*

The Litany of the Saints

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We a - dore you, Lord Je - sus Christ.

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For All The Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the shadows dread, their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to *Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia! Alleluia!
*or, "the Source" / Public Domain (Willaim How / Tune: Sarum).

The Peace

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

We exchange the peace with a gesture.

During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set.

You are welcomed (now, or later) to place any financial contributions to our common life in the vintage record player in the back of the worship space. Cheques can be made out to 'The Emmaus Community'.

Charitable receipts are issued if you leave us your address.

Offertory Song: A Cloud of Witnesses Around Us

A cloud of witnesses around us,
a thousand echoes from the past,
proclaim the One who freed and found us,
and leads us on, from first to last.
For such a gift, let all uplift a thousand alleluias.

A crowd, that clamors pain and anger,
prevents us from nostalgic pride;
the cries of poverty and hunger
recall us to our Savior's side.
There we entrust, to God most just, a thousand alleluias.

A throng of future shapes and shadows,
a world that may, or may not be,
names us the servants and the stewards
of all the Spirit longs to see.
In awe we bend, and onward send a thousand alleluias.

A rainbow-host of milling children,
God's varied image, from all lands,
awakes again our founding vision,
that onward, urgently expands.

Give all, give more. Let love outpour a thousand alleluias.

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We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the ever-living, ever-living
presence of Christ in the lives of all your creatures, in all of
your saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like
them, to walk the way of self-giving, that we may receive your
eternal kin-dom in Jesus, our brother, in whose name we pray.

Amen.

The Communion/Eucharist

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

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

We offer you praise O God with hearts lifted high, for in the
communion of your love, Christ comes close to us and we come
close to Christ.

Therefore with the whole realm of nature around us; with earth
sea and sky, we sing to you. With hopes and doubts, with saints
before and beside us we sing to you.

With our loved ones, separate from us now, who yet in this
mystery are close to us, we join in the song of unending praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.

+ Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

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Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth of your glory are full

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"Holy Lord," Words and Music by Steve Bell. 1998 Signpost Music.

Blessed are you and blessed is our brother Jesus who walks with us the road of our world's suffering, and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread and having blessed it, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, this is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.

Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Hear us, O God and breathe your Spirit upon us and upon this bread and wine. May they become for us your body and blood, vibrant with your life, healing, renewing and making your whole world whole.

As the bread and wine which we now eat and drink are changed into us, may we be changed again into you, bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh. May our thirst be quenched in the living water of your presence.

As grain was scattered across this land then gathered and made one in this bread so may your people scattered to the ends of the earth be gathered and made one in your love. **Amen**

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

Our Father (Mother/Source) 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.

Silence is kept.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free. It may contain dairy and/or almond flour. If you'd like a dairy or nut free option, please let the presider know. Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup, please do not dip the bread into the cup.

Communion Song: As We Gather At Your Table

As we gather at your table,
as we listen to your word,
help us know, O God, your presence;
let our hearts and minds be stirred.
Nourish us with sacred story
till we claim it as our own;
teach us through this holy banquet
how to make Love's victory known.

Turn our worship into witness
in the sacrament of life;
send us forth to love and serve you,
bring peace where there is strife.
Give us, Christ, your great compassion
to forgive as you forgave;
may we still behold your image
in the world you died to save.

Gracious Spirit, help us summon
other guests to share that feast
where triumphant Love will welcome
those who had be last and least.
There no more will envy blind us
nor will pride our peace destroy,
as we join with saints and angels
to repeat the sounding joy.

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Communion Song: Creation Calls

I have felt the wind blow - whispering Your name
I have seen your tears fall - when I watch the rain

refrain:

How could I say there is no God when all around creation calls?
A singing bird, a mighty tree - The vast expanse of open sea

Gazing at a bird in flight - soaring through the air
Lying down beneath the stars - I feel Your presence there *ref.*

I love to stand at ocean shore
& feel the thundering breakers roar
To walk through golden fields of grain
'neath endless blue, horizon's frame

Listening to a river run - Watering the earth
Fragrance of a rose in bloom - A new-born's cry at birth
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Prayer after Communion

Jesus Christ, you are the Son of the Creator. Today we became your children. Today we became your grandchildren. We will live as you have taught us. We will follow your commandments. Watch over us. Speak to us from the trees, from the grass and herbs, from the breeze, from the passing rain, from the passing thunder and the deep waters. Before us there is beauty, behind us there is beauty. Allow us to walk a long life in happiness completed in beauty. Amen.

From the Liturgy of St. John's, Red Lake, MN + Anglican Council of Indigenous Peoples'

We Are Sent

Closing Song: All Creatures Worship God Most High!

All creatures, worship God most high!
Sound every voice in earth and sky: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Sing, brother sun, in splendor bright,
sing, sister moon and stars of night:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Sing, brother wind; with clouds and rain
you grow the gifts of fruit and grain: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Dear sister water, useful, clear,
make music for your Lord to hear: Alleluia...

All who for love of God forgive,
all who in pain or sorrow grieve: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Christ bears your burdens and your fears;
still make your song amid the tears: Alleluia...

And you, most gentle sister death,
waiting to hush our final breath: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Since Christ our light has pierced your gloom, fair is the night
that leads us home. Alleluia...

O siblings we all take our part,
and worship God with humble hearts: Alleluia! Alleluia!
All creatures, bless the Source, The Son,
and Holy Spirit Three in One: Alleluia...

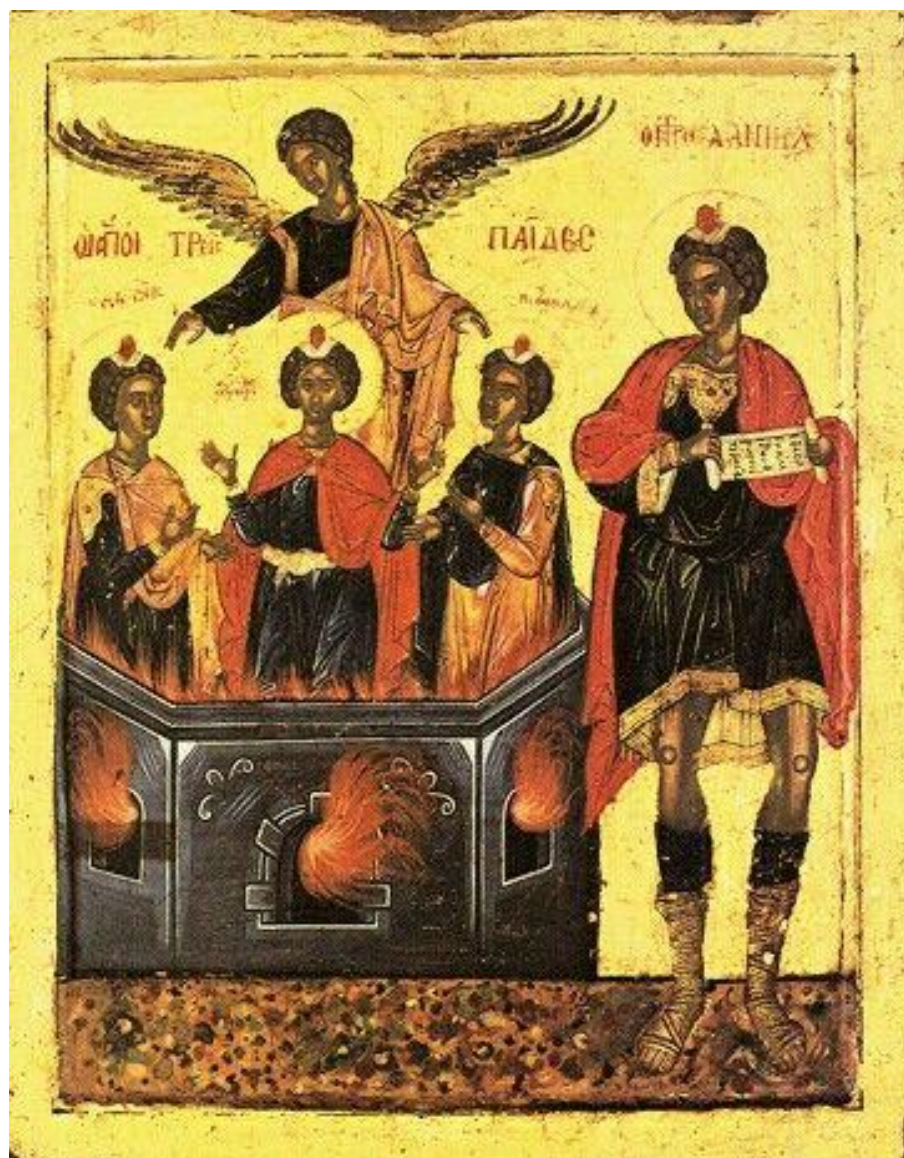
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Oh when the Saints go marching in!
Oh when the Saints go marching in!
Lord I want to be in that number!
when the Saints go marching in!

Sending

Go in peace surrounded by a cloud of witnesses.

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!





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