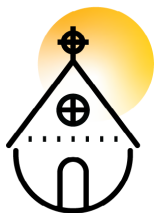


The Feast of All Saints (and Sinners)

November 5, 2023 + 4PM



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



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We Gather

Opening loop
Tolling of the bells
Welcome and Announcements

Bell x 3

Land Acknowledgement and Opening Words

[together, we say]

We gather with gratitude for the first peoples' of this land. For the Lək'əŋən people, known today as the Songhees and Esquimalt Nations - for their language and culture, for their care and ways of being in creation.

Silence is kept.

Healing God, we come to you today acknowledging that this has been a painful year. A year in which so much was lost.

A year of grief in which we, too, may have cried out the same words of Jesus: “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

And yet, we also acknowledge, Almighty God, that in our crying out, we are still calling out for you: to save us, to heal us, to provide a balm for our broken and wounded hearts.

Today we come to you for comfort and healing as we boldly proclaim together the promise of the resurrection in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Comfort us in our grief and remind us that your communion

table stretches from the church altar to the communion of saints. **Open our hearts and our lips to speak once more of your hope that always exist, always perseveres, and always conquers darkness even on our hardest of days.**

Remind us of the gift of the body of Christ, as we mourn together corporately in this place and across the conference.

Heal us Lord, so that we may be your healing hands to the world. In the name of your Son, Jesus Christ we pray.

Amen. *Written by Rev. Jessie Colwell, Alt.*

*Please rise in body or in spirit as we sing
& AbbeyKids and Teens and Leaders set the table...*

Opening Song: Gather Us In

We wait for you to testify
To hold the kingdoms to account
Your righteous justice shall not fall
All those who trust in your name

You will gather us in
You will bring, bring us home

King of all kings, lord of all lords (x2)

Sing out, sing out ye daughters of Zion
And shout aloud o Israel
Be glad, rejoice with all your heart
He has removed your punishment

You will gather us in
You will bring, bring us home

King of all kings, lord of all lords (x2)

Peter LeGrand / Ordinary Time / CCLI

The Lighting of the Paschal Candle

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
“Let there be light!”

The candle is lit.

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
“I am the Light of the world.”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,

The ones in whom God’s light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,

And let us worship God.

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, ‘Hold Fast to What Is Good,’ alt.

Poem:

Selected and read by poet-in-residence **Rebecca Yeo**

We Proclaim

The Hebrew Scripture

A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon (Wis 5:1-5)

Then the just - the righteous
will stand with great confidence
in the presence of those who have oppressed them
and those who make light of their labours.
When the unrighteous, unjust see them,
they will be shaken with dreadful fear,
and they will be amazed at the unexpected salvation
of the righteous and just.
They will speak to one another in repentance,
and in anguish of spirit they will groan,
“These are persons whom we once held in derision
and made a byword of reproach—fools that we were!
We thought that their lives were madness
and that their end was without honour.
Why have they been numbered
among the children of God?
And why is their lot among the holy ones?
Because the hope of the ungodly
is like thistledown carried by the wind
and like a light frost driven away by a storm;
it is dispersed like smoke before the wind,
and it passes like the remembrance of a guest
who stays but a day.
But the righteous and just live forever,
and their reward is with the Lord;
The Most High takes care of them.
Therefore they will receive a glorious crown
and a beautiful diadem from the hand of the Lord,
because with his right hand God will cover them,
and with God’s arm God will shield them.

...The Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God.

The Christian Scripture

A reading from the book of the book of Revelation. (7:9-17)

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 worshipped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
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 who 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 centre of the throne will be their
shepherd,

and God will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

...The word of 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.*

Gospel Acclamation

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

May the works of my hands bring you joy. X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

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The Gospel Reading

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the Gospel according to St. Matthew: (5: 1-12)

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. And 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 justice and 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 the sake of righteousness, 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.

...Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

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Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X2

May the words from my mouth speak your peace! X2

Hallelu, Hallelujah! Jesus, let your kingdom come! X4

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The Sermon

Rob Crosby-Shearer, EC

Bell / Silence for meditation / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we affirm our faith:

The Litany of the Saints

During these next songs, you are invited to come light a candle and/or place a picture to remember the saints or faithful departed in your lives.

All My Favourite People Are Broken (excerpt, pre-recorded)

Over The Rhine / Capital CMG music

We Adore You Lord Jesus Christ

(hum) We adore you Lord Jesus Christ

Musical score for the hymn "We Adore You Lord Jesus Christ". The score is in G major and 3/4 time, with a tempo marking of ♩ = 56. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: (hum) A - do - ra - mus te Do - mi - ne. We a - dore you, Lord Je - sus Christ. The piano accompaniment includes chords G, D, Em, Am, D, and G.

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Our Prayers

Chivonne Graff

The Peace

Beloved community, the peace of Christ be with you all.

And also with you

We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.

During the 'offertory' song, the table is set. Contributions to our common life can be placed in the record player in the back of the space.

Cheques made out to "The Emmaus Community." Charitable receipts will be issued if you provide your address.

Offertory: We Will Make No Peace

We will make no peace, no peace,
no peace with oppression,
we will make no peace, no peace.

Those who live by the sword will die by the sword.
We will stand against violence of every form.
We will march in the street, "No justice, no peace!"
Arm in arm with our neighbour till we all stand free.
Almighty God, help us not to be afraid.
Almighty God, give us your strength.

We will make no peace, no peace,
no peace with oppression,
we will make no peace, no peace.

We won't turn away from the pain of our brothers, cries
of our sisters, grieving of our mothers.
We won't turn away from destructive politicians,
our overflowing prisons,
corruption in our systems.
Almighty God, help us not to be afraid.
Almighty God, give us your strength.

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We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the ever-giving, 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 Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to God.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God 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: with saints and sinners, prophets and pharisees, we sing of your everlasting joy:

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

Heaven and earth are full of your glory

**Hosanna in the highest +Blessed is the one who comes
in the name of the Lord Hosanna in the highest**

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.

As beloved children of a loving parent, we pray as Jesus taught: *(said in a language, translation or paraphrase of your choice)*

Our *Father (*or Parent, or 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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and forever. Amen.

Silence.

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

*All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free but contains almond flour and dairy. Please ask the server if you would like a non-dairy/almond option. The juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup.
Please refrain from dipping the bread.*

Communion Song: Lamb of God (pre-recorded)

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Communion Song: Prayers for the Saints

Are the prayers of the saints like sweet-smelling incense,
Are the prayers of the saints like sweet-smelling incense
To your heart, to your heart? (Repeat)
Let these prayers of the saints be sweet-smelling incense,
Let these prayers of the saints be sweet-smelling incense
To your heart

Are the songs of the saints like sweet-smelling incense...

Are the lives of the saints like sweet-smelling incense....

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Communion Song: Shall We Gather at the River

Shall we gather at the river? Where bright angel feet have trod
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God

On the margin of the river washing up its silver spray
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day.

Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown.

Soon we'll reach the shining river soon our pilgrimage will cease
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

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We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion / Blessing

... and the blessing of the God of love...

Closing Song: For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labours 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 darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!
Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the king of glory passes on his way. 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 "Par-ent, Son and Holy Ghost" Walsham How (1864) Public Domain

The Sending

Go in peace surrounded by the saints of every age to love
God and seek justice. **Thanks be to God. Amen!**

*We'll be back here **next Sunday at 4 pm!**
Potluck Next Sunday after church!*



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We would love to connect!

