

Order of Worship – Sunday, November 1, 2020

ORGAN PRELUDE

Catalina Daggett

“For All the Saints” Ralph Vaughn Williams, arr. Fred Brock

OPENING PRAYER

Landes Dung

Most loving God, you have given us a great multitude of witnesses whose lives have testified to the amazing power of your Son's resurrection. By your presence among us, teach us the truth of life everlasting. Through this day for remembrance of those who have gone before us, grant us inspiration to run with perseverance the race that is set before us. Keep us on the way of truth until we, too, join in endless celebration with all your saints in splendor. In the name of Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

REMEMBERING OUR SAINTS

(Please stand as you are able, wherever you are, as we remember those who passed from among us in the last year.)

Tesimoni Felemi
Sandra Gist-Langiano
Mary Gong
Patrick Jones

Bob Mulder
Bob Moore
Jack Ribeiro

Jo Sullivan
Kathy Stacy
Satini Tautuaa

OPENING SONG

“For All the Saints”

Landes and Cassel Dung

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Allison

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Pastor Allison

Good and gracious God, we thank you for all those who have come before us, leaving a legacy of faith. Thank you for the myriad ways they modeled for us what it means to love you and love one another. We are grateful for the sacrifices they made, the gifts they shared, and the time they gave so that your gospel might be proclaimed from this place and among these people. Gracious God, the baton has now been passed to us. Grant us wisdom and discernment, unity of spirit and courage that we might continue the good work begun by others. We pray in Christ's name and for the sake of his kingdom. Amen.

We pray for those who are sick, in the hospital, recovering, or facing procedures:

We pray for those who mourn, asking for the Spirit to comfort them and remind them of the hope we have in you:

We pray for those who are traveling. See them safely home:

We celebrate with those who celebrate:

We pray for those other concerns which we lifted up to you:

And we pray for ourselves, Lord, that we may be more faithful disciples.

Now, we lift up to you our prayers, and name in the silence of our hearts what we did not speak out loud.

We pray in the powerful name of our Savior. Amen.

SERMON

“Witness”
John 1:29-42, Hebrews 12:1-2

Pastor Allison

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Pastor Allison

Christ our Lord invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Landes Dung

Searching God, we have wandered from home, gone off looking for something; some vague longing; Father, forgive us for all that spoils our lives. Forgive us because though we have seen a vision of your holiness, we have easily put it at the back of our minds. Forgive us because we think we can earn a place in your affections, and so easily forget that place has been bought for us at great cost by Christ.

Forgive us for not following the example of so many worthy saints who have gone before us. We tend to put them high on a shelf and forget to follow their lead. Forgive us our complacency, our lack of obedience to your call, and thus assure us of our forgiveness in Christ.

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor Allison

Hear the good news. Christ died for us while we were yet sinners. That proves God’s love for us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God! Amen.

COMMUNION HYMN

“Let Us Break Bread Together”

Landes & Cassell Dung

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 our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth,

God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Miriam and Moses,

God of Joshua and Deborah, God of Ruth and David,

God of the priests and the prophets, God of Mary and Joseph, God of the apostles and the martyrs,

God of our mothers and our fathers, God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ. By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection you gave birth to your Church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

When the supper was over he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said "Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me." And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you:

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Patrick Jones		

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the Pioneer and Perfector of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, All honor and glory is yours, almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

And now, with the confidence of children of God, let us pray:

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 trespasses as we forgive those who have trespassed against us. 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, BLESSING THE CUP

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

PRAYER AFTER RECEIVING

Pastor Allison

Eternal God, we give you thanks for his holy mystery in which you have given yourself to us. Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit, to give ourselves for others, in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

"Holy Ground"

Landes & Cassell Dung

OFFERING PRAYER

O God, as Jesus released Lazarus from the hands of death, may our ministry give to others the promise of new life. Accept the gifts that we offer to proclaim your love. Use our talents in ways that will set others free. May the liberating truth of Christ's gospel be heard now in the land. Amen.

BENEDICTION

Pastor Allison: Where will we go and who will we be?

All: We go out to be God's people in the world.

POSTLUDE “ Catalina Daggett
“Sing with All the Saints in Glory” Beethoven, “Ode to Joy”