

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY
November 3rd, 2024 – 8:30 AM

WELCOME



Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.

- † Preacher – Rev. Wes Smith
- † Officiant – Pr. Brian Griswold
- † Worship Leader – Earl Hem

WORSHIP

HYMN: Forever

Give thanks to the Lord, our God and King
His love endures forever
For He is good, He is above all things
His love endures forever --sing praise--sing praise
With a mighty hand and an outstretched arm
His love endures forever
For the life that's been reborn
His love endures forever
sing praise--sing praise--sing praise--sing praise

Chorus

From the rising to the setting Sun
His love endures forever
And by the grace of God, we will carry on
His love endures forever
Sing, praise --sing praise--sing praise--sing praise

Chorus

HYMN: Everything is in Your Hands

Chorus:

Everything is in your hands
Everything is in your hands
Everything is in your hands oh God

My past and my present and things yet to come
My days are in your hands each and everyone
I know you can handle any challenge that I face
You promised you'd be there every step that I take

Chorus

There is nothing to big that you aren't bigger
Remind us again Lord that you are in control
We know you can handle any challenge that we face
You promised you'd be there every step that we take.

Chorus

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CHORUS

Forever God is faithful, forever God is strong,
Forever God is with us ----forever----forever

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Prayer of the Day - Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

GOD'S HOLY WORD

FIRST READING: Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; ⁸he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken.

⁹It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.



Psalm 24

¹The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world and those who dwell therein.

²**For the LORD has founded it upon the seas and established it upon the rivers.**

³Who may ascend the mountain of the LORD, and who may stand in God's holy place?

⁴**Those of innocent hands and purity of heart, who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by what is false.**

⁵They shall receive blessing from the LORD and righteousness from the God of their salvation.

⁶**Such is the generation of those who seek you, O LORD, of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.**

⁷Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

⁸**Who is this King of glory? The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, mighty in battle!**

⁹Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O everlasting doors, that the King of glory may come in.

¹⁰**Who is this King of glory? Truly, the LORD of hosts is the King of glory.**



HOLY GOSPEL

A Reading from the Holy Gospel of John 11: 32 - 44; **Glory to You, O Lord!**

³²When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." ³³When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." ³⁵Jesus began to weep. ³⁶So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." ⁴⁰Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" ⁴¹So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴²I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me."

⁴³When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

The Gospel of the Lord...**Praise to You, Lord Jesus Christ!**

SERMON – "Lazarus, Come Out!"

Rev. Wes Smith

OFFERING & OFFERING PRAYER

Lord God, your compassion is unlimited, all that we have is yours. Receive these gifts from your bounty and grant that we may live well, love generously and seek first your kingdom on earth as in heave, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

OFFERING HYMN: In the Garden

1. I come to the garden alone, while the dew is still on the roses; and the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. **(Chorus)**
2. He speaks, and the sound of His voice is so sweet the birds hush their singing, and the melody that He gave to me within my heart is ringing. **(Chorus)**
3. I'd stay in the garden with Him, though the night around me be falling, but He bids me go; through the voice of woe, His voice to me is calling. **(Chorus)**

Chorus:

And He walks with me,
and He talks with me,
And He tells me I am His own;
and the joy we share as we tarry
there, none other has ever known.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

† We recognize those joining us via FaceBook Live, and give voice to any greetings or prayer requests submitted for our worship.

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation. *A brief silence.*

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering. Grace those from our families and community in greatest need of our prayers and your blessings. *(Please name silently or out loud)*. Abide with your faithful ones in love.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality. Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you. With all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever.

Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

THE LORDS PRAYER

CLOSING HYMN: Great Are Your Works

- 1) Your works Lord (Your works Lord)
Are Awesome (Are Awesome)
Your Power (Your Power), Is Great (x 2)

Chorus

- 2) You will Reign (You will Reign)
Forever (Forever)
In Power (In Power), You will Reign (x2)

Chorus

- 3) Because of (Because of)
Your Greatness (Your Greatness)
All the Earth (All the Earth) Will Sing (x2)

Chorus

Chorus:

Great are Your Works Lord,
Great are Your Deeds,
Awesome in Power, So Awesome to Me

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Dismissal: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Serve the Lord! **Thanks be to God.**

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