

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Today, we celebrate All Saints and remember and give thanks for the many in our lives and in the life of the church who have gone before us, pointing us always to Christ Jesus. If you are able, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances at home.

RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL LUTHERAN CHURCH



**All Saints Day
November 1, 2020
Our Common Prayer at Home**

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

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.

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

A reading from Revelation.

⁹After 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. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And 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 worshiped God, ¹²singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that 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.

¹⁵For 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.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd,
and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at:
<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20201101/playlist>

PSALM 34:1-10, 22

¹I will bless the LORD | at all times;
the praise of God shall ever be | in my mouth.

²I will glory | in the LORD;
let the lowly hear | and rejoice.

³Proclaim with me the greatness | of the LORD;
let us exalt God's | name together.

⁴I sought the LORD, who | answered me
and delivered me from | all my terrors.

⁵Look upon the LORD | and be radiant,
and let not your faces | be ashamed.

⁶I called in my affliction, and | the LORD heard me
and saved me from | all my troubles.

⁷The angel of the LORD encamps around those who | fear the LORD
and de- | livers them.

⁸Taste and see that the | LORD is good;
happy are they who take ref- | uge in God!

⁹Fear the LORD, you saints | of the LORD,
for those who fear the | LORD lack nothing.

¹⁰The lions are in want and | suffer hunger,
but those who seek the LORD lack nothing | that is good.

²²O LORD, you redeem the life | of your servants,
and those who put their trust in you will | not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from 1 John.

¹See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, the 5th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

We can hardly avoid knowing, in these days, that we are surrounded by so much death: those hurt by the coronavirus; those killed by the violence of terrorism and war; our own beloved dead. And we ourselves are often afraid. All Saints Sunday comes with these texts to speak life and comfort. With all the children of God, with all the baptized, living and dead, with our own congregation, with all the unknown and unheralded ones who in making peace and showing mercy bore witness to God — with all of them we sing to God and to the Lamb. That “Lamb,” Jesus Christ, is himself the most profound example of all the values praised in the Beatitudes. We are washed and saved in his blood. Now we will undertake again to live in the Spirit of those values: joy, mercy, simplicity. And this week, in civic responsibility, we will pray to elect public officials who themselves manifest something of that Spirit.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s All Saints sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at:

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20201101/playlist>

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20201101/playlist>

HYMN OF THE DAY #422

For All the Saints



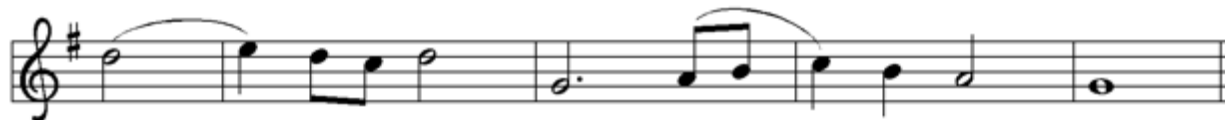
1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 on facing page.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.
King of glory passes on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

3 Oh, blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine,
 4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
 5 The gold - en eve - ning bright - ens in the west;

we fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 soon, soon to faith - ful ser - vants com - eth rest; . . .

all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain and arms are strong.
 sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the blest.

Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

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 Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872–1958
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Then pray these intercessions:

Let us remember all the saints who have served the church and the world as we offer our prayers to God, responding to each petition with the words “Save us from all our troubles.”

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who have ministered in your church. Give us now, we pray, pastors, deacons, teachers, and lay leaders who will guide your people in the way of truth. Bless our Pastor, Jonathan Linman, for his ministry during this difficult time.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who lived in communion with animals, with the earth and the seas. Bless the earth, that all creatures will live out your intention for their place in creation.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who were peacemakers. Give us now government authorities who will strive for peace between and within their nations.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who strove for equality and justice. Guide us during this election week, that those who seek the common good will be elected; protect those who vote; and preserve our nation from all forms of civil discord.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who worked to renew society. Give us now persons who will struggle against prejudice, lethargy, and evil, and will work to improve the lives of others.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who ministered to the needy. Give us now people who will care for those in need. We pray for those in need, the war-torn, the unemployed, those who experience discrimination, those who are weighed down with anxiety, and those whose needs are known only to you.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints who nursed the sick. Support physicians, nurses, and all medical staff, especially as they confront the continuing crisis of the coronavirus.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

We praise you, O God, for all the faithful who have suffered in body, mind, or spirit. Give wholeness to the sick, especially to those with the coronavirus. Send your healing power on those whose names we call out to you now: Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, David Collins, Don Hansen, Karen Huff, Jack Mulloy, Gretchen Zeltner, Jane, Angie, Kyler, Debbie, Kat, Jeanne, Russ and Don Oaks.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

We praise you, O God, for all the saints, both the famous and the forgotten, who lived in faith and now live in you. We thank you, O God, especially for those whom we name here now: Suzanne Marie Meinert Broyhill, Lucille Dornack Cooney, Wilmer Eugene Copenhaver, Beatrice Flatness, Jean Frances Root Dick, Ruth O. Englund, Ronald T Englund, George Elliott Handley, Ruth Wessels Howell, Dennis Johnson, Jeanne Catherine Lowe, Gordon Roesch and William Sutherland. Bring us at the last with them to be in your triune presence.

A brief silence.

Hear our prayer, O God,
save us from all our troubles.

Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to you, O God, forever and ever.

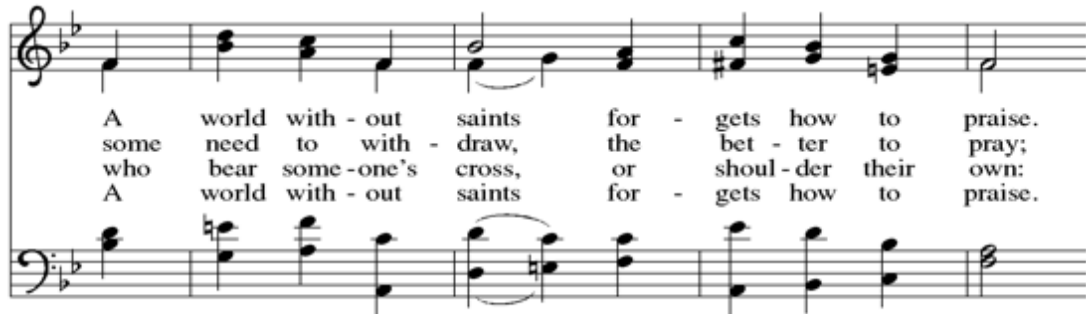
Amen.

Now read or sing the following Hymn. Accompaniment is at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20201101/playlist>


HYMN #418 Rejoice in God's Saints



1 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!
2 Some march with e - vents to turn them God's way;
3 Re - joice in those saints, un - praised and un - known,
4 Re - joice in God's saints to - day and all days!



A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.
some need to with - draw, the bet - ter to pray;
who bear some - one's cross, or shoul - der their own.
A world with - out saints for - gets how to praise.



Their faith in ac - quir - ing the hab - it of prayer,
some car - ry the gos - pel through fire and through flood:
they share our com - plain - ing, our com - forts, our cares:
In lov - ing, in liv - ing, they prove it is true:



their depth of a - dor - ing, Lord, help us to share.
our world is their par - ish, their pur - pose is God.
what pa - tience in car - ing, what cour - age is theirs!
their way of self - giv - ing, Lord, leads us to you.

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Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Glory and praise to you, O God, for your words of promise. With Abraham and Sarah, Moses and Miriam, Deborah and Elijah, Mary and Mary Magdalene, Peter and Paul, we receive your gospel of challenge and comfort. By your Spirit, equip us to serve those in need, faithfully following your Word, Jesus Christ, our Companion and Savior, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Then speak the Blessing:

Almighty God, Father, ✠ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.



We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday Matthew 5:1-12. **Tuesday**(commemoration of Martín de Porres, renewer of society, died 1639) Lamentations 2:13-17. **Wednesday** Proverbs 16:21-33. **Thursday** Psalm 70. **Friday** Amos 3:1-12. **Saturday** (commemoration of John Christian Frederick Heyer, died 1873; Bartholomaeus Ziegenbalg, died 1719; Ludwig Nommensen, died 1918; missionaries) Matthew 24:1-14. **Twenty-Third Sunday after Pentecost** Amos 5:18-24 *or* Wisdom 6:12-16; Psalm 70 *or* Wisdom 6:17-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18; Matthew 25:1-13.

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