

Call to Worship Revelation 21:3-5

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Then the one seated on the throne said, "Look! I'm making all things new."

He also said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

Prayer of Invocation

Jesus Christ, you know before we speak that as individuals and a fellowship we have said farewell too often. As we gather today to worship, we humbly request that you strengthen our memories, not only of your promises, but also of those who have inspired us. On this All Saints Day may we celebrate, not without tears and certainly not without hope, the lives from which we have been divided and with which we shall be reunited, never to be parted again. Amen.

The Word

On this mountain, the LORD of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples

a rich feast, a feast of choice wines, of select foods rich in flavor, of choice wines well refined.

He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples, the shroud enshrouding all nations.

He will swallow up death forever.

The LORD God will wipe tears from every face; he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth, for the LORD has spoken.

They will say on that day, "Look! This is our God, for whom we have waited—and he has saved us!

This is the LORD, for whom we have waited; let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"

Living the Word

Isaiah wrote about the Coming of Christ, a Messiah to save the people, 700 years before Jesus was born.

Verse 8: *"He will swallow up death forever."*

God's Plan for Humanity- The first covenant, to Abram

Genesis 15:18 *"That day the LORD cut a covenant with Abram: "To your descendants I give this land, from Egypt's river to the great Euphrates..."*

- Descendants
- The Land

War causing shame and guilt

Misunderstandings of who God was

5000 years

New Covenant in Christ

First Covenant became the Old Covenant

– no more need to live in shame and guilt

Jesus came to show us God

God: love not war, peace not shame

Acts 10:38 *"You know about Jesus of Nazareth, whom God anointed with the Holy Spirit and endowed with power. Jesus traveled around doing good and healing everyone oppressed by the devil because God was with him."*

not regrets - Christ died for your regrets – wiped away
No more tears – grief and loss,
Just remembrance –

Today's Celebration of the Saints

"For all the saints, who from their labors rest, who by their faith confessed Jesus, before the world,
Jesus name, be forever blessed. Alleluia, Alleluia!"

Think of the saints from your life who have died

Who your saints were – for who you have become

Funeral Services - their legacies

How they reflected Christ through the Fruits they produced through the Holy Spirit

Galatians 5:22-25 – *"But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. There is no law against things like this. Those who belong to Christ Jesus have crucified the self with its passions and its desires. If we live by the Spirit, let's follow the Spirit."*

In your remembrances of the saints

– were they examples of love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control?

All good comes from the Holy Spirit

Paul - 1 Corinthians 12:3 *"So I want to make it clear to you that no one says, "Jesus is cursed!" when speaking by God's Spirit, and no one can say, "Jesus is Lord," except by the Holy Spirit."*

As we allow God's Spirit to work through us...we show the fruits and others are transformed.

Today we acknowledge that Spirit part of them that still lives in you.

Ephesians 1:13-14 *"You too heard the word of truth in Christ, which is the good news of your salvation. You were sealed with the promised Holy Spirit because you believed in Christ. The Holy Spirit is the down payment on our inheritance, which is applied toward our redemption as God's own people, resulting in the honor of God's glory."*

Colossians 3, first few verses: *"Therefore, if you were raised with Christ, look for the things that are above where Christ is sitting at God's right side. Think about the things above and not things on earth. You died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God. When Christ, who is your life, is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory."*

Next Covenant – 2nd Coming – When Christ comes again

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Let us bless and share the New Covenant meal of remembrance with the saints who came before us and have made us who we are, beginning with Jesus Christ.

REMEMBRANCE

Members who have died since last All Saints Sunday:

Gary Wilson	Jon Sigafus
Carol Mott	Nancy Rainville
Gordon Brown	David Mott
Bill Vogel	David Seymour Sr.

All others who would like to remember a saint, a candle is lit in memory of each person

MEMORIAL LITURGY

This candlelight is a reminder to us of those who have died: their light from God that still shines within us.

Though we grieve the loss of their earthly presence, we acknowledge that they are still with us through God's Spirit among us.

SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION Consecration Prayer of the Saints

Holy are you, O Lord, and great is your majesty. All the saints in heaven and on earth sing their praise of your eternal glory. For in the beginning, you prepared the worlds by your holy Word, so that what is seen was made from things that are not visible. You laid out your holy plan of creation and redemption, that all who might know you would have faith, not in things seen, but in things not seen. **By faith, Noah and his family built the ark and were saved from the flood to bring forth a new generation. By faith, Enoch of old was taken straight into heaven.**

By faith, Abraham and Sarah obeyed your calling and went forth from their home to a place promised but not seen, to a family promised, but only later fulfilled. By faith, Moses brought forth your chosen people, the Israelites, from slavery into freedom and led them to your holy mountain to worship and to receive your law. **By faith, the prophets Isaiah and Jeremiah held fast to your promise of a Messiah who would come to save your people from their sin.** By faith, Mary and Joseph awaited the day of your promise, until you brought forth that savior, our Lord Jesus Christ, your only-begotten Son. **In him is the fulfillment of the faith and hope of all the saints. In him is our salvation won and your love revealed.**

On the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

In heaven and on earth, O God, the saints and angels unite around your holy altar to proclaim the mystery of faith: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

We remember and hold fast to Christ's examples of faith and life as the saints before us have done. We remember his living among outcasts and sinners, his concern for the poor, his life of prayer and worship, and his teachings about your love. **But chiefly we remember his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and his promise to come again to raise us and all the faithful departed to live together eternally in fellowship with him in his heavenly kingdom.**

Send now your Holy Spirit upon these gifts of bread and wine, that they may be the body and blood of him who is the hope and salvation of the living and the dead. Send your Holy Spirit upon us also that we might know his presence in these gifts, and through them, be united in prayer and praise with all those who have gone before us.

With this feast, join us in one holy communion of saints, one great cloud of witnesses, with St. Peter and St. Paul, with St. John and St. Mary Magdalene, and with all the blessed dead whose lives of faith in unseen things continue to inspire us, as together we lift our voices to you, O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, in eternal glory, now and forever. Amen

The Lord's Prayer