

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

Sunday, November 6, 2022

9:30 am

PRELUDE

“Rendez a Dieu”

Dennis Janzer

+ Gathering +

RINGING OF THE BELL

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING HYMN

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

Children's Choir sings verses 1 & 2. Congregation sings verses 3-5



1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

GREETING

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

And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray together.

Healing God, you healed your servant Naaman of his affliction when he came to you, through Elisha, for help. Heal our afflictions and make us faithful servants. We pray these things in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

+ Word +

THE BIBLE STORY

2 Kings 5:1-15a

In keeping with the oral tradition of scripture, the Bible Story is presented verbally. You are invited to receive the story with open ears, minds, and hearts, joining with our ancestors in faith who have received these narratives through oral storytelling for thousands of years. For those who are hard of hearing, the text is provided on pages 14-15.

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM

Psalm 30

Antiphon:

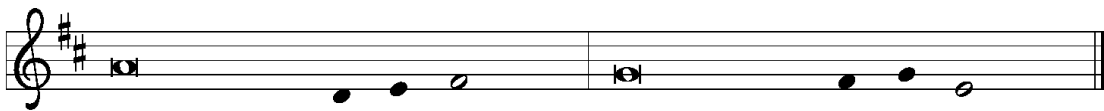


My God, I cried out to you, and you re - stored me to health.

Psalm 30:2

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Psalm Tone:



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- ¹I will exalt you, O LORD, because you have lift- | ed me up
and have not let my enemies triumph | over me.
- ²**O LORD my God, I cried | out to you,
and you restored | me to health.**
- ³You brought me up, O LORD, | from the dead;
you restored my life as I was going down | to the grave.
- ⁴**Sing praise to the LORD, | all you faithful;
give thanks in ho- | ly remembrance. Antiphon**

⁵God's wrath is short; God's favor | lasts a lifetime.
 Weeping spends the night, but joy comes | in the morning.

⁶**While I felt se- | cure, I said,**
"I shall never | be disturbed.

⁷You, LORD, with your favor, made me as strong | as the mountains."
 Then you hid your face, and I was | filled with fear.

⁸**I cried to | you, O LORD;**
I pleaded with | my Lord, saying,

⁹"What profit is there in my blood, if I go down | to the pit?
 Will the dust praise you or de- | clare your faithfulness?"

¹⁰**Hear, O LORD, and have mer- | cy upon me;**
O LORD, | be my helper." *Antiphon*

¹¹You have turned my wailing | into dancing;
 you have put off my sackcloth and clothed | me with joy.

¹²**Therefore my heart sings to you | without ceasing;**
O LORD my God, I will give you | thanks forever. *Antiphon*

SERMON

Pastor Allison Bengfort

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

THE APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
 creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
 who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 born of the virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, died, and was buried;
 he descended to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 he ascended into heaven,
 he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
 the holy catholic church,
 the communion of saints,
 the forgiveness of sins,
 the resurrection of the body,
 and the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

I invite you to assume a posture of prayer. You may sit, stand, or kneel; fold your hands or turn them upward; close your eyes or lift them to the altar.

God, we thank you that your will for us is always good
 and so much more than we would ever imagine.
 You take whatever we have and make it marvelous.

So God, we offer you our mediocrity for you to make amazing,
we offer you our stumbling for you to make sure footed,
we offer you our hesitation for you to make confident.
With all the simple gifts that you transform in us,
we go into the world to serve you.

God, we pray for all those who are constantly told that they are worthless:
may they begin to see themselves as you see them.
We pray for all those whose hopes are denied,
whose ambitions are quashed,
who are continually being put down:
may they know that in your eyes and by your will
they are loved and valued,
and may and their deepest longings become reality.

We pray too, O God, for those who feel so insecure
that they stifle the talents of others,
for those so desperate to shine that they tarnish the reputation of others,
for those who in their race to get ahead
kick dust in the eyes of those they see as competition.

God help us to look at others and see not just potential
but the greatness that you see.
May we continually lift up others so that your marvelous light may be seen.

God, we pray for those around us today
who need to be reminded of the brightness of your love for them,
who need to be dazzled by your smile and cradled in your concern
until they are able to stand once again
on the firm ground on which you've placed them
and step out in the faith that you walk with them every step of the way.

Lord God, help us today to see you and reveal you
in every simple thing and in every complex creature,
and to glorify you, God of all.

Amen.

From *Spill the Beans: Worship and Learning Resources for All Ages*, Issue 13.
Adapted by Pr. Allison Bengfort.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

You are invited to share a sign of peace with one another (wave, handshake, hug, etc.), honoring the personal boundaries of all. Those online may unmute and verbally share the peace.

+ Meal +

CULTIVATING SACRED CONNECTIONS STORY

INVITATION TO OFFERING

OFFERING

We give thanks for your ongoing support of the ministry of St. John's! Gifts may be placed in the offering plate, made in the Vanco Mobile app, or given online by scanning the QR code. Thank you for your generosity!



OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Covenant Prayer”

Karen Marroli

OFFERTORY VERSE

God, Your Blessings Overflow

God, your bless - ings o - ver - flow! What can we be - gin to
 So we join in thanks this day, So your gifts we free - ly
 4
 say? How can we be - gin to show, All our gra - ti - tude this
 share, So we foll - ow Christ the Way, Lov - ing, ser - ving ev - ery
 8
 day? God, we join to wor - ship you, Giv - ing thanks for all you do.
 where. Spi - rit, may our lives ex - press, All our dai - ly thank - ful - ness.

Text: Carolyn Winfrey Gillette

Music: DIX 777777
Conrad Kocher (1838)

OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together.
All that we have is yours, O God.
We offer you our whole selves
symbolized by these gifts lain before you.
Take them all, seen and unseen,
and use them for the building of your kingdom
here on earth, today and always.
Amen.

DIALOGUE

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

Those worshipping online are invited to raise their bread and wine along with the pastor to be blessed.

LORD'S PRAYER

**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 trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.**

INVITATION

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to commune at Christ's table! If you are online, serve yourself or those worshipping with you by saying, "The body of Christ, given for you," and, "The blood of Christ, shed for you." If you are communing in person, please proceed down the center aisle at the direction of an usher, maintaining social distancing. You may receive bread or request a gluten-free wafer. Please step forward and then remove your mask to eat in front of the altar. A glass of wine (dark colored) will be placed on the table next to you, or you may request grape juice (light colored). You may drink and then place the empty glass in the basket. Please re-mask before returning to your seat. If you would prefer to receive only a blessing, you may cross your arms across your chest to indicate this preference. If you would like to receive communion in your seat, please inform an usher, and the sacrament will be brought to you.

COMMUNION SONG

God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending (ELW 678)



- 1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:
- 2 Skills and time are ours for press - ing toward the goals of Christ, your Son:
- 3 Trea - sure, too, you have en - trust - ed, gain through pow'rs your grace con - ferred;



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,
all at peace in health and free - dom, rac - es joined, the church made one.
ours to use for home and kin - dred, and to spread the gos - pel word.



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;
Now di - rect our dai - ly la - bor, lest we strive for self a - lone;
O - pen wide our hands in shar - ing, as we heed Christ's age - less call,



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.
born with tal - ents, make us ser - vants fit to an - swer at your throne.
heal - ing, teach - ing, and re - claim - ing, serv - ing you by lov - ing all.

Text: Robert L. Edwards, 1915–2006

Music: RUSTINGTON, C. Hubert H. Parry, 1848–1918

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together.

**God of the abundant table,
you have refreshed our hearts in this meal with bread for the journey.
Give us your grace on the road
that we might serve our neighbors with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

+ **Sending** +

CULTIVATING SACRED CONNECTIONS CHILDREN'S TIME

CONNECTING SONG

Bind Us Together

Refrain

F Gm7 Am7 Dm7 Gm7

Bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er with cords that

C7 Bb/C C7 F Gm7/C F Gm7

can - not be bro - ken. Bind us to - geth - er, Lord,

Am7 Dm7 Gm7 C7 F Bb/F F

bind us to - geth - er, Lord, bind us to - geth - er in love.

F Gm7 Am7 Gm7 F

1 There is on - ly one God. There is
2 You are the fam - 'ly of God. You are the

Gm7 C7 F Bb/F F Gm7 Am7

on - ly one King. There is on - ly one Bod - y;
prom - ise di - vine. You are God's cho - sen de - sire, . . .

Gm7 F Gm7 C7 F Bb/C *Refrain*

that is why we can sing:
you are the glo - rious new wine.

BENEDICTION

God, whose breath enlivens all things, whose promise is everlasting,
and whose love overflows to all, bless you with truth and peace,
in the name of the Creator, † the Christ, and the Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

SENDING HYMN

For All the Saints (ELW 422)



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 below.
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 Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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



3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful



they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
distant triumph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
servants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the



thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.
blest.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace, confident in Christ's love.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

"Trumpet Voluntary"

John S. Dixon



ANNOUNCEMENTS

Generosity Sunday Next Weekend

As part of our Stewardship Season, we have been focusing for the past few weeks on how we connect with God, with one another, and with the world through the ministries of St. John's. In order to continue this vital work of cultivating sacred connections, we need to increase donations by \$700 per week in 2023. Our Church Council has already submitted their commitment cards, and we have a combined increase of \$84 per week from this group. Thank you, Council! You will receive a letter in the mail this week inviting you join the Council in growing in generosity next year. We hope that you will pray about this request, reflect on what St. John's means to you, and ponder how God might be calling you to more fully align your financial practices with your values. Please complete your commitment card and bring it to worship for Generosity Sunday on November 13. Thank you!

Thanksgiving Multifaith Service: Call for Singers

On Tuesday, November 22, the New Trier Multifaith Alliance will be holding a Thanksgiving service at 7:30 pm at Winnetka Congregational Church (725 Pine Street, Winnetka). All are invited to attend! They are also inviting any singers or choir members from local churches to participate in the choir for the service. There will be a rehearsal that night at 6:30 pm, followed by the service. Music can be sent out ahead of time. If you are interested, please contact Luke Duroc-Danner (luke@stjohnswilmette.com) to receive more information or to register to participate.

Lakeshore Brass in Concert

This December, St. John's will be hosting the Lakeshore Brass Ensemble for a special Christmas concert on Sunday, December 18th at 3 pm. This concert is supported by the Aylesworth Music Fund at St. John's. More information about the program and reserving seating will be coming soon!

Seeking Children's Church Volunteers

We are fortunate to have a very vibrant Sunday School program going this year, and we are looking for volunteers who would be interested in teaching or assisting with Children's Church. If you're interested, please sign up using the link in your E-news. If you would like to learn more information about the

curriculum and what a typical lesson looks like, please reach out to the Youth Ministry Team (Luke & Erin Rasmussen and Jason Shutters).

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THIS WEEK'S BIBLE STORY

2 Kings 5:1-15a

¹Naaman, commander of the army of the king of Aram, was a great man and in high favor with his master, because by him the LORD had given victory to Aram. The man, though a mighty warrior, suffered from leprosy. ²Now the Arameans on one of their raids had taken a young girl captive from the land of Israel, and she served Naaman's wife. ³She said to her mistress, "If only my lord were with the prophet who is in Samaria! He would cure him of his leprosy." ⁴So Naaman went in and told his lord just what the girl from the land of Israel had said. ⁵And the king of Aram said, "Go then, and I will send along a letter to the king of Israel."

He went, taking with him ten talents of silver, six thousand shekels of gold, and ten sets of garments. ⁶He brought the letter to the king of Israel, which read, "When this letter reaches you, know that I have sent to you my servant Naaman, that you may cure him of his leprosy." ⁷When the king of Israel read the letter, he tore his clothes and said, "Am I God, to give death or life, that this man sends word to me to cure a man of his leprosy? Just look and see how he is trying to pick a quarrel with me."

⁸But when Elisha the man of God heard that the king of Israel had torn his clothes, he sent a message to the king, "Why have you torn your clothes? Let him come to me, that he may learn that there is a prophet in Israel." ⁹So Naaman came with his horses and chariots, and halted at the entrance of Elisha's house. ¹⁰Elisha sent a messenger to him, saying, "Go, wash in the Jordan seven times, and your flesh shall be restored and you shall be clean." ¹¹But Naaman became angry and went away, saying, "I thought that for me he would surely come out, and stand and call on the name of the LORD his God, and would wave his hand over the spot, and cure the leprosy! ¹²Are not Abana and Pharpar, the rivers of Damascus, better than all the waters of Israel? Could I not wash in them, and be clean?" He turned and went away in a rage. ¹³But his servants approached and said to him, "Father, if the prophet had commanded you to do something difficult, would you not have done it? How much more, when all he said to you was, 'Wash, and be clean?'" ¹⁴So he went down and immersed himself seven times in the Jordan, according to the word of the man of God; his flesh was restored like the flesh of a young boy, and he was clean.

^{15a}Then he returned to the man of God, he and all his company; he came and stood before him and said, "Now I know that there is no God in all the earth except in Israel."

Word of God, word of Life.

Thanks be to God.