All Saints
1st November 2026

♫ Hymn (814) ♫

Thy hand, O God, has guided
Thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned Thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
Thou, Lord, didst send Thy servants,
Thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on Thy people
Thy plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave Thy work undone;
with Thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
Thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821-1891)

♫ Hymn (223) ♫

All hail the power of Jesu's name!
Let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
to crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Crown Him ye morning stars of light,
who fixed this floating ball;
now hail the Strength of Israel's might,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Crown Him ye martyrs of your God,
who from His altar call:
praise Him whose way of pain ye trod,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race,
ye ransomed of the fall,
hail Him who saves you by His grace,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget
the wormwood and the gall,
go spread your trophies at His feet,
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Let every tribe and every tongue
to Him their hearts enthral,
lift high the universal song
and crown Him, crown Him, crown Him,
crown Him Lord of all!

Edward Perronet (1726-1792) Revised John Rippon

♫ Hymn (710) ♫

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
for unending, for unbroken,
is the feast-day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noon-day, glorious noon-day,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health and strong and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

Ascribed to Thomas à Kempis (c.1379-1471) trans. John Mason Neale (1816-1866)

♫ Chant (600) ♫

O, adoramus te, Domine

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♫ Hymn (433) ♫

Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.

He offered his Body, He poured out his soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole.

Come to my table and with me dine,
eat of my bread and drink of my wine.

This is my body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you.

This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new.

Janet Lunt (b.1954) arranged by Andrew Maries (b1949)

♫ Hymn (296) ♫

For all the saints
who from their labours rest,
who Thee by faith
before the world confessed,
Thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Thou wast their Rock,
their Fortress and their Might;
Thou, Lord, their Captain
in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness,

still their one true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O may Thy soldiers,
faithful, true and bold,
fight as the saints
who nobly fought of old,
and win with them
the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

And when the strife is fierce,
the warfare long,
steals on the ear
the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again,
and arms are strong.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

The golden evening
brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful
warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks
a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant
rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl
streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

William Walsham How (1823-1897)

First Reading

Revelation 7: 9 to end

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
worshipped God, 12singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever 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 centre 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.'

Second Reading

1 John 3.1–3

See 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.

Gospel

Matthew 5.1–12

When 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.
4Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.
5Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.
6Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.
7Blessed are the merciful,
for they will receive mercy.
8Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
9Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.
10Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
11Blessed 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 Collect

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.