



# All Saints Sunday

November 2, 2025

\* *Please stand if you are able*

Prelude: "Ivory Palaces"

arr. Bob Walters

## Gathering

WELCOME & LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

Acolyte: Jesus Christ is the light of the world. We light this candle as a sign that Christ has come and Christ will come again. As the light pushes back darkness let us walk with, learn from, and worship Jesus Christ.

\* CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist: 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

**All: Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!**

Liturgist: And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

**All: Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God for ever and ever!** *Revelation 7:9-10*

\* **All Singing: 254 "For All the Saints"**  
*Singing verses 1, 3, and 5*

\* GOD'S GREETING

\* GOD'S PEOPLE GREETING ONE ANOTHER

\* **All Singing: 142 "We Are a People on a Journey"**

*Children ages 2–7 may come forward for a brief word and blessing before they leave for “God Loves Me” and “Children in Worship.”*

#### CHILDREN’S BLESSING

Children: The peace of Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

## Reconciliation

Choir: “Shall We Gather at the River”

John Carter

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel’s feet have trod;  
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?  
Yes, we’ll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river,  
Gather with the saints at the river, that flows by the throne of God.  
Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;  
Grace our spirits to deliver, and provide a robe and crown.  
Deep river, my home is over Jordan.  
Deep river, I want to cross over into campground.  
Soon we’ll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;  
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.

Liturgist: In this great cloud of witnesses, we celebrate and remember: our ancestors in the faith whose courage enables us to be here today.

**All: We remember, we give thanks.**

Liturgists: Teachers and storytellers who made God’s stories come alive for us.

**All: We remember, we give thanks.**

Liturgist: Pastors, church leaders and those who led our worship through the years.

**All: We remember, we give thanks.**

Liturgist: Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles, cousins, sisters, and brothers who prayed with us and helped us to grow in our faith.

**All: We remember, we give thanks.**

Liturgist: Our church families – this one and others we have loved. We remember all those who have been a part of this faith family.

**All: We remember, we give thanks.**

Liturgist: For your saints on earth who exemplify your love, for saints above who have encouraged us through their life and testimony.

**All: We remember, we give thanks.**

Minister: Remembering Hope’s Saints

Liturgist: Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles.

**All: And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith.**

### *Silent Confession and Reflection*

Liturgist: For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart.

*Hebrews 12:1-3*

\* **All Singing:** 251 “The Church’s One Foundation”  
*Singing verses 1, 3, and 5*

## Proclamation

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**All:** **May the words of my mouth and the meditations of our hearts be pleasing in your sight, O Lord, our Rock and our Redeemer.**

*Psalm 19:14 adapted*

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

**All:** **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon: Through this Present Darkness

\* **All Singing:** “Christ Our Hope in Life and Death” Merker/Getty

**What is our hope in life and death? Christ alone, Christ alone.  
What is our only confidence? That our souls to Him belong.  
Who holds our days within His hand?  
What comes, apart from His command?  
And what will keep us to the end?  
The love of Christ in which we stand.**

*Chorus*

**Oh, sing hallelujah, our hope springs eternal  
Oh, sing hallelujah, now and ever we confess  
Christ, our hope in life and death**

**What truth can calm the troubled soul? God is good, God is good.  
Where is His grace and goodness known? In our great Redeemer's blood.  
Who holds our faith when fears arise?  
Who stands above the stormy trial?  
Who sends the waves that bring us nigh?  
Unto the shore? The rock of Christ. (*Chorus*)**

**Unto the grave, what will we sing? "Christ, He lives, Christ, He lives!"  
And what reward will Heaven bring? Everlasting life with Him.  
There we will rise to meet the Lord.  
Then sin and death will be destroyed.  
And we will feast in endless joy.  
When Christ is ours forevermore. (*Chorus*)**

## Dedication

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Liturgist: With joy, let us now offer our gifts, in music, heart, and resource, as a sign of our deep devotion and covenant faithfulness.

OFFERING

1. General Fund
2. World Relief Chicagoland

Choir: “Walk in Jerusalem” arr. Rollo Dilworth

I want to be ready. I want to be ready.

I want to be ready to walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.  
Are you ready to walk in Jerusalem jus' like John?

John said the city was jus' four square.  
And he declared he'd meet me there.  
O John, O John what do you say?  
That I'll be there in the comin' day.

I am ready to walk. I am ready to walk.  
Yes, I'm ready to walk in Jerusalem jus' like John.

## **Sending**

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COMMUNION

**All Singing: 794 "O Blessed Spring"**

**825 "Beneath the Cross"**  
*Standing to sing last verse*

### \* BENEDICTION

Minister: Now may the God of peace, who through the blood of the eternal covenant brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus Christ, equip you with everything good for doing his will, and may he work in us what is pleasing to him, through Jesus Christ, to whom be glory forever and ever.

*Hebrews 13:20-21 adapted*

**All: Amen!**

Postlude: "For All the Saints"

arr. Robert A. Hobby

### **Worship Leaders**

Organist: Dora Diephouse  
Pianist / Accompanist: Anna Triezenberg  
Vocalist: Lori Evenhouse  
Guitar: Jenson Varghese  
Ty Hillegonds  
Percussion: Clay Carlson  
Choir Director: David Baar  
Minister: Roger Nelson

Acolyte: Ari Varghese  
Liturgist: Amy Boerman-Cornell  
Prayer: Aron Reppmann

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