



## All Saints Day Celebration

### **Prelude**

*The Lord's My Shepherd, I'll Not Want*

**Gathering**—Come, a great cloud of witnesses surrounds us as we gather. May the lingering echo of saints resound in our songs. May their stories open a space for the Spirit to enter us anew. In remembering them, may we find ourselves re-membered. May the God of every generation form us anew for this generation. And may a new joy rise in our lives and in the life of the world.+

**A Time of Prayer**—God of every age and time, inspire us today with memories of saints whose energy still lingers, hovering around and within as encouragement and strength. Wrap us anew with a felt sense of your persistent presence, granting a new energy to offer You everything of our hearts, minds and souls. Yes, Love of Life, root us and ground us in this. And let it be more than enough for today, as we gather in the name of Jesus.+

**The Lord's Prayer** (unison)—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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

**All Saints Day Celebration**—We remember the saints of our congregation who have passed away this last year. You, too, are invited to name aloud and remember those you have loved and lost.

*We Remember...*

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**An All Saints Day Prayer**— Bless the many parted souls who lived their lives with grace. Bless the saints in heaven, gathered in that special place.

May we tell their stories and remember all the ways they lived their faith and spent their days. There is glory and reward, even if at first there's strife. Oh, blessed saints, you help us see a path that's to eternal life. May we always hold them dear and know their life and place. May we know their inspiration and aspire to their grace. Amen.\*

### **We Hear God's Word**

*2 Thessalonians 2:13-17 (CEB)*

<sup>13</sup> But we always must thank God for you, brothers and sisters who are loved by God. This is because he chose you from the beginning to be the first crop of the harvest. This brought salvation, through your dedication to God by the Spirit and through your belief in the truth. <sup>14</sup> God called all of you through our good news so you could possess the honor of our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>15</sup> So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold on to the traditions we taught you, whether we taught you in person or through our letter. <sup>16</sup> Our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and a good hope. <sup>17</sup> May he encourage your hearts and give you strength in every good thing you do or say.

### **Meditation**

*Give Thanks for the Saints*

### **Choir**

*Happy Are Those*

### **We Gather at the Table**

**Set Your Place at the Table**—Whatever you have on hand to celebrate communion will work just fine, because this ancient ritual is not about what we use for this meal or where we partake of it. Instead, it is about the act of remembrance. So, gather around the table, prepare your place, and remember that Christ is in our midst.

**Our Invitation**—As the saints before did, so, too, do we carry on the tradition of gathering around Christ's holy table, bringing all that we are, our longing for sustenance and grace. Surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, we gather at this table where grace flows freely and mercy abounds. With the longing of your heart, come to be filled. Here there is a place for you.

**Our Confession**—Reach us in our need, loving God, for we wander as lost children without your presence in our lives. When our hope fails and our confidence is shaken, renew us in your mercy. When our footsteps falter and our eyesight dims, place our feet firmly on the paths of life. Remind us that

we are your beloved children, the handiwork of your gracious love. Give us the strength to stand firm and hold fast to your promises when our courage wanes, through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.~

**Assurance of Grace**—Through the Holy Spirit, who is always with us, our lives bear the fruit of salvation. Through the love of Christ, who is always faithful, our sins are forgiven and our lives are made whole.~

**The Words of Institution**— On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave thanks to you, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” When the supper was over, he took the cup, gave thanks to you, gave it to his disciples, and said: “Drink from this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” And so, we remember...we offer ourselves...we proclaim God’s love...

**Blessing Our Meal**—Pour out your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the life and love of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed, renewed, and blessed by your love and grace. By your Spirit, make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world. Bless us until Christ comes in final victory and we feast at the heavenly banquet with the saints of your church and the many touched by your grace. Through Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and forevermore. Amen.~

**We Share the Bread and the Cup** – As you eat the bread, remember, “This is the body of Christ broken for you.” Take and eat. As you drink the cup, remember, “This is the blood of Christ shed for you and the forgiveness of sins.” Take and drink.

**We Give Thanks**—Almighty God, we give you thanks for the gift of our Savior’s presence in the simplicity and splendor of this holy meal. Unite us with all who are fed by Christ’s body and blood that we may faithfully proclaim the good news of your love and that your universal church may be a

rainbow of hope in an uncertain world; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
Amen.`

**Hymn**

*For All the Saints, #529*

**We Respond to God's Word with Our Giving**

**Invitation**—With gratitude for God’s blessings through the power at work in Christ Jesus, we gather now the gifts of the church for the sake of the gospel.=

**November Benevolence**—Horizon House

You can mail your offerings to our office or give online at  
[www.zionuccindy.net/donate](http://www.zionuccindy.net/donate)

**Doxology**

**We Give Thanks**— Holy One, all that we have comes from you. You bless our lives with the companionship of your people, the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin, the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its bounty. Turn us toward those in need, in the name of the one who gave himself for us, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.=

**Hymn**

*Shall We Gather at the River, #522*

**Benediction**— May the grace of Christ attend you, the love of God surround you, and the Holy Spirit keep you, this day and forevermore.=

**Postlude**

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