

CONNECTED TO CHRIST, CONNECTED TO EACH OTHER, CONNECTED TO COMMUNITY

All Saints Sunday

Sunday, November 3, 2024 ~ 11:00 AM



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Order of Service

~ Gathering ~

† Welcome

*† Confession and Forgiveness

P: In the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God, whose voice is upon the waters, whose mercy is poured out upon all people, whose goodness cascades over all creation.

C: Amen

P: Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

C: Amen

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(Silence for reflection, and self-examination.)

P: Holy God,

C: You search us and know us. You are acquainted with all our ways. We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin – our own sins and the broken systems that bind us. We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love. We distrust those who are not like us. We exploit the earth and its resources and fail to consider generations to come. Forgive us, gracious God, for all we have done and left undone. Even before the words are on our tongues, you know them; receive them in your divine mercy. Amen.

P: In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the † Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen

*† Entrance Hymn: "For All the Saints" LMGM 105

*1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who Thee by faith before the world confessed;*

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Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*4 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!*

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

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

***† Greeting**

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

C: **And also with you.**

***† Kyrie**

A: *In peace, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: *For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.*

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

A: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

A: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy,

A: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen

***† Hymn of Praise**

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Power and riches and wisdom and strength, and honor and blessing and glory are his.

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God and join in the hymn of all creation.

Blessing and honor and glory and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

This is the feast of victory for our God, for the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia. Alleluia.

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray.

***† Prayer of the Day**

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

~God's Word~

† First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-9

Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when God will gather all people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet God will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.

⁶ On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

† Psalm: Psalm 24; refrain, Ps. 24:5

Refrain: They shall receive blessing from the God of their salvation.

¹ The earth is the Lord's and all | that is in it,
the world and those who | dwell therein.

² **For the Lord has founded it up- | on the seas
and established it up- | on the rivers. R**

³ Who may ascend the mountain | of the Lord,
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

⁴ **Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by | what is false.**

⁵ They shall receive blessing | from the Lord
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.

⁶ **Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O Lord,
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob. R**

⁷ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

⁸ **Who is this | King of glory?**

The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, might- | y in battle!

⁹ Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting doors,
that the King of glory | may come in.

¹⁰Who is this | King of glory?

Truly, the Lord of hosts is the | King of glory. R

† **Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-6a**

Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.

¹ I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. ² And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

“See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

⁴ he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.”

⁵ And the one who was seated on the throne said, “See, I am making all things new.”

Also he said, “Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.” ^{6a} Then he said to me,

“It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.”

*† **Gospel Acclamation**

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th Chapter

C: *Glory to you, Glory to you, Glory to you, O Lord*

*† **Holy Gospel: John 11:32-44**

Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.

³² When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.” ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. ³⁴ He said, “Where have you laid him?” They said to him, “Lord, come

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and see.”³⁵ Jesus began to weep. ³⁶ So the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” ³⁷ But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

³⁸ Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. ³⁹ Jesus said, “Take away the stone.” Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, “Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days.” ⁴⁰ Jesus said to her, “Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?” ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, “Father, I thank you for having heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.” ⁴³ When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!” ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, “Unbind him, and let him go.”

P: The Gospel of the Lord

C: Praise be to you, praise be to you, praise be to you, O Christ

† **Choir Anthem: “Total Praise”**

† **Sermon: The Rev. Dianne L. Lewis, Pastor**

† **Sermon Hymn: “Holy, Holy, Holy” LBW 165**

*1 Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

*2 Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert and art and evermore shalt be.*

*3 Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye made blind by sin thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,*

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Perfect in pow'r, in love and purity.

*4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea.
Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!*

~ Prayer ~

***† The Apostles' Creed**

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary,
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended into hell.*
On the third day He rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father,
He will come again 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.**

***† Remembrance of the Saints**

Eternal God, your love is stronger than death, and your passion more fierce than the grave. We rejoice in the lives of those whom you have drawn into your eternal embrace. Keep us in joyful communion with them until we join the saints of every people and nation gathered before your throne in your ceaseless praise, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

***† Prayers of the People**

Rooted in God's abundant love for the world, let us pray for our neighbors, the church, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

O God of resurrection, you call us by name and raise us to life. Rouse your church from slumber. Where we have held back in fear or shame, unbind us. Embolden us in our proclamation of your good news, that all may know abundant life. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God of creation, you have founded your world on rivers and seas. Preserve fresh water sources (*local bodies of water may be named*) and the creatures who call them home. Heal places of pollution and nourish places of drought. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God of the earth, you reign over all nations and peoples. Inspire us with wisdom and discernment as we elect legislators and leaders. May they govern with justice and uphold the dignity of all people. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God of heaven, you make your home among mortals. Come alongside those who weep this day. Befriend all who are lonely, encourage those in despair, and heal any who are suffering (*especially*). Abide with your faithful ones in love. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

O God who serves, you set before us a feast of rich food. Sustain our ministries of fellowship and hospitality (*specific ministries may be named*). Strengthen the hands and hearts of all who prepare and serve food for our nourishment. Merciful God,

receive our prayer.

Here other intercessions may be offered.

O God, Alpha and Omega, we give thanks for your faithful ones who are now at peace with you (*those who have died during the past year may be named*). With (*Martín de Porres and*) all your saints, we praise you, for you have swallowed up death forever. Merciful God, **receive our prayer.**

We offer our prayers to you, gracious God, trusting in your boundless love for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

***† Sharing of the Peace**

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

***† Offering Canticle**

*Let the vineyards be fruitful, Lord,
and fill to the brim our cup of blessing.
Gather a harvest from the seeds that were sown,
that we may be fed with the bread of life.
Gather the hopes and dreams of all;
unite them with the prayers we offer.
Grace our table with your presence.
Give us a foretaste of the feast to come.*

***† Offertory Prayer**

A: Let us pray. Merciful Father,

C: we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us – ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love.

**Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord,
Amen.**

~ Meal ~

***† The Great Thanksgiving**

P: *The Lord be with you.*

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

A: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give him thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right and salutary . . . we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord.

Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

***† Words of Institution**

***† 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, and the power, and the glory,

forever and ever. Amen

† Holy Communion

P: The gifts of God for the people of God.

C: Thanks be to God.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

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† Communion Hymn: “Let Us Break Bread Together “ TFBF 123

*1 Let us break bread together on our knees;
let us break bread together on our knees.*

Refrain:

*When I fall on my knees,
with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

*2 Let us drink wine together on our knees;
let us drink wine together on our knees. [Refrain]*

*3 Let us praise God together on our knees;
let us praise God together on our knees. [Refrain]*

***† Post Communion Blessing**

(After all have returned to their places:)

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in his grace.

C: **Amen**

***† Post Communion Canticle**

Lord, now you let your servant go in peace; your word has been fulfilled. My own eyes have seen the salvation which you have prepared in the sight of all people. A light to reveal you to the nations and the glory of your people Israel. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

***† Post Communion Prayer**

A: Let us pray.

Christ Jesus, at this table we have feasted on your very life and are strengthened for our journey. Send us forth from this banquet nourished in body and in spirit to proclaim your good news and serve others in your name. C: **Amen.**

***† Benediction**

† Welcome, Acknowledgment of Visitors, and Announcements

*† Sending Hymn: “Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In” LBW 165

*1 Oh, when the saints go marching in,
oh, when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.*

*2 Oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
oh, when the Lord in glory comes,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the Lord in glory comes.*

*3 Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the new world is revealed.*

*4 Oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
oh, when they gather 'round the throne,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they gather 'round the throne.*

*6 And on the hallelujah day,
and on that hallelujah day,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
on that hallelujah day.*

*† Dismissal

A: Go in peace, serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God!**

Announcements

- ◆ Trinity's **Weekly Bible Study** meets every 2nd and 4th Wednesday at 7PM via Zoom. Next session will be Wednesday, November 13th at 7PM - **Meeting ID: 822 8031 9117 Passcode: 709073**
- ◆ Trinity's **Adult Sunday School** meets every first and third Sunday at 9:45 AM. Next session will be Sunday, November 17th
- ◆ Trinity's **Children Sunday School** meets every Sunday at 11AM. Contact Valerie Slack or Pastor Dianne if you like to volunteer.
- ◆ **Free Health Screening** will be Friday, November 8th from 9AM – 12PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Food Pantry** will be Friday, November 8th from 2PM – 3:30PM
- ◆ Trinity & Grace **Women of the ELCA** meets monthly. Next meeting will be Saturday, December 7th at 10AM
- ◆ Trinity's **Church Council Meeting** will be Thursday, November 14th at 7:30PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Youth Ministry Catechism 101** will be Saturday, November 23rd at 1PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Youth Ministry Friday Night** will be Friday, November 22nd, 6PM-8PM
- ◆ Trinity's **Pew Rededication** fundraiser... Join in the Anniversary Celebration. Your donation supports the pew restoration labor and the installation of a personalized legacy name plate on your selected pew. \$500 for center aisle; \$300 for window aisle. Contact Tina Richardson at 201-435-9807 for more info.
- ◆ **Make a plan to Vote!** Visit iwillvote.com
- ◆ Join the NJ ADLA chapter for a **Paint & Unwind** on Saturday, Nov 16th 2PM-6PM at Holy Trinity, East Orange. Tickets are \$35 per person.
- ◆ **Join in our Fundraisers:**
 - ◆ **Walk in Faith - Donation:** Pledge a multiple of your shoe size (i.e. if your shoe size is a size 9, pledge \$9, or \$18, or \$90, or \$900, etc.)
 - ◆ **Operational Expenses Fund - Donation:** any amount
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