

Eve of All Hallows



October 29, 2023
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Preparation & Praise

* = *Stand if you are able*

Prelude: “Cantilena” - Harriet Coppoc, flute Handel/Buchtel

Welcome & Orientation

Call & Confession

Leader *We call on the Father of lights.
We call on the Champion of fights.
We call on the Strength of Heaven.
Sin has weakened our resolve:*
All Invade us once again.

Leader *Sin has blemished our blessings:*
All Invade us once again.

Leader *Sin has soured our relationships:*
All Invade us once again.

Leader *Sin has fostered feuds among what should be one:*
All Invade us once again.

Leader *Sin has set us in frozen isolation:*
All Invade us once again.

Leader *Sin has blighted our cities, soil and souls:*
All Invade us once again.

Reading from the Psalter: *Psalm 139:1-18, 22-23*

Hymn: "Christ the Victorious" #517 (1&2)

Prayer & Proclamation

Personal Prayers

It is our custom to share unspoken prayer requests by lighting candles during this portion of the worship service. If you have a matter you wish to include in our prayers but do not wish to publicly disclose, feel free to come forward during the instrumental interlude and light a candle.

Leader *Light-creator, evil and sin cannot forever make their home where you are welcomed in.*

All Forgive us for the places where your light has been shut out.

Leader *Light-giver, fear and fault-finding have no place where your love is invited in.*

All Forgive us for the places where your love has been shut out.

Leader *Light-conductor, loneliness and self-sufficiency have no place where your saints are welcomed in.*

All Forgive us for the places where we have shut them out.

Leader *Compassionate God of heaven's powers:*

All Screen us from people with evil intentions.

Leader *Compassionate God of freedom:*

All Screen us from lies and half-truths.

Leader *Compassionate God of the saints:*
All **Screen us from bad deeds, bad words, bad thoughts.**

Leader *Compassionate God of eternity:*
All **Screen us from bad influences rooted in past wrongs.**

Leader *You were here before all these evils,
You are here now,
You will be here at journey's end.*
All **Amen.**

Leader *Lord, hear our prayer.*
All **Your Cross be between us and all things greedy.
Your Cross be between us and all things mean.
Your Cross be between us and all things gruesome.
Your Cross be between us and all things coming darkly towards us.**

Leader *God be in our thinking.
God be in our sleeping.
God be in our dying.
God bring us into the company of the saints.*

*God of strength, God of peace;
God of time, God of eternity;
God of the saints;
In you is all strength;
You are:*

All **Stronger than the elements,
Stronger than the shadows,
Stronger than the fears,
Stronger than human wills,
Stronger than the spirits,
Stronger than self-serving illusions.**

Reading from the Old Testament: *Isaiah 41:8-10*

Hymn: "Rejoice in God's Saints" #531 (1&3)

Receiving & Responding

Leader *With the saints who have been with us:*

All **We claim the victory of the Lord.**

Leader *With Charles Hinton, who found pleasure with his
family and being outdoors and who is now surrounded
by the family of God as he is his truest self,*

All **We claim the victory of the Lord.**

Leader *With Michael Fisher, who loved to read and who is
now with the Word of God who became flesh,*

All **We claim the victory of the Lord.**

Leader *With Emogen Putnam, who found joy in wielding her
knitting needles and who is now knit together with the
company of the saints,*

All **We claim the victory of the Lord.**

Leader *With Ernestine Fae Hoover Kendell, a founder of the
Mascouten Institute and who is now in the care of the
Lord,*

All **We claim the victory of the Lord.**

Leader *With Edward and Ida Kagay who are now communing with God. As he led singing and she played the piano, they gave to their daughter Harriet her love of music which is her way of communing with God*

All We claim the victory of the Lord.

Leader *With Dale Turner who taught undergraduates at Kansas State that faith and doubt are inseparable aspects of life with God,*

All We claim the victory of the Lord.

Leader *With Ernie Klein who blazed a path from biology to ministry that others still walk upon as they seek the Truth,*

All We claim the victory of the Lord.

Receiving Tithes & Offerings

We believe that God's greatness is discerned in how God continually gives Godself away to others. When we choose to give ourselves away, we bear witness to God's presence and how God is assisting us in becoming our true selves. All are welcome to join us in sharing and enacting this belief as together we share our tithes and offerings.

*Doxology

*Offertory Prayer

Reading from the Catholic Epistles: *Revelation 7:9-17*

Hymn/Special Music: "Reckless Love of God"

*Reading from the Gospel: *John 12:23-38*

Homily

*Hymn of Response: "Blest Are They" #666 (1,3&4)

Following the Spirit

Benediction

Leader We bind to ourselves this day.
 The strong Name of the Trinity,
 By invocation of the same,
 The Three in One and One in Three.

**All We bind to ourselves this day
 The power of faith, Christ's Incarnation;
 His baptism in Jordan river;
 His death on Cross for our salvation;
 His bursting from the spiced tomb;
 His riding up the heavenly way;
 His coming at the day of doom;
 We bind unto ourselves today.**

**Christ be with us, Christ within us,
Christ behind us, Christ before us,
Christ beside us, Christ to win us,
Christ to comfort and restore us,
Christ beneath us, Christ above us,
Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love us,
Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.**

Leader Yes,

*The shielding of God be with us;
The love of God to enfold us;
The peace of God to still us;
The Spirit of God to fill us;
The saints of God to inspire us;
This hour, this day and forever.*

All Amen.

Postlude “When the Saints Go Marching In” - arr. Raney
(piano)