



Welcome to Worship with Christ the Servant

October 25: All Saints' Day

Contemporary, 9:30 am

Welcome Statement

We embrace God's boundless welcome and see you in your beloved identities: all races, ethnicities, shapes & sizes, every marital status, political affiliation, documentation status, sexual orientation & gender identity or expression, those of different faith traditions, of different physical, mental & emotional abilities, and those in recovery or struggling with addiction.

We rejoice and find strength in the amazing diversity of God's creation, which enriches, nurtures, and expands our life and ministry. We commit to the ongoing work of racial equity, environmental and economic justice, and to learning and growing together. We acknowledge that we gather upon land within the territories of the Ute, Cheyenne and Arapaho Peoples past and present.

Welcome

Reading: Revelation 7:9-12, 15-17

After this 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!"

¹¹ And 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 worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

For 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.

They will hunger no more and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat,

for the Lamb at the center 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.”

Opening Song

Shall We Gather At The River

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**Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel feet have trod,
With its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God.**

Chorus:

**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.**

**On the margin of the river, washing up its silver spray,
We will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day. (Chorus)**

**Ere we reach the shining river, lay we ev'ry burden down;
Grace our spirits will deliver, and provide a robe and crown. (Chorus)**

**Soon we'll reach the shining river, soon our pilgrimage will cease;
Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. (Chorus)**

Reflection and Litany: Saints Before Us

The history of All Saints' day includes acknowledging our grief and remembering that we stand where we do because of the people and places who have shaped us. We begin this All Saints' Day looking back in time and observing the tradition of naming those who have died.

O God our help in ages past
And our hope for years to come:
We give you thanks for all the signs of your faithfulness
And your light shining in all creation
We remember and name them now...

When you hear the chime, please join in this response:

In every life

Blessed is the love.

Greeting and Sharing of the Peace

Each Sunday, we greet one another as leader and people, then move into sharing Christ's peace. We pass the peace between friends and strangers. As we continue this ritual today, we also remember that it is because of those who have shaken hands and built community that we are who we are as the congregation of Christ the Servant.

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

Prayer of the Day

Faithful 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 in the redemption of your whole creation. We pray in the name of the one who was, who is, and who is to come, Jesus our Savior. Amen.

Reflection: Saints Among Us

As we walk through life, we are blessed with companions and experiences. There are saints among us. We are saints in the lives of others. Again, not because of our actions or perfection but because we are loved and we show up. Who or what walks beside you and supports your path?

Reading: Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus^[a] saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely^[b] on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Song of the Day

When We Walk Together

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When we walk together, no one walks alone.

When we walk together, no one walks alone.

Leader: And we bear each other's burdens so the road doesn't feel so long.

When we walk together, no one walks alone.

When we mourn together, no one mourns alone.

When we mourn together, no one mourns alone.

Leader: There's a time for weeping, oh, but every tear belongs

When we mourn together, no one mourns alone.

Amen, Amen, Amen, we're headed to the promised land.

When we sing together, no one sings alone.

When we sing together, no one sings alone.

Leader: We may bring the melody, oh, but the spirit brings the song.

When we sing together, no one sings alone.

Amen, Amen, Amen, we're headed to the promised land.

Amen, Amen, Amen, we're headed to the promised land.

Instrumental

When you're feelin' weary, you are not alone.

When you're feelin' weary, you are not alone.

Leader: For the night is always darkest just before the dawn.

When you're feelin' weary, you are not alone.

Amen, Amen, Amen, we're headed to the promised land.

Amen, Amen, Amen, we're headed to the promised land.

Father lead us to the promised land.

Spirit lead us to the promised land.

Jesus lead us to the promised land.

Apostle's Creed

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

**I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.*
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,**

and he will come 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.

Prayers of the People

As we pray together, when the leader says "God, in your mercy," you are invited to respond, "hear our prayer."

United with the great cloud of witnesses, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A brief silence.

Fill your church with mercy and humility as we proclaim the gospel in our worship and witness in the world. Renew and inspire all who preach and teach among us. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Restore all lands suffering from ecological degradation. Protect soils and waterways. Point us toward innovative ways of living in harmony and joy with creation. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Unite the nations in their actions toward justice and peace. Raise up leaders who listen deeply for the needs of their communities, and surround the election process with wisdom and discernment. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Bring comfort and care to all who are in need, especially all who mourn this day. Sustain any who are weary, experiencing loneliness, or struggling with chronic illness. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Nurture programs and communities that support elders and those who are homebound. Bless caregivers, nurses, chaplains, social workers, and hospice staff. Guide this congregation's ministry with seniors and their families. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

With grateful hearts we remember all who have died and now rest from their labors. Fill us with songs of praise until we too are gathered at your side. God, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

Into your steadfast love, faithful God, we entrust all for whom we pray, in the name of Jesus, your beloved.
Amen.

Community Announcements

Words of Institution

Lord's Prayer

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

Communion Songs

Let Us Break Bread Together

African American Spiritual. Arr. Dan Graeber.

Let us break bread together on our knees
Let us break bread together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me.

Let us drink wine together on our knees
Let us drink wine together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me Let us me.

(Instrumental Interlude)

Let us praise God together on our knees
Let us praise God together on our knees
When I fall on my knees with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord have mercy on me
O Lord have mercy on me
O Lord have mercy on me.

Special Music

Sing With All The Saints In Glory

Amazing Grace, How Sweet The Sound

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found;
Was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!

(Instrumental Break)

Through many dangers, toils, and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
And grace will lead me home.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we'd first begun.

Prayer after Communion

Holy God,
we have received your never-ending mercy in this meal.
You continuously seek the lost,
bind the injured,
and feed your people abundantly.
Now send us out,
awake to your presence,
now and forever.
Amen.

Reflection: Saints Yet to Come

Moving through time means moving through generations. Sharing wisdom and experience. Teaching skills and practices. Passing on faith in word, song, and action. We're going to close worship today by inviting our youngest ones forward. Their presence reminds us of the deep value of past, present, and future so they are going to send us back out into God's beloved world.

Children's Message

Blessing *(adapted from "God of the Living" by Jan Richardson)*

The God of the saints
guide you with a glimpse of the strength
that stirs before, among, and beyond us
Breathing with you and blessing you still
Forever bound to you

But freeing you into this living
Into this world
So much wider
Than you ever knew.
Amen

Sending Song

This Little Light Of Mine

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine. *(Repeat)*

Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

(Instrumental)

Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Ev'rywhere I go,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
This little light of mine,
I'm gonna let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.
Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.

Dismissal

Go out in joy. Be led forth in peace.

Thanks be to God.

Postlude

When the Saints Go Marching In