

**† HOME SERVICE OF WORD AND PRAYER †**  
**All Saints Day**  
**November 1, 2020**

**PRELUDE**

Blest are They

Thomas Keesecker

**INVOCATION and CONFESSION**

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

**C Amen.**

P Taste and see that the Lord is good;

**C blessed is the one who takes refuge in Him.**

P Fear the Lord, you His saints,

**C for those who fear Him lack nothing.** (Psalm 34:8-9)

P Since we are gathered to hear God's Word and call upon Him in prayer and praise, let us first confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His people let us take refuge in the infinite mercy of God, our heavenly Father, seeking His grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be merciful to me, a sinner.

**C Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.**

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for us, and for His sake forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**C Amen.**

**INTROIT** (*from Psalm 116*)

P The Lord is gracious and righteous; our God is full of compassion.

**C The Lord protects the simple-hearted; when I was in great need, He saved me.**

P Be at rest once more, O my soul, for the Lord has been good to you.

**C For You, O Lord, have delivered my soul from death, my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling,**

P that I may walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

**C Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of His saints.**

P O Lord, truly I am Your servant; You have freed me from my chains.

**C I will sacrifice a thank offering to You and call on the name of the Lord.**

## OPENING HYMN

Be still, my soul, the Lord is on your side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to your God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul, your best, your heav'nly Friend  
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul, your God will undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.  
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul, the waves and winds still know  
His voice who ruled them while He dwelt below.

Be still, my soul, the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be forever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul; when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

P The Lord be with you.

**C And also with you.**

P Let us pray:

**C Almighty God, You knit Your people together in one communion, in the mystical body of Your Son. 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, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

## FIRST READING

Revelation 7:9-17

<sup>9</sup>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.

<sup>10</sup>They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" <sup>11</sup>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, <sup>12</sup>singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen." <sup>13</sup>Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" <sup>14</sup>I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them

white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup>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. <sup>16</sup>They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; <sup>17</sup>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.”

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING**

1 John 3:1-3

<sup>1</sup>See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup>Beloved, we are God’s children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. <sup>3</sup>And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

## **GOSPEL**

Matthew 5:1-12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 5th chapter.

**C Glory to You, O Lord.**

<sup>1</sup>When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup>Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

<sup>3</sup>“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

<sup>4</sup>Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

<sup>5</sup>Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

<sup>6</sup>Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

<sup>7</sup>Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

<sup>8</sup>Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

<sup>9</sup>Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

<sup>10</sup>Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

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

P This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**C Praise to You, O Christ.**

## **MUSICAL OFFERING**

Like a River in My Soul  
*The Concordia Community Choir*

Tim Osiek

## **SERMON**

Rev. Scott Geminn

## **THE NICENE CREED**

**C I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven, and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.**

**And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.**

**And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

## **PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH**

**P** Standing with the great multitude of saints before the throne of God and the Lamb, let us join in prayer, praise and thanksgiving to the God of our salvation.

**P** Mighty and eternal God, You established the Church and have granted us Your aid and protection. Continue to pour out upon us Your Spirit and grace, that we may accomplish what You desire and proclaim Your salvation to all people. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

**P** We give You thanks for the faithful pastors, teachers, and church workers who have served in Your name. Grant that we may continue to receive the ministry of Word and Sacrament with willing ears and open hearts. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P We pray for those who govern us, that in pursuing the path of justice they may act with humility and honor for the good of all people. Give wisdom to all who are voting and sustain us through the election process. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Show forth Your kindness to the poor and Your compassion to those who suffer injustice. Deliver us from the scourge of racism, prejudice, and persecution, that we may embrace our common life together. Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P You have made us Your children, and You continue to guard us as Your own possession. Give healing to the sick, calm to the troubled in mind, and patience to those facing sorrow and struggle. We pray especially for all on our prayer line and for those we remember before You now...(PAUSE). Lord, in Your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Bring us to that day when every tear shall be wiped from our eyes and we shall hunger and thirst no more. Keep us in Your faith and fear through our Good Shepherd and Lord, Jesus Christ, in whose name we pray.

**C Amen.**

### **REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

*The names of those who have died over the past year are read aloud, then chimes are tolled in remembrance of all the faithful departed. The full list of names is printed beginning on page 7.*

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

P As beloved children of God, we are bold to pray:

**C 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.**

### **CLOSING HYMN**

For All the Saints

For all the saints who from their labors rest,  
who Thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in Thee, for all are Thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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

**BENEDICTION**

P The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make His face shine on you and  
be gracious to you. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

**C Amen.**

P Go in peace to serve the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

O God, Our Help in Ages Past

Healey Willan

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**Special thanks to our additional participants in today's service:**

**Lector** Ellen Story

**Music** The Concordia Community Choir  
George Heath, Director  
Jon Klibonoff, Accompanist

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**ALL SAINTS SUNDAY 2020**  
**REMEMBRANCE OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED**

*We remember loved ones who are now alive forever in Christ, having walked the path of the righteous and received their crown of glory. The names of those who have died over the past year are listed by date of death, and those who received the rite of Christian Burial/Memorial through the VLC are marked with a cross symbol (+). All other names are listed alphabetically.*

**We remember those who have died over the past year**  
**All Saints Day 2019 – All Saints Day 2020**

**John Vogt**  
October 25, 2019

**Scott Riedl**  
December 27, 2019+

**Treva Thoms**  
January 9, 2020

**Lois Rehm**  
January 26, 2020+

**Bernice Skeckowski**  
January 26, 2020+

**Robert Meier**  
February 13, 2020

**Betty Roberts**  
February 17, 2020+

**Carol Raff**  
March 1, 2020+

**William Pettee**  
March 9, 2020

**Sidney Gitter**  
April 22, 2020

**Daniel Padavano**  
May 5, 2020

**Larry Vandak**  
May 15, 2020

**Dinah Camp**  
May 16, 2020

**Chester Trembley**  
June 2, 2020

**William Walker**  
June 2, 2020+

**Lydia Sousa**  
July 12, 2020+

**William Millette, Jr.**  
July 21, 2020

**Wilma Harris**  
July 22, 2020

**Miles Camp**  
July 24, 2020

**Richard Rath**  
August 2, 2020

**Karl Kaimer**  
September 16, 2020

**Donald Dobbratz**  
October 10, 2020

**John Mulligan**  
October 16, 2020

**Augusta Schimanke**  
October 21, 2020+

## **We remember and give thanks for all of the faithful departed**

Richard & Carlette Allen  
Agnes Anderson  
Herb & Marie Anderson  
Edwin Andrews, Jr  
Jean M Andrews  
Tommy Bales  
Barbara Bartolotta  
Anton & Gertrude Birli  
Ed & Ellen Blanco  
Michael Bocchino  
John Britz  
Kristen M Carl  
Neal Carl  
Vincent Cerrato  
Orsola Cerrato  
Richard Clark  
Frank, Mel, Terry, Nelly, Kevin,  
Colin, Brian & Dawn Coffey  
Helene Clauss  
Anthony DeRosa  
Carmine DiMucci  
Carolyn Driessnack  
Genaro Febus  
Anne Finke  
Carl L Finke  
Elaine B Finke  
Marie & Carl Finke  
Diane Fusco  
Donald Gilder  
Rosalind Gitter  
Patricia & Frank Gullusci  
Henry B Hansen  
Katharine Hansen  
Arthur Holz  
Emelia Holz  
Irmgard & Carl Holz  
Jeannette Holz  
Pastor Robert & Constance Just  
Clement Kovalich  
Dorothy Krepps  
Arthur Krug  
Inge Krug  
Robert Krull

Ruth Kunze  
Kim & Patty Kwiat  
Larry Kwiat  
Anne & Walter Jones  
Rosemary Lione  
Larry Lorusso  
Lillian, Ken & Kenneth Lubben  
James McNary  
Helen & Bill Messner  
Alice Modugno  
George Oldham  
George T Oldham  
Maude Oldham  
Marie Palumbo  
Ralph J Palumbo, Sr  
Ralph J Palumbo, Jr  
Jessie Pisapia  
Louis Pisapia  
Anna Maxine Schell Podoll  
Angela Schoenherr Podszus  
Erna & Otto Podszus  
William G Podszus  
John & Rita Rapillo  
Frederick Reiss  
Christopher Roge  
Pastor Clarence & Myrna Roth  
Phil Roth  
Julio Sanchez  
Anthony Saraco, Sr  
Albert & Elsie Schinkel  
Albert Schinkel, Jr  
Carol Finke Setzer  
Nina Blanco Shook  
Kenneth Skeckowski  
Stanley Skeckowski  
Erick Wydmuch  
John Zwisdak