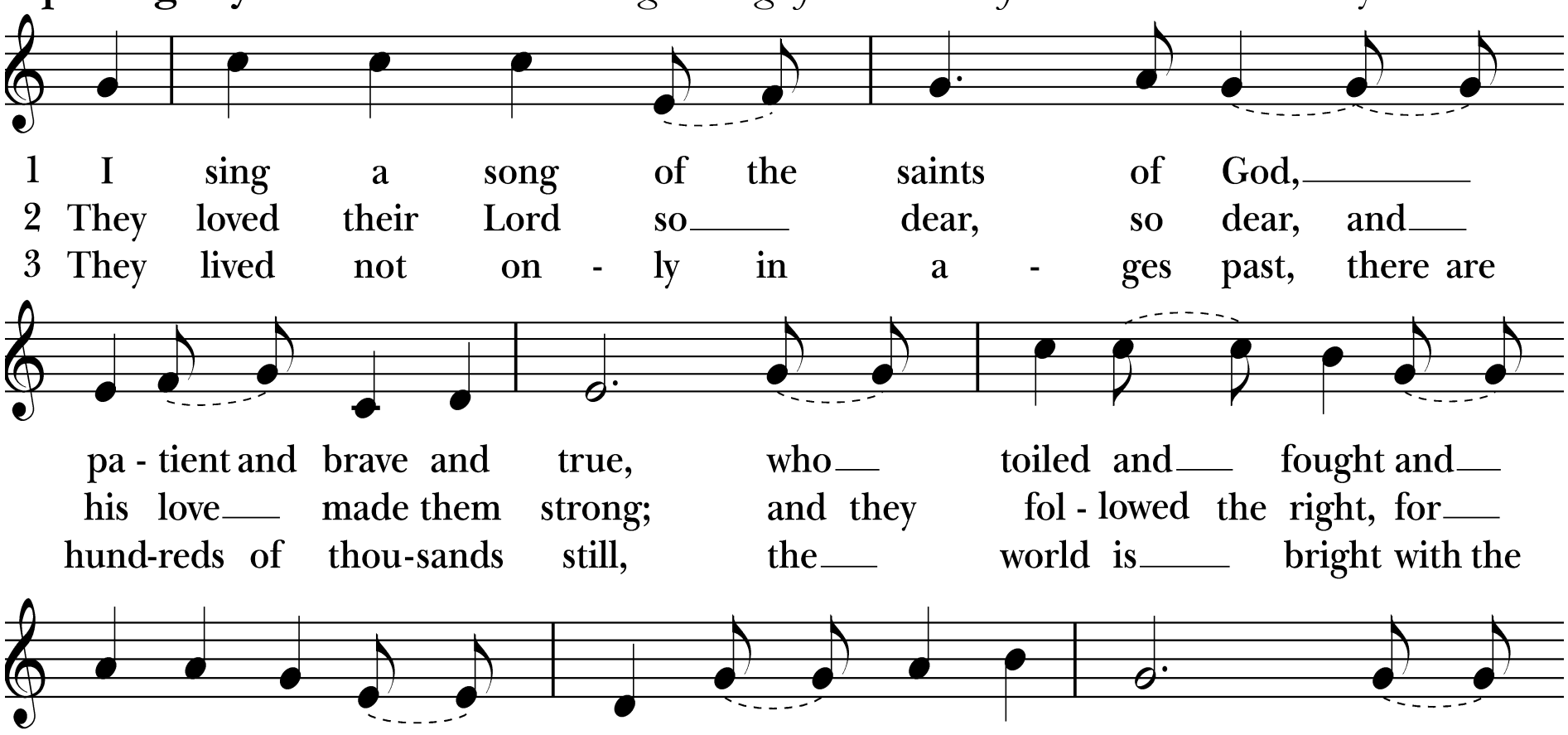
All Angels Episcopal Church

All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2026

Prelude *Reflections on "Sine Nomine"* D. Stasney

Opening Hymn *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God* 182 Hymnal #293



Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord is One. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second commandment is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,
Have mercy upon us.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**
Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Lessons *Please be seated for the reading of the lessons.*

Introduction: Happy All Saints Sunday. Today's lesson from The Book of Revelation presents one of the most vivid and hopeful visions in the Bible, shifting the scene from the devastating catastrophes of the Great Ordeal to the triumph of an uncountable, multi-ethnic multitude before the throne of God.

A Reading from the Book of Revelation *Revelation 7:9-17*

After this I, John, 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. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" 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, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."
Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" 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.
"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."

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Psalm 34 *please respond where bold* *Ps. 34:1-10*

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
I will glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and rejoice.
Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;
let us exalt his Name together.
I sought the Lord, and he answered me
and delivered me out of all my terror.
Look upon him and be radiant,
and let not your faces be ashamed.

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encompasses those who fear him,
and he will deliver them.

Taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are they who trust in him!

Honor the Lord, you that are his saints,
for those who fear him lack nothing.

The young lions lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.

Introduction: In today's reading from the first letter of the Apostle John, the author points out a vital Christian contrast: believers already belong to God as His children, yet the full picture of what they will become has not yet been completely revealed.

A Reading from the First Letter of John *1 John 3:1-3*

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. 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. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn *Come Thou Fount* 1982 Hymnal #686

1 Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace!
Streams of mercy never ceasing, call for songs of loudest praise.
Teach me some melodious sonnet, sung by flaming tongues above.
Praise the mount! Oh, fix me on it, mount of God's unchanging love.

2 Here I find my greatest treasure; hither, by thy help, I've come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure, safely to arrive at home.
Jesus sought me when a stranger wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger, interposed his precious blood.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *Matthew 5:1-12*

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

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Gradual Hymn *Come Thou Fount* 1982 Hymnal #686

Oh, to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let thy goodness, like a fetter, bind my wandering heart to thee:
prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart, oh, take and seal it, seal it for thy courts above.

The Sermon The Very Rev. David J. Marshall

Reflection Hymn *Pacem Blessing* Patrick Liebergen

"Dona nobis Pacem" – "Grant us peace"

The Nicene Creed *(The word "catholic" means universal or global body of Christian believers)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayers of the People *(Please stand or kneel or sit as you are able)*

My church family, will you pray with me. *A brief silence*

As Jesus sat upon the mountain and taught his disciples the ways of God's Kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, saying: Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the Church throughout the world, we pray for the poor in spirit, that we may acknowledge our dependence on you and receive the kingdom of heaven. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are persecuted or falsely spoken against for the sake of righteousness, strengthen them in their trials, protect them from harm, and give them hope.
Silence
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all the houses of prayer on our island, help us to walk humbly with God, and to share the joy and hope of your kingdom with all whom we meet. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all in authority in the nations of the world, we pray that you would grant them a hunger for righteousness, a spirit of true meekness, and a calling to be peacemakers in a divided world. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For the merciful, for health care workers, caregivers, emergency responders, and all who extend compassion in times of human suffering, that as they show mercy, may they abundantly receive mercy. *Silence*
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those carrying grief, loneliness, or brokenness, that your comforting presence may wrap around them like a mantle, and that they may know the nearness of your grace. And for all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit, bring to them the healing of your touch especially Downs IV, Holden, Barbara, Caitlin, Victoria, Alice, Charles, Anne, Patricia, Bob, Trude, Carling, Carol, Rafaela, Scott, Frank, Ceara, Lois, Amanda, Sylvia, Elyse, Mackenzie, Terry, Don, Oliver, Jeremy, Cheryl, Serafina, and Sydney.
We pray for those going through cancer treatments and those in remission, especially Downs III, Lauren, Nancy, Shannon, Frank, Carmen, Zachary, Claudia, Will, Pete, Cara, Jennifer, Lauren, Melinda, Lindsay, Melissa, Kelly, Davidson, Kelsey, Mindy, and Judy.
We pray for those in Hospice, especially Larraine and Dorothy.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For all who mourn, for those carrying grief and for those for whom we love but see no longer. *Silence*
Rejoicing with the saints and the prophets who went before us, trusting that they now rest in your eternal light and gladness.
Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Celebrant: Grant to us all that is in accordance with your will, dear Jesus, and accomplish your salvation among us; for you are risen and dwell in majesty with your Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

We pray to you for the forgiveness of our sins.

Leader and People

Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown, things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. Amen.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory Music *There is Room in My Father's House* Joseph M. Martin

Thank you for your offering to God through All Angels.
If you would prefer to make an electronic offering,
please scan the QR code.

The Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
praise him all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia.
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia.

The Holy Eucharist Prayer B BCP 367

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Through Jesus Christ our Lord; for in the multitude of your saints, you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and, together with them, may receive the unfading crown of glory. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Holy, holy, holy 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.

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."
After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN**.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Jesus invites everyone to meet him here. If you would like to receive the bread or a blessing, please come forward. If you would prefer to have communion brought to you, please let one of the ushers know and we will bring it to you.

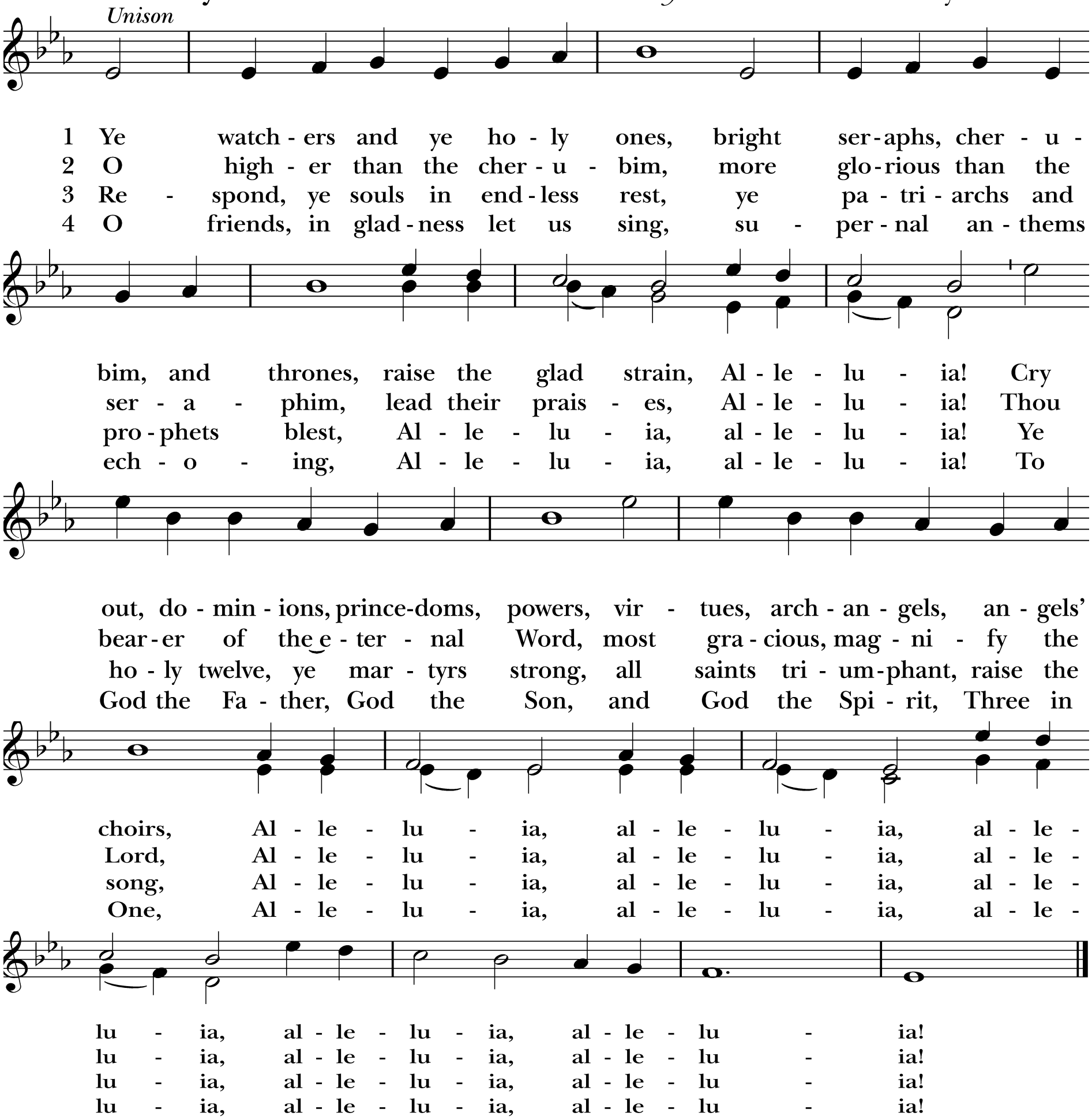
Communion Music David Stasney

Prayer After Communion

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food
and drink of the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ,
and have given us a foretaste of your heavenly banquet.
Grant that this Sacrament may be to us a comfort in affliction,
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying, but the fullness of joy with all your saints;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Recessional Hymn *Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones* 1982 Hymnal #618

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Postlude *For All the Saints* D. Stasney

New to All Angels? Welcome!
Be sure to sign the guest registry in the lobby.

The altar flowers are given by David Stasney: to the Glory of God in blessed memory of Saints in heaven. May their light and lives be a guide to us on our earthly journey. Blessed Rest! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Announcements

Gallery Artist Our Gallery Artist through November 29th is Tori Abramov. Please stop by and look at her beautiful art.

Choir Rehearsals Thursdays at 10 AM
If you are interested in joining our choir - please join us!

Men's Discussion Group meets on Tuesdays at 10:00am in the Parish Hall.
Women's Discussion Group meets on Wednesday at 10:00 am in the Parish Hall.

Prayer List If you'd like a loved one to be on the list, please contact Maria or Linn. Please specify if it is for general prayers, for cancer treatment, or for hospice.

Coffee Hour Host One of the most important things we do is gather after the service for coffee hour. If you are interested in hosting, the sign up sheet is on the Gallery table. If you would like help, sign up and we will find someone to show you how it is done.

Birthdays & Anniversaries Please email Linn Torres at LT@allangelsLBK.org with birthdays/anniversaries

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Today's presenters

Ed Upshaw, Alison Jones - Chalice
BJ Bishop - Lector
Terry Cobb - Prayers
Barbara Lelewski - Acolyte
Reuben Fernandez, Dave Bishop - Ushers
Elijah Marshall - A/V tech
Scott Wuesthoff - Zoom host
Ginny Upshaw - Altar Guild
David Stasney - Music Director
Bev Henry - Flowers
Dave Bishop - Offering Counter
Women's Discussion Group - Coffee Hour

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Guest Reflection *Stewardship is a Way of Life* by Linda Fletcher

The Lord says: I challenge you to put me to the test. Bring the entire offering into the storehouse, so there will be food in my house. Then I will open the windows of heaven and flood you with blessing after blessing. Malachi 3:10

I was raised in a home where volunteering and giving was a way of life. My amazing mother was always going somewhere to support a neighbor and to help people who had recently moved to this country find homes. I remember a family even lived with us for a while. As a child I followed her around and absorbed as much of her goodness as I could. She would always tell me, "Always be a little kinder than necessary." My adult life was spent working in the non-profit field with children and adults with disabilities and fundraising to make their lives better. This background leads me to stewardship.

Fundraising is an activity. Stewardship is a way of life.

The core meaning of Stewardship is rooted in the Greek word *OIKONOMOS*. "*Oikos*" means "house" and "*nomos*" means "to steward". A steward does not own the house; they steward it by continuing it the way the owner wishes. Likewise, we are stewards of God's creation and of His Church (House).

"The earth is the Lord's, and everything in it." Psalm 24:1

Consider stewardship in the following ways:
Time: The time we have on this earth is a gift from God. No one knows how much (or little) time we have. Thus, God's gift of time should be used with purpose.
Talents: Our individual abilities are gifts from God. Some have professional talents (doctors, lawyers, nurses, teachers) and some are gifted with being good listeners and companions. Everyone has talents. God's gift comes with the expectation to be generous with one's talents.
Treasure: As a direct result of God's gifts of time and talent, we become stewards of treasure. When generously given, treasure supports All Angels' spiritual ministry and goes to where it is most needed in our community.

Speaking from my non-profit background, the church must be financially viable in order to continue our mission of bringing the Living Christ to those inside and outside the church. Our mission has made All Angels a spiritual refuge for people, their families and the community. As stewards of God's gifts of time, talent and treasure we continue God's peaceful household in our community.

We are Disciples of Jesus, and we have been blessed with the opportunity to carry on his good work. This work is carried out in many ways including attending church services, donating to the Art Sale, setting up coffee hour, serving in the Altar Guild, arranging flowers, being a lector or usher, playing a musical instrument, singing in the choir, making numerous trips to deliver bikes. This summer, the Women's Discussion group continued meeting weekly. We ended each gathering with ideas for stewardship in the church and community. As a result, this Sunday we are supporting the outward signs of remembrance with a special All Saints Day event and hosting Coffee Hour. But it takes all of us to make this possible. We are generously blessed to have the ability to do our share for each other. This is true Discipleship.

In brief, Stewardship is continuing what we have been given.

"Always be a little kinder than necessary." Be generous in every way, every day.

Linda Fletcher

Reflection

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

What is the difference between Memorial Day and Veterans Day? Memorial Day honors U.S. military service members who died while serving their country, while Veterans Day honors all U.S. military veterans who have served. What then do we celebrate on All Saints Sunday – is it those saints in our lives who have passed or is it to remember the saints currently (living) in our lives? In typical Anglican tradition, I'll say this: yes, to both.

In the hymn, *I Sing a Song of the Saints of God,* we hear of the saints who have passed (one was slain by a fierce wild beast) and the "Joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will. You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea, for the saints of God are just folks like me…"

Clearly on All Saints Sunday, we celebrate those who have passed and those saints who you can meet in school, church, or even at Publix.

This Sunday at All Angels, we are doing something important. We are taking time to remember those saints in our lives who have died. There is something deeply personal and important about remembering those who have died. I'd argue that every day you can thank someone in your life for bringing you the light of Christ. But, for one day, as we prepare to head into the Holiday Season, let us remember those for whom we love but see no longer.

Grief is a reflection of deep love. Scripture tells us that love never ends – not even death can separate us. Yet, for those who grieve, you know all too well that death separates us from seeing them. All Saints Sunday helps us to see them again with our hearts. It reminds us of God's promise that we will see them again in the Kingdom of Heaven. And, in some ways, it helps us as we wait to join them.

One aspect of Church life is the recognition that we are not alone in our grief. In my view, there is nowhere else in society where someone can have such a stark reminder that grief is an expression of deep love and that you are not alone in your loss. And, there is nowhere else where you will receive the hope that we will see our loved ones again.

Acknowledging and talking about a loved one helps us process the pain of grief, reduces the stress of prolonged grief, and supports mental wellbeing. The Women's Discussion Group is a living example of the recognition and acknowledgment of grief. Just about every week, we talk about grief, loss and new life. It is no wonder that they are supporting us all in our grief this Sunday. They have set up a table in the church for us to light a candle for a loved one. There is a Table of Remembrance in the Gallery where you are invited to bring a photo of a loved one or write the name of someone you love but see no longer. On the same table, they have prepared food that their loved ones enjoyed. The hope is to share in fellowship with each other those for whom we love but see no longer. By doing so, we are celebrating All Saints, and we are also bringing the love and hope of Christ to those both inside and outside the church.

- Fr. Dave