

“OPEN HEARTS...OPEN MINDS...OPEN DOORS”



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Sunday, November 5th, 2023

All Saints Day Observance

***OPENING HYMN**

For All the Saints

UMH 711

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true,
and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought
of old,
and win with them the victor's
crown of gold. [Refrain]

Refrain:
Alleluia, Alleluia!



4. O blest communion, fellowship
divine!

We feebly struggle, they in glory
shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are
thine. [Refrain]

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. [Refrain]

6. 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: (Refrain)

GREETINGS AND ALOHA

Liturgist: Vaosa Tagaloa

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Throughout all our lives God is with us.

PEOPLE: PRAISE BE TO GOD FOR GOD'S MERCY AND LOVE.

Leader: Even when we are faced with difficult decisions, God's presence is near.

PEOPLE: WHEN WE DON'T KNOW WHICH WAY TO GO, GOD WILL GUIDE AND LEAD US.

Leader: Open your hearts today to God's gently leading.

ALL: WE OPEN OUR LIVES TO GOD, THAT WE MAY FAITHFULLY SERVE GOD ALL OUR DAYS. AMEN.

***Hymn of Praise**

Great is Thy Faithfulness

UMH 140

1. Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father; there is no shadow of turning with thee; thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been, thou forever wilt be.

2. Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon, and stars in their courses above join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)

Refrain:
Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided; great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

3. Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Pastor John Crewe

ALL SAINTS DAY LITANY AND PRAYER

Pastor and Liturgist

Living God, our Guide and Guardian, who sits on the throne and delivers us into eternal life, we give you thanks for the saints of every time, tribe, and tongue who now rest in the shelter of your embrace. We set aside this moment to remember those saints who are dear and precious to us who have died and entered into glory during the last twelve months.

Members of the congregation can come forward to leave names to be read in the litany. (silence)

After each name is read, a bell will ring.

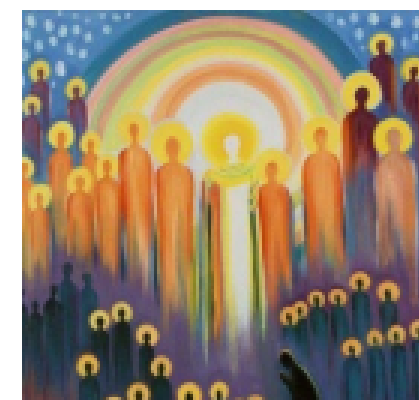
We bless you for the life and love of these dear saints, and rejoice for them that they have entered into the fullness of life in your presence.

We also remember those saints who we hold in our hearts who have not been with us for some time, yet whose life and witness continue to form and shape us as your disciples. On this All Saints Sunday, we also remember that we too are living saints, members of the family of God with all the saints of the past, the present, and the future.

And so, we remember:

2.

**All: We are God's children.
What we shall be has not yet been revealed;
but we know that when Christ appears, we shall be like him,
for we shall see him as he is.
So today and every day,
may we put on Christ and live as saints
who tend the poor,
comfort the mourners,
learn from the meek,
affirm those who seek righteousness,
offer mercy alongside the merciful,
and work for peace with the peacemakers
until Christ comes in final victory
and we feast as the family of God
at his heavenly banquet. Amen.**



PRAYER TIME

Leader: Lord, in your mercy
ALL: HEAR OUR PRAYERS

UNISON PRAYER

God of mercy and grace, shower us with your loving kindness. Fashion us into the saints you call us to be. Love us abundantly so that others may see your kindness and joy reflected in our lives. Bless us with your abiding presence, that we may shine as saints of your holy love. Amen.

PRAYER RESPONSE "Queen Liliuokalani's Prayer"

O kou aloha no. Aia i ka lani. A'o Kou 'oia i'o. He hemolele ho'i. Amene
(Your loving mercy is in heaven, and your truth so perfect. Amen.)

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH:**

UMH 880

THE APOSTLE'S CREED, ECUMENICAL VERSION

I believe in Jesus Christ, his 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, is seated at the right hand of the Father, and will come again to judge the living and the dead.



3.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic** church, (**universal)
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

***GLORIA PATRI**

UMH 70

SERMON SCRIPTURE

Matthew 5:1-12

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¹When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then 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 righteousness' sake, 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 on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

MESSAGE

Blessed Are We

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HYMN OF PREPARATION

Jesu, Jesu

UMH 432

Refrain:
Jesu, Jesu, fill us with your love,
Show Us How to Serve
The neighbors we have from you.

3. These are the ones We should
Serve. These are the ones we should
love. All are neighbors to us and
you. (Refrain)

1. Kneels at The Feet of His Friends,
Silently Washes their feet, master
Who acts as a slave to them.
(Refrain)

4. Kneel at the feet of our friends.
Silently Washing Their Feet. This Is
the way we should live with you.
(Refrain)

2. Neighbors are rich and poor,
varied in color And race. Neighbors
are near and far away. (Refrain)



4.

CHOIR OFFERING

DOXOLOGY AND PRAYER

*Praise God, from whom all
blessings flow*

*Praise Him, all creatures here
below.*

Praise Him above, ye heavenly host

*Praise Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost*

Ho'omani i ka Makua Mau,

Ke Keiki me ka 'Uhane nō,

Ke Akua Mau ho'omaika'i pū,

kō kēia ao, kō kēlā ao.

Āmēne.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ, our Lord, invites to his table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

(Pause/Silence)

CONFESSION AND PARDON

Merciful God,

We confess that we have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done your will, we have broken your law,

we have rebelled against your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray.

**Free us for joyful obedience
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.**

Hear the good news:

Christ died for us while we were yet sinners;
that proves God's love for us.

In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Glory to God. Amen.**

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

AND ALSO WITH YOU. 5.

Lift up your hearts.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our
God.

**WE LIFT THEM UP TO THE LORD.
IT IS RIGHT TO GIVE OUR THANKS
AND PRAISE.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere, to give
thanks to you, Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth.

God of Abraham and Sarah,
God of Miriam and Moses,
God of Joshua and Deborah,
God of Ruth and David,
God of the priests and the prophets,
God of Mary and Joseph,
God of the apostles and the martyrs,
God of our mothers and our fathers,
God of our children to all generations.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we
praise your name and join their unending hymn:

**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.**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ, our light and our
salvation.

By the baptism of his suffering, death, and resurrection, you gave birth to
your church, delivered us from slavery to sin and death, and made a new
covenant with us by water and the Spirit.

*On the night in which he gave himself up for us, he took bread, gave you
thanks, broke the bread, gave it to his disciples, and said: "Take, eat; this
is my body which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."*

*When the supper was over, he took the cup, again he gave you thanks,
gave it to his disciples, and said: "Drink from this, all of you; this is my
blood of the new covenant, poured out for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of
me."*

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we
offer ourselves in praise and Thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in
union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith.

CHRIST HAS DIED; CHRIST IS RISEN; CHRIST WILL COME AGAIN.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here and on these gifts of bread and
juice. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for
the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those we named today
and those we hold in our hearts.

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to
run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the
Pioneer and Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one
with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final
victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty
God, now and forever.

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

GIVING THE BREAD AND CUP

Jesus said, the body of Christ, given for you. **AMEN.**

The blood of Christ, given for you. **AMEN.**

SENDING FORTH / BLESSING

CIRCLE OF OHANA "HAWAII ALOHA" (Rev. Lorenzo Lyons)

E Hawai'i e ku'u one hanau e, Ku'u ho-me kulaiwi nei. Oli no au i na pono lani
ou,

E Hawai'i, aloha e. E hau'oli na `opio o Hawai'i nei. `Oli e! `Oli e! Mai na aheahe
makani e pa mai nei. Mau ke aloha, no Hawai'i.

(O Hawai'i, O sands of my birth, My native home. I rejoice in the blessings of
heaven, O Hawai'i, aloha. Happy youth of Hawai'i, Rejoice! Rejoice! Gentle
breezes blow. Love always for Hawai'i.)

