

# Morning Worship

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER 1, 2020  
EIGHT FORTY-FIVE AND ELEVEN O'CLOCK  
LITURGICAL COLOR: WHITE

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Prelude *Moderato, from Symphonie Romane* by J.S. Bach

## Chiming of the Trinity

*The three chimes signify the presence of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.*

## \*Processional Hymn

*For All the Saints*

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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.  
Refrain:  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

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)

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)

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. (Refrain)

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. (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)

## \*Call to Worship

Rev. Lucas S. Tribble

Leader: Fling wide the temple gates!

People: **Open up the ancient doors!**

Leader: The mighty and glorious one is coming.

People: **This is the Lord for whom we have waited.**

## \*Invocation

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray together.

People: **God of all glory, we gather here today with the saints of every time and place to honor and praise your holy name. As you have revealed your mercy and might to your faithful people in every age, so let us glimpse—even through our tears—the mystery of your life-giving grace and the love that even death cannot destroy; through Jesus Christ, Alpha and Omega. Amen.**

## \*Benediction

Rev. Gillian L. Walters

## \*Benediction Response

*Amen*

arr. Orlando Gibbons

## \*Postlude

*Final, from Symphonie Romane (excerpt)*

by J.S. Bach

*\*Please stand as you are able.*

**As the names of the honored saints are called and as the chimes are struck, you are invited to remember others in your life who have entered into God's eternal rest.**

## Flowers

The altar arrangement is given to the glory of God and in memory of our church members who have died in the past year. The narthex flowers are given to the glory of God and in memory of the members of United Methodist Women who have entered the church triumphant in the past year.

## Candles

The candles are lit in memory of our church members who have died in the last year. We invite the families of the honored individuals to take a candle with you at the close of worship as a keepsake.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
2416 West Cloverdale Park  
Montgomery, Alabama

## *All Saints Sunday*

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### MINISTERS

**Dr. Jay D. Cooper**  
*Senior Minister*

**Reverend Gillian L. Walters**  
*Associate Minister*

**Reverend Ben A. McDavid**  
*Associate Minister*

**Reverend Lucas S. Tribble**  
*Associate Minister*

**Dr. James H. Seay**  
*Director of Music*

**Dr. Joshua H. Coble**  
*Organist/Assistant Director of Music*

**Dr. Karl K. Stegall**  
*Pastor Emeritus*

**Bishop David W. Graves**  
*Bishop of Alabama-West  
Florida Conference*

**Dr. C. Jason Borders**  
*Theologian in Residence*

**Reverend Jeff L. Wilson**  
*District Superintendent of  
Montgomery-Prattville District*

“Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting?

The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. Therefore, my beloved, be steadfast, immovable, always excelling in the work of the Lord, because you know that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.”

I Corinthians 15:55-58

Jesus said, “I am the resurrection and the life; those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?”

John 11:25-26

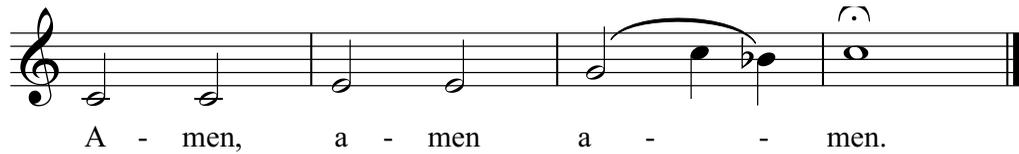
Jesus said, “Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father’s house there are many dwelling places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also.”

John 14:1-3

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here,  
 and on these gifts of bread and wine.  
 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.

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.



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**Music during Holy Communion**

*Pie Jesu from Requiem* by Andrew Lloyd Webber  
 Meg Griffin and Susan Cooper, Soloists

**Invitation to Christian Discipleship**

Those desiring to unite with the church, either by profession of faith or by transfer of membership, are invited to join the ministers at the chancel rail during the singing of the first stanza of the Hymn of Dedication.

**\*Hymn of Dedication**

*Sing With All the Saints in Glory*

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1. Sing with all the saints in glory,  
 sing the resurrection song!  
 Death and sorrow, earth's dark  
 story, to the former days belong.  
 All around the clouds are breaking,  
 soon the storms of time shall cease;  
 in God's likeness we, awaking,  
 know the everlasting peace.

2. O what glory, far exceeding  
 all that eye has yet perceived!  
 Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,  
 never that full joy conceived.  
 God has promised, Christ prepares  
 it, there on high our welcome waits.  
 Every humble spirit shares it;  
 Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

3. Life eternal! heaven rejoices:  
 Jesus lives, who once was dead.  
 Join we now the deathless voices;  
 child of God, lift up your head!  
 Patriarchs from the distant ages,  
 saints all longing for their heaven,  
 prophets, psalmists, seers, and  
 sages, all await the glory given.

4. Life eternal! O what wonders  
 crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
 when, amidst earth's closing thun-  
 ders, saints shall stand before the  
 throne! O to enter that bright por-  
 tal, see that glowing firmament;  
 know, with thee, O God Immortal,  
 "Jesus Christ whom thou has sent!"

**Concerns of a Caring Fellowship**

Rev. Ben A. McDavid

**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 sin before God and one another.

**Prayer of Confession and Pardon**

**People:** 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, we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us, for joyful obedience, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

All pray in silence.

Leader: Hear the good news; Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love towards us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

**People:** In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

**All:** Glory to God. Amen.

**Offertory**

*Saints Bound for Heaven*  
 Cathedral Choir

arr. Parker/Shaw

*Our bondage it shall end by, and by. From Egypt's yoke set free, Hail the glorious jubilee, And to Canaan we'll return by, and by. Our Deliverer He shall come by, and by, and our sorrows have an end with our three score years and ten, and vast glory crown the day by, and by. And when to Jordan's floods we are come, Jehovah rules tide and the waters he'll divide; and the ransom'd host shall shout we are come. Then with all the happy throng we'll rejoice! Shouting glory to our King till the vaults of heaven ring, and through all eternity we'll rejoice!*

**\*Presentation of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Doxology**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow  
 Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;  
 praise Him, all creatures here below;  
 praise Him above, ye heavenly hosts;  
 praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

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**\*First Reading of the Honored Saints**

Rebecca Gray Lovin • Eileene Dempsey Griffith • Price Chrenleigh McLemore, Jr.  
Cecile Morgan Webb • Betty Gothard Murray • John Pios Mitchum  
Harvey E. "Sonny" Cauthen, Jr. • Rickey Gene Love • Georganne Schwend Newman  
William Henry Brittain II • Annette Lorraine Porter • John Edwin Shanahan, Jr.  
Sara Darden Praytor • Richard Arthur Forster • Ann Reese Randall  
Elaine Ellard McDonald • Emma Elizabeth Shirock • Bertha Wood • Timothy Paul Donley  
Jo Ann Sellers • Emily Riddle McLemore • Joel Beasley Griswold  
Doris Wheat Thornton

**Act of Praise**

***And I Saw a New Heaven***  
Cathedral Choir

**arr. Edgar Bainton**

*And I Saw a new heaven and a new earth: For the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven, saying: Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be there God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; And there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.*

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**\*Second Reading of the Honored Saints**

Vivian N. Stewart • Albert Louis Neuhauser • Geri Ellzey Craig  
Julia Tucker Rhyne • Leslie Booth Watson, Jr. • Catherine Vinson Ogburn  
Daniel Rush Stallings, Jr. • Walton Savage Skelley • Roger Sherman Duggar  
Charles Fletcher Hyde • Lucille Kemp Groves • Winifred Hall Harris  
Judith Rutland Pratt • Lydia R. Johnson • William Meredith Harrell  
Susan Crow Bagwell • Leslie Sylvester Thompson, Jr. • Waline Rach Gafford  
Atwood Bullock Rush, Sr. • Helen Rapp Rittenour • Aloma Revis Osgood  
Elliott Ross McMahan • Walter Edward Weaver • Patricia Laird Hitchcock

**Scripture Lesson**

**Revelation 7:9-17**

**Sermon**

***Healthy Churches Honor the Saints***

**Dr. Jay D. Cooper**

Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ.  
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 with us a new covenant by water and the Spirit.

On the night in which he gave himself up for us,  
he took bread, gave thanks to you, 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,  
gave thanks to you, 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 might 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.

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**The Great Thanksgiving**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them up to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**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,

Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven

we praise your name and join their unending hymn: