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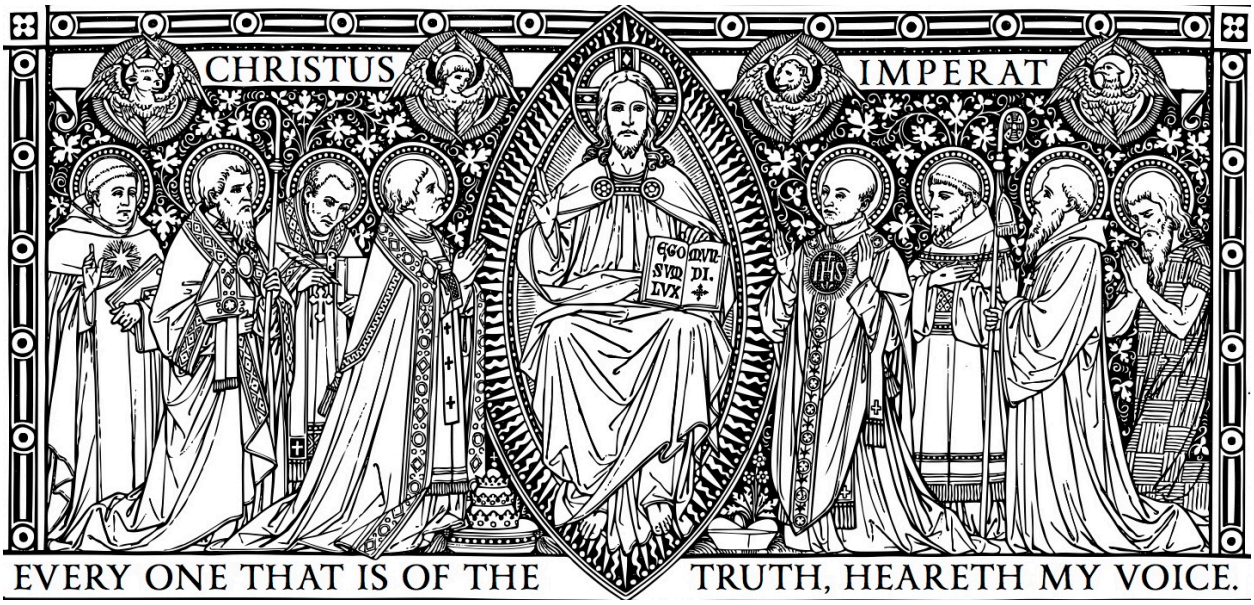

THE FEAST OF ALL SAINTS | NOVEMBER 1, A.D. 2026

Call to Worship

The entrance tower bell and carillon bells are rung.

Organ Prelude

For All the Saints — arr. Wilbur Held (1914-2015)

Minister. Praise our God, all you his servants:

Answer. **You who fear him, both small and great.**

☩ The congregation shall stand for the processional hymn.

Processional Hymn 547

For All the Saints

☩ The congregation shall sit at the conclusion of the hymn.

Opening Prayer

The Reverend Randall K. Green

Lector. Hear the first lesson, written in Joshua 3, vv. 7-17. (Pew Bible, pp. 179-80)

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I will begin to exalt you in the sight of all Israel, that they may know that, as I was with Moses, so I will be with you. 8 And as for you, command the priests who bear the ark of the covenant, 'When you come to the brink of the waters of the Jordan, you shall stand still in the Jordan.'" 9 And Joshua said to the people of Israel, "Come here and listen to the words of the Lord your God." 10 And Joshua said, "Here is how you shall know that the living God is among you and that he will without fail drive out from before you the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Hivites, the Perizzites, the Girgashites, the Amorites, and the Jebusites. 11 Behold, the ark of the covenant of the Lord of all the earth is passing over before you into the Jordan. 12 Now therefore take twelve men from the tribes of Israel, from each tribe a man. 13 And when the soles of the feet of the priests bearing the ark of the Lord, the Lord of all the earth, shall rest in the waters of the Jordan, the waters of the Jordan shall be cut off from flowing, and the waters coming down from above shall stand in one heap."
14 So when the people set out from their tents to pass over the Jordan with the priests bearing the ark of the covenant before the people, 15 and as soon as those bearing the ark had come as far as the Jordan, and the feet of the priests bearing the ark were dipped in the brink of the water (now the Jordan overflows all its banks throughout the time of harvest), 16 the waters coming down from above stood and rose up in a heap very far away, at Adam, the city that is beside Zarethan, and those flowing down toward the Sea of the Arabah, the Salt Sea, were completely cut off. And the people passed over opposite Jericho. 17 Now the priests bearing the ark of the covenant of the Lord stood firmly on dry ground in the midst of the Jordan, and all Israel was passing over on dry ground until all the nation finished passing over the Jordan.

Lector. The Word of the Lord.
Answer. **Thanks be to God.**

☩ The Lector shall lead a responsive reading from Psalm 43, beginning with the choral antiphon:

℟ *Send out your light and your truth, that they may lead me.*

Lector. Send out your light and your truth, O God; let them lead me;
Answer. **let them bring me to your holy hill and to your dwelling!**
Lector. Then I will go to the altar of God, to God my exceeding joy,
Answer. **and I will praise you with the lyre, O God, my God.** ℟
Lector. Why are you cast down, O my soul,
Answer. **and why are you in turmoil within me?**
Lector. Hope in God;
Answer. **for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.** ℟

☩ The congregation shall stand for the *Gloria Patri,* the second lesson, and the hymn following.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen. Amen.

Lector. Hear the second lesson, written in Hebrews 2, vv. 10-15. (Pew Bible, p. 1002)

For it was fitting that he, for whom and by whom all things exist, in bringing many sons to glory, should make the founder of their salvation perfect through suffering. 11 For he who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one source. That is why he is not ashamed to call them brothers, 12 saying, "I will tell of your name to my brothers; in the midst of the congregation I will sing your praise." 13 And again,"I will put my trust in him." And again, "Behold, I and the children God has given me." 14 Since therefore the children share in flesh and blood, he himself likewise partook of the same things, that through death he might destroy the one who has the power of death, that is, the devil, 15 and deliver all those who through fear of death were subject to lifelong slavery.

Lector. The Word of the Lord.
Answer. **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn 565
On Jordan's Stormy Banks

☩ The congregation shall sit at the conclusion of the hymn.

Sermon
Crossing Over

Let us confess the Holy Faith that was once for all delivered to the saints.

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 the 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 Ghost 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, in accordance with the Scriptures; and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father; and he shall come again, with glory, to judge both the quick and the dead; whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and Giver of life; who proceedeth from the Father and the Son; who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified; who spake by the prophets. And I believe one holy catholic 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.

☩ All shall remain standing for the singing of the *Doxology.*

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow; praise Him all creatures here below; praise Him above, ye, heav'nly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

☩ The congregation shall sit at the conclusion of the *Doxology;*

Anthem

Make My Life an Alleluia — Ruth Elaine Schram, 2004

Make my life an alleluia, a song of praise to you each day. To proclaim your grace and glory, fill my heart with your praise, I pray. When I stand at the mountaintop, or the valley of despair, this will be my cry, my song, my prayer; Lord, make my life an alleluia. Make my life an alleluia, a gift of love to you, my King. I will join with all creation in the song that the heavens sing! The Earth will turn, and the planets spin, as the seasons ebb and flow; still, your grace surrounds me as I go; Lord, make my life an alleluia. Make my life an alleluia, this offering of myself, I give to you. I will share your grace and mercy for as long as I shall live. When I come to my journey's end, may those left behind be reminded, this has been my cry, my song; Lord, make my life an alleluia.

☩ Then shall the *Prayers of the People* be offered, each petition ending with:

Intercessor. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever,

Answer. **Amen.**

☩ The Minister shall conclude the prayers, ending with *The Lord's Prayer.*

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. Amen.

☩ Then shall the congregation stand for the recessional hymn and closing prayer.

Recessional Hymn 413

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all, now and forevermore.

Answer. **Amen.**

Organ Postlude

Come, Come, Ye Saints — arr. J. Spencer Cornwall (1888-1983)

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