

**THE THIRD SUNDAY OF
END TIME:
SAINTS TRIUMPHANT**

November 17, 2019

Worship Focus
WELCOME HOME:
To an Everlasting Family

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Order of Service for
SAINTS TRIUMPHANT

✠ **Gathering** ✠

OPENING CALL TO WORSHIP

Hark! I Hear the Harps Eternal
Junior Choir

*Hark! I hear the harps eternal Ringing on the farther shore.
As I near those swollen waters With their deep and solemn roar.*

Refrain

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Praise the Lamb!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory to the Great I AM!*

*And my soul, though stained with sorrow, Fading as the light of day,
Passes swiftly o'er those waters, To the city far away.*

Refrain

*Souls have crossed before me saintly, To that land of perfect rest;
And I hear them singing faintly, In the mansions of the blest.*

Refrain

OPENING HYMN

551:1-3 - For All the Saints

**For all the saints who from their labors rest,
All who their faith before the world confessed,
Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;
You, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight
And in the darkness drear their one true light. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**Oh, may your soldiers, faithful, true, and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

INVOCATION

M The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

2 Corinthians 13:13

C And also with you.

M I heard a voice from heaven say,
“Write: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord.

**C “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor,
for their deeds will follow them.”**

Revelation 14:13

M For the saints of the Most High will receive the kingdom
and will possess it forever —

C yes, for ever and ever!

Daniel 7:18

CONFESSION OF SINS

M Beloved in the Lord, we desire to one day join the saints triumphant in heaven.
Yet we have disobeyed God, and deserve only his wrath and punishment.
Therefore, let us draw near with a true heart and confess our sins to God our Father,
asking him in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ to grant us forgiveness.

**C Holy and merciful Father, I confess that I am by nature sinful,
and that I have disobeyed you in my thoughts, words, and actions.
I have done what is evil and failed to do what is good.
For this I deserve your punishment both now and in eternity.
But I am truly sorry for my sins, and trusting in my Savior Jesus Christ, I pray:
Lord, have mercy on me, a sinner.**

M God, our heavenly Father, has been merciful to us
and has given his only Son to be the atoning sacrifice for our sins.
Therefore, as a called servant of Christ and by his authority,
I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son ✠ and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

M In the peace of forgiveness, let us praise the Lord:

ALL (sung):

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine,
Yet all are one within your grand design. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon, to faithful warriors comes their rest.
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

M Almighty God and Savior, you have set the final day and hour when we shall be delivered from this world of sin and death. Keep us ever watchful for the coming of your Son that we may sit with him and all your holy ones at the marriage feast in heaven; through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

✠ The Word ✠

FIRST LESSON

Isaiah 65:17-25

*In the New Jerusalem we will not experience the "former things" like death, crying, and pain.
We will enjoy the company of our Christian family for all eternity.*

ISAIAH 65:17 "See, I will create new heavens and a new earth.

The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind.

¹⁸ But be glad and rejoice forever in what I will create,

for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight and its people a joy.

¹⁹ I will rejoice over Jerusalem and take delight in my people;

the sound of weeping and of crying will be heard in it no more.

²⁰ "Never again will there be in it an infant who lives but a few days,

or an old man who does not live out his years;

the one who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere child;

the one who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed.

²¹ They will build houses and dwell in them;

they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

²² No longer will they build houses and others live in them, or plant and others eat.

For as the days of a tree, so will be the days of my people;

my chosen ones will long enjoy the work of their hands.
²³ They will not labor in vain, nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;
for they will be a people blessed by the Lord, they and their descendants with them.
²⁴ Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear.
²⁵ The wolf and the lamb will feed together,
and the lion will eat straw like the ox, and dust will be the serpent's food.
They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the Lord.

PSALM

Psalm 150

M Praise the Lord. Praise God in his sanctuary;
C **praise him in his mighty heavens.**

M Praise him for his acts of power;
C **praise him for his surpassing greatness.**

M Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet,
C **praise him with the harp and lyre,**

M praise him with timbrel and dancing,
C **praise him with the strings and pipe,**

M praise him with the clash of cymbals,
C **praise him with resounding cymbals.**

M Let everything that has breath praise the Lord.
C **Praise the Lord.**

After a brief musical introduction, the congregation sings:

ALL (sung):

**But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds to ocean's farthest coast
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia! Alleluia!**

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 22:1-5

The vastness of our heavenly home is beyond our comprehension. We will live in our new home "for ever and ever."

REVELATION 22:1 Then the angel showed me the river of the water of life, as clear as crystal, flowing from the throne of God and of the Lamb ² down the middle of the great street of the city. On each side of the river stood the tree of life, bearing twelve crops of fruit, yielding its fruit every month. And the leaves of the tree are for the healing of the nations. ³ No longer will there be any curse. The throne of God and of the Lamb will be in the city, and his servants will serve him. ⁴ They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. ⁵ There will be no more night. They will not need the light of a lamp or the light of the sun, for the Lord God will give them light. And they will reign for ever and ever.

RESPONSE

arr. Kenny Potter
Junior Choir

*Where shall I go from your Spirit? Where can I flee from your presence?
If I go up to the heav'ns, you are there, And if I lie down in the depths, you are there.*

*And if I rise on the wings of the dawn, If I go to the ends of the earth,
Even there you will guide me,
Your hand will hold me fast, Your hand will hold me fast.*

GOSPEL

Luke 20:27-38

*A question from Jesus' enemies provides an opportunity for Jesus to speak about the "order of things" in eternity.
There will be a resurrection to life – in fact, even now the "saints triumphant" are alive in spirit.*

LUKE 20:27 Some of the Sadducees, who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus with a question. ²⁸ "Teacher," they said, "Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies and leaves a wife but no children, the man must marry the widow and raise up offspring for his brother. ²⁹ Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰ The second ³¹ and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³² Finally, the woman died too. ³³ Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?"

³⁴ Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵ But those who are considered worthy of taking part in the age to come and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶ and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷ But in the account of the burning bush, even Moses showed that the dead rise, for he calls the Lord 'the God of Abraham, and the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' ³⁸ He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

M This is the Gospel of our Lord.

C Praise be to you, O Christ!

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Nicene Creed

**C 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,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary,
and became fully human.**

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,
who in unity with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy Christian 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.**



HYMN OF THE DAY

728 - Jerusalem the Golden

Junior Choir sings vs. 1,2; Congregation joins to sing vs. 3



1 Je - ru - sa - lem the gold - en, With
 2 Oh, sweet and bless - ed coun - try, The
 3 The Christ is ev - er with them; The



milk and hon - ey blest— The sight of it re -
 home of God's e - lect! Oh, sweet and bless - ed
 day - light is se - rene. The pas - tures of the



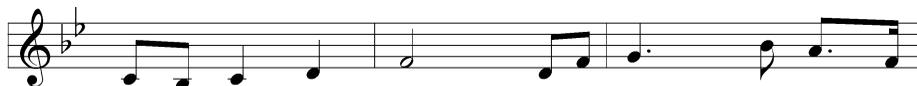
fresh - es The wea - ry and op - pressed: I
 coun - try That ea - ger hearts ex - pect, Where
 bless - ed Are ev - er rich and green. There



know not, oh, I know not What joys a - wait us
 they who with their lead - er Have con - quered in the
 is the throne of Da - vid; And there from care re -



there, What ra - dian-cy of glo - ry, What
 fight For - ev - er and for - ev - er Are
 leased, The shout of them that tri - umph, The



bliss be - yond com - pare: To sing the hymn un -
 clad in robes of white. Je - sus in mer - cy
 song of them that feast. To God en - throned in

end - ing With all the mar - tyr throng, A -
bring us To that dear land of rest Where
glo - ry The Church's voic - es blend, The

midst the halls of Zi - on Re - sound-ing full with song.
sings the host of heav - en Your glo - rious name to bless.
Lamb for - ev - er bless - ed, The Light that knows no end.

This twelfth century hymn, first conceived by Bernard of Cluny, depicts an idyllic, heavenly scene. The hymn is gloriously set to the English folk tune THAXTED.

Text: Bernard of Cluny, 12th century
Tune: THAXTED (76 76 76 D) Gustav Holst, 1874–1934, alt.

✠ SERMON ✠

Revelation 22:1-7

The Saints Get to Live in Eden!

FRIENDSHIP REGISTER and GATHERING OF OFFERINGS

MUSICAL OFFERTORY

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Encouraged by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us pray for God's people to endure to the day of Christ's coming and for the needs of all people as we approach that blessed day.

Brief silence

For all of God's children who have been baptized into Christ and who rejoice in Him by faith, for our remembrance of those who went before us with the sign of faith and now rest from their labors, and for those who do not yet know God's mercy in Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the poor in spirit who know their sin, grieve over their guilt and seek the grace of forgiveness; and for those who mourn what sin and death have done to all people and to our broken world, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who hunger for righteousness and seek to do that which is good and right and true, and for the good works that shine with Christ's light in this world of shadows and darkness, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the merciful who show compassion and forgive as Christ has loved and forgiven us, for purity of heart that we may seek the Lord and serve His holy purpose, and for those who seek peace through the blood of Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the persecuted Church throughout the world, for a bold witness in the face of rejection and threat, and for the martyrs who choose faithfulness rather than deny Christ, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the physically and mentally ill in their afflictions, for the elderly and infirm in their struggles, for the dying in their final days on earth, and for the grieving who are wounded by the loss of those they love, [*especially _____ and those we name in our hearts,*] let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For the will to keep faith with the saints who have gone before us, for wisdom as we contend for the faith against the enemies of God's Word, for faithful preaching and teaching, and for all those who serve us with the Lord's Word and Sacraments, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

For faith and repentance to receive for our benefit the body and blood of Christ in this holy Sacrament, for our unity of doctrine and life as God's people, and for the fruits of this blessed communion to be displayed in the grace of holy living, let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, have mercy.**

Remembering the saints whose lives and witness point to Christ, and joining them in steadfast witness as we pass on the sacred deposit to those who will follow us, let us give thanks to the Lord: **Alleluia.**

O almighty God, we give You thanks that You have washed us in the blood of the Lamb, written our names in the Lamb's Book of Life, and made us a royal priesthood and heirs of an eternal inheritance. Though we deserve none of Your mercy and are unworthy of Your saving grace, we pray You to hear our prayers in the name of Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whom, with whom and through whom all honor and glory is Yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forevermore. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

M Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.



✠ THE SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE and PROPER PREFACES

M The Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

M Lift up your hearts.

C We lift them up to the Lord.

M Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C It is good and right so to do.

M It is truly good and right that we should at all times and in all places give you thanks, O Lord, holy Father, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who preserves his Church to the end of time when he will come again as king to judge all people and take his own to glory. Therefore, with all the saints on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your holy name and join their glorious song:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*Sanctus*)

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er,
God of might: heav'n and earth are full of your glo -
ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless -
ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san -
na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

M Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night he was betrayed, took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me."

Then he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it to them, saying, "Drink from it, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is poured out for you for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me."

M The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C Amen.

O CHRIST, LAMB OF GOD (*Agnus Dei*)

The musical score is written on seven staves of music. The first staff begins with a 'C' in a box, indicating the common time signature. The lyrics are: 'O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; grant us your peace. A - men. A - men.' The music is in a simple, melodic style with a treble clef and a key signature of one flat.

C O Christ, Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world; have mer - cy on us. O
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DISTRIBUTION

The Scriptures teach that the celebration of the Lord's Supper connects us intimately with Christ and with one another as Christians who are united around a common confession of faith. Therefore, we ask that only those who are members of Calvary or churches within our fellowship come forward to receive the Lord's Supper.



DISTRIBUTION HYMN

549 - Around the Throne, A Glorious Band



1 A - round the throne, a glo - rious band, The
 2 Through trib - u - la - tion great they came; They
 3 They see their Sav - ior face to face And
 4 "Wor - thy the Lamb, for sin - ners slain, Through
 5 Oh, may we tread the sa - cred road That



saints in count - less num - bers stand, Of
 bore the cross, de - spised the shame. From
 sing the tri - umphs of his grace. Each
 end - less years to live and reign; You
 saints and ho - ly mar - tyrs trod, Wage



ev - 'ry tongue, re - deemed to God, Ar -
 all their la - bors now they rest In
 day and night they sing his praise, To
 have re - deemed us by your blood And
 to the end the glo - rious strife, And



rayed in gar - ments washed in blood.
 God's e - ter - nal glo - ry blest.
 him the loud thanks - giv - ing raise:
 made us kings and priests to God."
 win, like them, a crown of life.

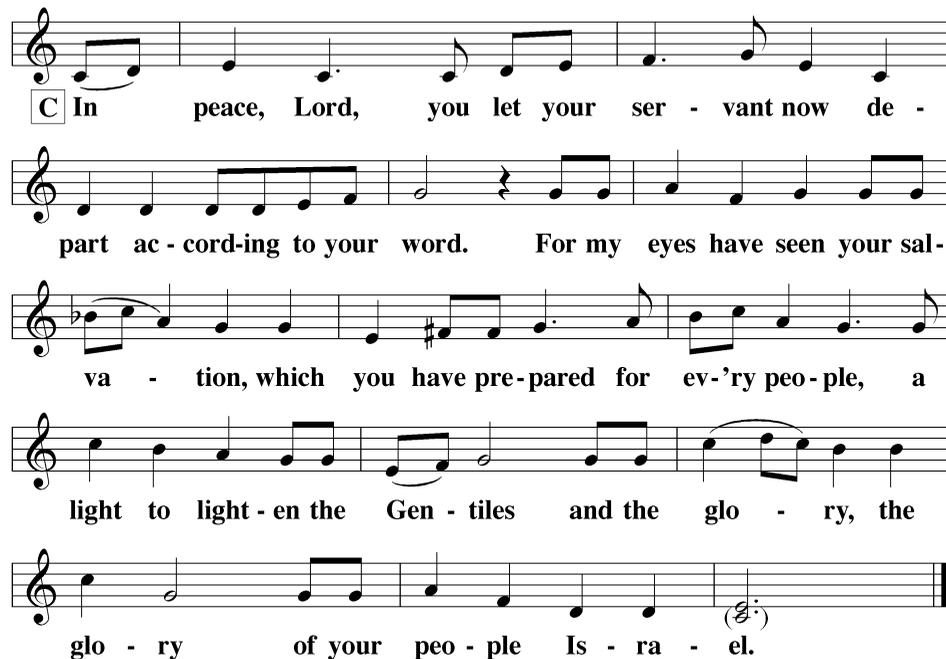
Text: Rowland Hill, 1744-1833, abr., alt.

Tune: ROCKINGHAM OLD (LM) *Second Supplement to Psalmody in Miniature*, London, 1778, adapt.

All
 Saints'

✠ SENDING ✠

THANKSGIVING



C In peace, Lord, you let your ser - vant now de -
part ac - cord - ing to your word. For my eyes have seen your sal -
va - tion, which you have pre - pared for ev - 'ry peo - ple, a
light to light - en the Gen - tiles and the glo - ry, the
glo - ry of your peo - ple Is - ra - el.

M O give thanks to the Lord, for he is good.

C And his mercy endures forever.

PRAYER AND BLESSING

M O God the Father, source of all goodness, in your loving kindness you sent your Son to share our humanity. We thank you that through him you have given us pardon and peace in this sacrament. We also pray that you will not forsake us but will rule our hearts and minds by your Holy Spirit so that we willingly serve you day after day, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C Amen.

M The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.

The Lord look on you with favor and (+) give you peace.

C Amen.

CLOSING

Lord, Thee I Love with All My Heart, vs.3

Sung by quartet

*Lord, let at last Thine angels come
To Abra'm's bosom bear me home,
That I may die unfeared.
Then in its narrow chamber keep
My body safe in peaceful sleep
Until Thy reappearing.
And then from death awaken me
That these mine eyes with joy may see,
O Son of God, Thy glorious face,
My Savior and my Fount of grace.
Lord Jesus Christ! Lord Jesus Christ,
my pray'r attend,
And I will praise Thee without end.*

After worship, please feel free to stay and greet your neighbors.

The Season of End Time

The Church Year comes a close in November with the season of End Time. In this season, we are reminded that we are living in the “last days” between Christ’s first coming at Christmas and his second coming on Judgment Day. The world could end at any time. For a believer, the end of his life or the end of the world is a wonderful thing! It means the beginning of a new and better existence in a much more glorious world than this one.

Our Theme for Today: You Have an Everlasting Family

Death is ugly. It does not matter if someone dies after a long, protracted fight with some illness or if they die peacefully in their sleep. Either way, the body goes into the ground and begins to decay. Either way, that person is gone, and their absence is constantly noticed.

Death would be overwhelming were it not for the fact that, for the believer, Christ has completely transformed death. Death is not the end. For those who are part of Christ’s family, death is the beginning of a new and better life, one where the deceased has triumphed over sin and all its consequences.

We thank God for this beautiful gospel truth—that Christians have an everlasting family. When Christian loved ones die, they are not “lost.” Something is lost when: a) you don’t know where it is, and therefore b) you will not see it again. We know exactly where our deceased Christian loved ones are. We look forward to being reunited with them soon.

Today, we celebrate the Saints Triumphant—those believers who have died and been welcomed into their true home with Jesus.