

Worship Plan - Church Year C
2021-2022



11/6/2022 - All Saints Day

SERIES THEME

standalone week

THEME OF THE DAY

WE FEEBLY STRUGGLE; THEY IN GLORY SHINE (All Saints' Day)

We believe in “the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints” (Apostles’ Creed). All with saving faith in Jesus as their Savior are holy. (Saint comes from the Latin word sanctus which means holy.) God grants the status of saint to all believers. Since sainthood is achieved through faith in Christ, we refer to believers as the invisible Church. Members are unknown to us since only God can see the heart. Furthermore, even if we knew the identity of each saint on earth, they would not look all that different from the rest of mankind. Believers still struggle with trials, temptations, and sin. Nor does membership in the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints make life easier. In some ways it makes life more difficult as we struggle against a world that is hostile towards Christ. However, some members of the communion of saints no longer struggle with trial and sin. They are not oppressed by an anti-Christian world. These are all the saints who, through their Christian death, have triumphed over all these things. The blessedness of being God’s saint is no longer invisible for them. They live in the glory of Christ’s light. This week, we thank God for those members of the communion of saints who have gone before us and now enjoy everlasting life. We feebly struggle, just as they once did. But now, thanks to Christ, they in glory shine. Their example encourages us as we patiently wait to join them.

FIRST READING

*** Revelation 21:1-6 – St. John is allowed to see the home of the saints triumphant.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 11:32-40 – For countless saints, their Christian faith was the cause of pain and even death. They faced persecution and death with courage because they knew God had planned something better.

GOSPEL

Luke 6:20-23 – Jesus teaches that the blessedness of being God’s saint is currently hidden from sight. Yet, one day, that blessedness will be revealed.

ORDER OF SERVICE

Conservative:

Setting 4

Ambitious:

Setting 3 with new GA and proper verse

Opening Hymn:

886 - Blessed Are They

Psalm of the Day:

Psalm 149A

Gospel Acclamation Proper Verse:

They are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple. (Revelation 7:15)

Gospel Acclamation setting:

Setting 4

Setting 3

or

Additional Settings

Sets 1 or 2 for Propers 24-29

Hymn of the Day:

889/890 - Jerusalem the Golden

Third Hymn or Distribution Hymn:

*880 - For All the Saints

Closing Hymn:

881 - Sing with All the Saints in Glory

Optional New Hymns, perhaps requiring advance preparation/cantors:

837 - When Will I Walk - not a difficult melody but best to introduce

Notes for the conservative service:

Notes for the ambitious service: