## **COMMUNION HYMNS:** 'For All the Saints Who Showed Your Love'

For all the saints who showed your love in how they lived and where they moved, for mindful women, caring men, accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name, whose faith increased the Saviour's fame, who sang your songs and shared your word, accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will and saw your kingdom coming still through selfless protest, prayer and praise, accept the gratitude we raise.



Bless all whose will or name or love reflects the grace of heaven above.

Though unacclaimed by earthly powers, your life through theirs has hallowed ours

'Here is Bread' - (262)

'Gifts of Bread and Wine' - (182)

# **POST COMMUNION**

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**FINAL HYMN:** 'O, When the Saints' – (535)

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# **Feast of All Saints**

3rd November 2024

**GATHERING HYMN:** 'For All the Saints' – (161)

## COLLECT:

Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship

in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints

in all virtuous and godly living

that we may come to those inexpressible joys

that you have prepared for those who truly love you;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

Amen

FIRST READING Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,

of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear.

And he will destroy on this mountain

the shroud that is cast over all peoples,

the sheet that is spread over all nations;

he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces,

and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken.

It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.

This is the Lord for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

#### **SECOND READING**

### Revelation 21.1-6a

I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.'

For the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

**GOSPEL HYMN**— Bring Forth the Kingdom (Perhaps omitting verses 5 & 6?)

You are salt for the earth, O people: Salt for the Kingdom of God! Share the flavour of life, O people: Life in the Kingdom of God!

Bring forth the Kingdom of mercy, Bring forth the Kingdom of peace; Bring forth the Kingdom of justice, Bring forth the City of God!

You are a light on the hill, O people: Light for the City of God! Shine so holy and bright, O people: Shine for the Kingdom of God! *(Refrain)* 

You are a seed of the Word, O people: Bring forth the Kingdom of God! Seeds of mercy and seeds of justice, Grow in the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)



We are a blest and a pilgrim people: Bound for the Kingdom of God! Love our journey and love our homeland: Love is the Kingdom of God! (Refrain)

# We sing verse 5 after the Gospel Reading

We are a blest and anointed people: Signed for the Kingdom of God! Oil of holiness, pure and fragrant: Shine for the Kingdom of God! (*Refrain*)

Words & Music: Marty Haugen

John 11: 32-44

#### **GOSPEL**

When Mary, the sister of Martha and Lazarus, came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

**HYMN OF THE GIFTS:** 'O Lord, All the World Belongs to You' – (498)