



**Plymouth
Church**
UNITED CHURCH of CHRIST

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All Saints Sunday

**Twenty Third Sunday
After Pentecost
November 5, 2023**

“My house is a house of prayer for all people.” (Isaiah 56:7)

Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation

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Our Approach to God

Music calls us to worship so we may listen for God speaking to us.

When the service begins, please silence your voices and devices.

**All are invited to rise in body or spirit*

Preparation Music Two settings of “O world, I must now leave thee”.....Johannes Brahms
Thomas Clark-Jones Organ

During the preparation music, we invite you to place photographs and mementos on the table of remembrance for All Saints Sunday.

Welcome

***Call to Worship**

Mary Powell

ONE: Let us praise the God of our ancestors.

ALL: Let us praise God, who robs death of its sting, and the grave of its victory.

ONE: Let us praise the God of Moses and Miriam, Samuel and Ruth,
Mary Magdalene and Simon Peter.

**ALL: Let us praise the God of the company of saints,
living on earth and living in glory.**

ONE: Let us worship God who is constant yesterday, today, and tomorrow.

***Hymn #295 (Black hymnal) I Sing a Song of the Saints of GodGrand Isle**

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you have spoken to us through the ages, in the words of prophets and poets, and the lives of saints in every generation. And yet we repeat the mistakes and failures that we should have outgrown. We wrap ourselves in the familiar garments of arrogance, or fear, and we become strangers to love. Forgive us, and unbind us, for the sake of Jesus Christ, so that we may join with the saints in your unending praise. Amen.

Silent Reflection

Words of Assurance

ONE: Lift up your hearts!

ALL: We lift them up to God!

***Hymn of Praise** *Hymn to Joy*

Life eternal! Heav'n rejoices: Jesus lives, who once was dead.
Shout with joy, O deathless voices! Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages, Saints all longing for their heaven,
Prophets, psalmists, seers, and sages, all await the glory given.

***Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

ALL: **And also with you!**

*Children of all ages remain in worship for communion Sundays.
Sunday School will resume next Sunday.*

The Proclamation of God's Word

Music Contemplation..... Cynthia Dobrinski

The Plymouth Ringers

Scripture Reading Matthew 5:1-12

Sermon Bless This Mess Rev. Dr. Matthew Wooster
Sermon Series: The Surprising Wisdom of Jesus, part 3

Choral Response Come and Fill Our Hearts.....*Taizé*

Remembrance of the Saints

✠ IN MEMORIAM ✠

On All Saints Sunday, we prayerfully read the names of beloved family members, friends, and fellow parishioners who have departed this life in the past year and toll the bell in their honor.
See insert for a list of our Saints.

Tolling of the Bell

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil, for thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever, Amen.

Choral Anthem Nunc Dimittis..... John Stainer

The Plymouth Choir

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace according to thy word:
For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
Which thou hast prepared before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles and to be the glory of thy people Israel.
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.

Living Out the Word of God

Announcements of Church Life

Call to Offering

Offertory Ave Maria from *Otello*Giuseppi Verdi

Diane Julin Menges, soloist

Hail Mary, full of grace, chosen among wives and maidens art thou, blessed be the fruit, o blessed one, of thy womb, Jesus. Pray for the one who kneels in prayer before you, pray for the sinner, for the one who is innocent, and for the weak and oppressed, and for the mighty, also wretched, show thy mercy. Pray for the one who bows his head under injustice and under misfortune; for us, pray thou for us, pray ever and in the hour of our death, pray for us, pray for us, pray. Hail Mary...in the hour of our death. Hail! Amen!

***Doxology**.....*Old 100th*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heavenly host:
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Prayer of Dedication

God of all good gifts, we humbly dedicate these offerings to your service. We ask for your blessing upon our monetary gifts, given with love, that they may support this congregation of disciples in worship, community, and service to others. Amen.

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Sacrament of Holy Communion

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Words of Institution

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Gracious God, we offer our thanks for the whole communion of saints who witness to this feast, and for the ministry of churches around the world who gather with us today. By this broken bread, may we each be restored for the work yet to come. From this shared table, may we be sent boldly together into the world as servants of your peace. Amen.

***Hymn #306** (Red hymnal) For All the Saints*Sine Nomine*

*Commission and Benediction

Voluntary My Heart is Ever Yearning.....Johannes Brahms

Many in the congregation wish to remain seated for the Voluntary. If you choose to leave, please be aware of those still participating in this part of the service. The Voluntary is music for worship and we ask that all be respectful of one another's worship practices, including those participating via livestream. Following the Voluntary, you may greet the ministers.

All Saints Insert Below

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Linda Arnold
Christopher J. "Chris" Baker
Rev. Charles E. Brown II
*Mary Alice Cannon
*Frank Carpenter
William K. "Bill" Clarkson III
Charles "Hobie" Holbrook Cleminshaw
Mary Jane Farr
Rev. Wilbur 'Wil' Green
Dorothy Gwendolyn Hall
Regina "Reggie" Hall
Louise May Jones Harding
Christine Harmon
*Barbara Hawkins
*Hans Hunziker
Ann Kaufman
John Kaufman
William T. Kurka Sr.
Franklin Lamb
Ann Cleminshaw Limbach
Leonard L. Lovshin
Joyce McGuire
Sarah "Sally" Anne Stueber Bishop Merrill
*Patricia R. "Pat" Pogue
John F. Reynolds
*David Rodgers
Erin Rostocil
Alice C. Scott
Deborah A. Shaw
Kate Stenson
William "Bill" Stinchcomb
Jean Stotter
Andrew G. Thompson
Roger Violette
Rosemary White
Jeff Wilhelm

**Member of Plymouth Church*

Prayer of Thanksgiving for All Saints

We thank thee, O God, for the saints of all ages, for those who in times of darkness kept the lamp of faith burning; for the great souls who saw visions of larger truth and dared to declare it; for the multitude of quiet and gracious souls whose presence has purified and sanctified the world; and for those known and loved by us, who have passed from this earthly fellowship into the fuller light of life with thee. Amen.

- Anonymous
The Oxford Book of Prayer
Edited by George
Appleton

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

*Lesbia Scott, 1929; alt.**Unison*

1 I sing a song of the saints of God, faith-ful their whole lives
 2 They loved their God and they lived that love. It was lov - ing that made them
 3 They lived not on - ly in a - ges past, there are hun-dreds of thou - sands

through, who brave - ly la - bored, lived, and died for the God they
 strong. They did what was right, for Je - sus' sake, lived just - ly their
 still. The world is filled with liv - ing saints who choose to

loved and knew. And one was a doc - tor, and one was a queen, and an -
 whole lives long. And one was a proph - et, and one was a priest, and an -
 do God's will. You can meet them in school, on the road, or at sea, in a

oth - er a shep-herd in pas - tures green: they were saints of God, if you
 oth - er was slain by a fierce wild beast: there is no earth-ly rea - son,
 church, in a train, in a shop, or at tea: for the saints are folk like

know what I mean. God, help me to be one, too.
 none in the least, why I should-n't be one, too.
 you and like me, and I mean to be one, too.

For All the Saints

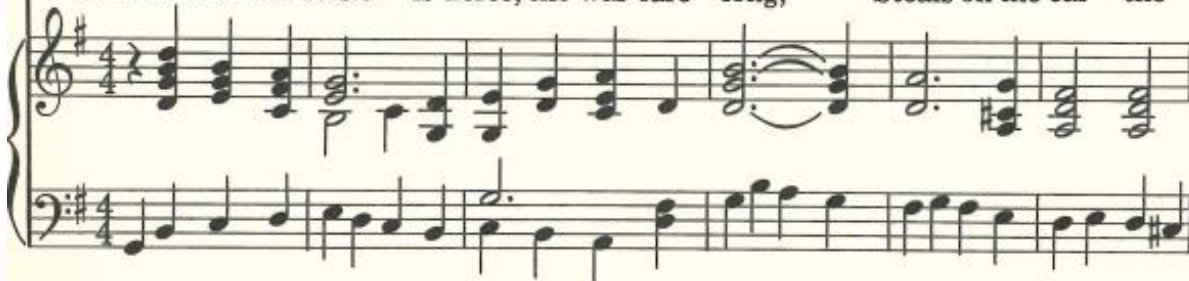
First Tune

William W. How, 1823-1897, alt.

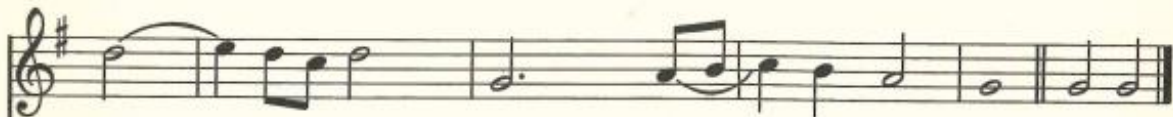
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*R. Vaughan Williams, 1872-**In unison*

1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, Who thee by faith be -
 2 Thou wast their rock, their for-tress, and their might: Thou, Lord, their cap-tain
 3 O may thy sol - diers, faith-ful, true, and bold, Fight as the saints who
 4 O blest com-mun - ion, fel - low-ship di - vine! We fee-bly strug-gle,
 5 And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long, Steals on the ear the



fore the world con - fessed, Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 in the well-fought fight; Thou, in the dark-ness drear, their one true light.
 no - bly fought of old, And win with them the vic-tor's crown of gold.
 they in glo - ry shine; Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 dis-tant tri-umph song, And hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! A-men.

