

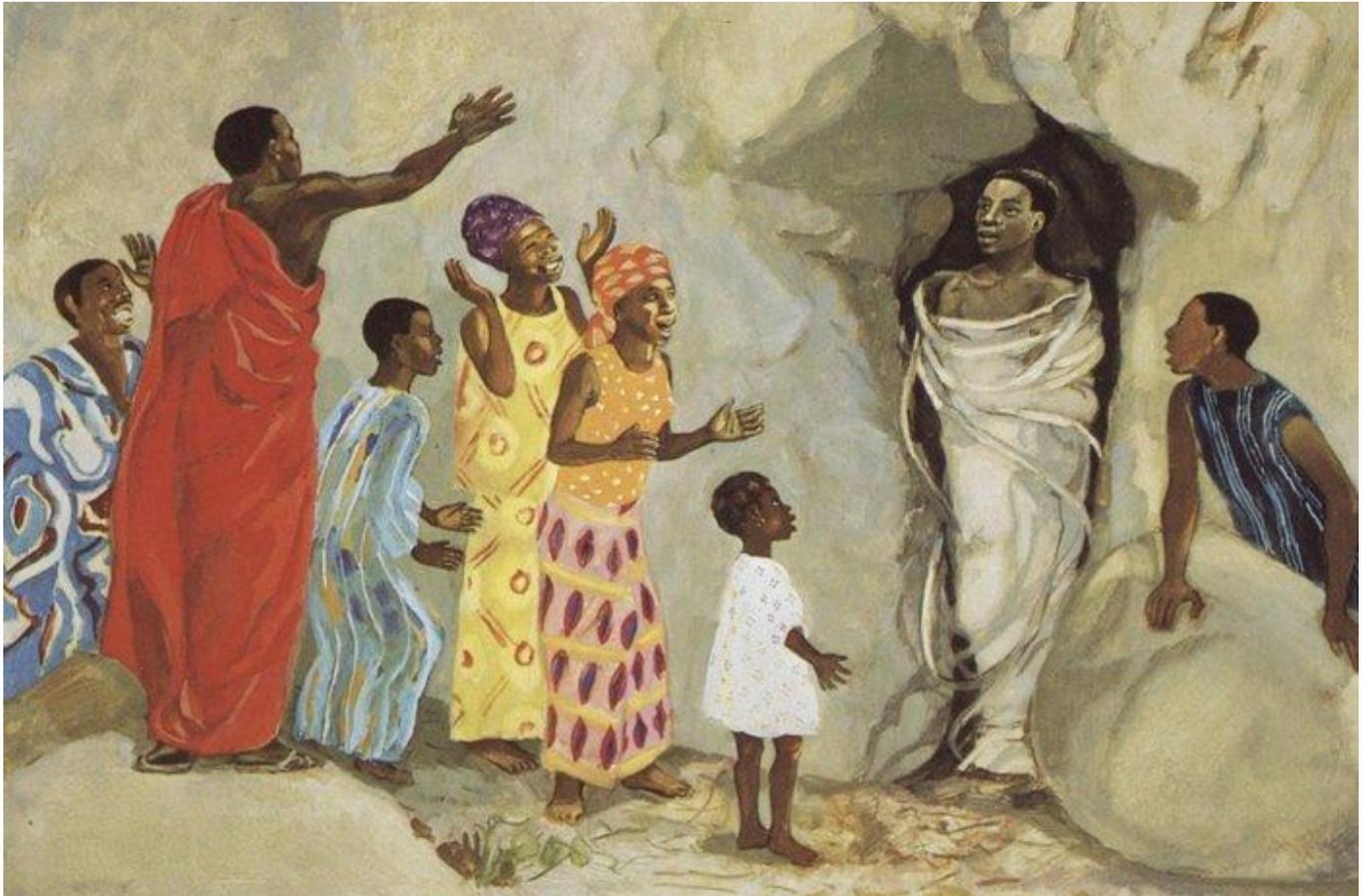


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John 11:32-44

All Saints Sunday

C: indicates spoken responses by the congregation
P: indicates the Presiding Minister
A: indicates the Assisting Minister
* indicates for the congregation to stand as able

Welcome to worship at Rejoice Fellowship! Helpful instructions for various parts of our worship will be included throughout this bulletin at relevant places. If you have any questions, please ask a greeter.

Please note that currently we are asking everyone to wear a mask during worship, out of an abundance of love, respect and concern for those who are unvaccinated, especially our children. Thank you.

✠ Gathering ✠

WELCOME

PRELUDE

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

P: In the name of the Father, and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Have mercy on us, O God.

C: We confess that we have sinned against you and against our neighbor. We have built walls instead of tables and have turned away the stranger. We have sought glory for ourselves and have treasured that which does not satisfy. Help us to love as you love, to welcome those you send, and to treasure mercy and justice. Turn us from our ways to your ways, and free us to serve those in need. Amen.

P: God, who makes all things new, forgives your sins for ✠ Jesus' sake and remembers them no more. Lift up your heads and your hearts. Yours is the kingdom of God.

C: Amen.

You are invited to stand.

***GATHERING SONG**

FOR ALL THE SAINTS



1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,

6 But then there breaks a yet more glo - rious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight; . .

saints tri - um - phant rise in bright ar - ray; the
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host, . .



name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.

King of glo - ry pass - es on his way.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

***GREETING**

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

P: Weeping God, through human experience you've learned to feel our grief. Take us beyond the stench of decay, to be witnesses of the unbinding power of your love.

C: Amen.

You are invited to sit.

✠ Word ✠

FIRST READING

Isaiah 25:6-9

⁶On this mountain,

the Lord of heavenly forces will prepare for all peoples
a rich feast, a feast of choice wines,
of select foods rich in flavor,
of choice wines well refined.

⁷He will swallow up on this mountain the veil that is veiling all peoples,
the shroud enshrouding all nations.

⁸He will swallow up death forever.

The Lord God will wipe tears from every face;

he will remove his people's disgrace from off the whole earth,
for the Lord has spoken.

⁹They will say on that day,

"Look! This is our God,
for whom we have waited—
and he has saved us!

This is the Lord, for whom we have waited;

let's be glad and rejoice in his salvation!"_(CEB)

A: Word of God, word of life.

C: Thanks be to God.

You are invited to stand.

***GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

A: Let us praise and give thanks for the living Word.

C: Alleluia. They are before the throne of God, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. Alleluia.

***THE GOSPEL**

John 11:32-44

P: The Holy Gospel according to John, the 11th chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

³²When Mary arrived where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother wouldn't have died."

³³When Jesus saw her crying and the Jews who had come with her crying also, he was deeply disturbed and troubled. ³⁴He asked, "Where have you laid him?"

They replied, "Lord, come and see."

³⁵Jesus began to cry. ³⁶The Jews said, "See how much he loved him!" ³⁷But some of them said, "He healed the eyes of the man born blind. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

³⁸Jesus was deeply disturbed again when he came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone covered the entrance. ³⁹Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said, "Lord, the smell will be awful! He's been dead four days."

⁴⁰Jesus replied, "Didn't I tell you that if you believe, you will see God's glory?" ⁴¹So they removed the stone. Jesus looked up and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. ⁴²I know you always hear me. I say this for the benefit of the crowd standing here so that they will believe that you sent me." ⁴³Having said this, Jesus shouted with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴The dead man came out, his feet bound and his hands tied, and his face covered with a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Untie him and let him go."_(CEB)

P: The Gospel of our Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

You are invited to sit.

SERMON

PASTOR MADELINE TALLMAN

REMEMBRANCE OF THE SAINTS

A: Let us remember all the saints before God.

We praise and bless you, O holy Trinity. You have taught your church that it is an ageless communion of saints. We thank you for gathering those who faithfully waited in hope for the redemption you promised, and now for adding us who celebrate the love of Christ for the redemption of the world. Prepare a place for us among those who are already with you. Help us remember them as an encouragement to saintly living, exciting us to love, in anticipation of an eternal reunion. With them we praise and bless you, O holy Trinity.

C: Amen.

A: Jesus says, Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart,

C: and you will find rest for your souls.

A: For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.

C: And you will find rest for your souls.

Saints from this community are named.

P: A reading from Hebrews: Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God. (Hebrews 12:1-2)

C: Looking to Jesus and surrounded by the cloud of witnesses, may we live forgiven, running the race God has set before us both now and to eternity,

P: in the name of the Father, and of † the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

MUSICAL REFLECTION

REJOICE CHOIR - IN REMEMBRANCE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Following each petition:

A: Attend to us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

SHARING THE PEACE

A: The peace of Christ be with you all.

C: And also with you.

You are invited to safely share a greeting of Christ's peace with one another. Please respect the boundaries of those present, as not everyone will be comfortable shaking hands or hugging yet.

✠ Meal ✠

OFFERING OF OUR GIFTS AND TITHES

Rejoice Fellowship is blessed by your generosity! Tithes and offerings can be given in a few ways: 1) electronically by clicking here: <https://tithe.ly/widget/v3/give.js?3>; 2) physical checks/cash can be placed in the plate as you enter our service this morning (please alert a greeter if you require assistance); 3) electronically by scanning the QR code at right to visit our donation page; and 4) physical checks/cash can be mailed to our office at 300 W Maple Rd, Linthicum, MD 21090. Thank you for opening your heart!



OFFERING PRAYER

C: Holy God, the earth is yours and everything in it, yet you have chosen to dwell among your creatures. Come among us now in these gifts of bread and wine, and strengthen us to be your body for the world through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GREAT THANKSGIVING

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

P: With all the saints of Africa and Asia, India and the islands, Europe and the Americas, we praise you, O God, for you create the worlds... Now with all of the family you saved by your love,

together we shout blessing -

C: blessing,

P: together we shout glory -

C: glory,

P: together we shout wisdom -

C: wisdom,

P: together we shout thanksgiving -

C: thanksgiving,

P: together we shout honor -

C: honor,

P: together we shout power -

C: power,

P: together we shout might -

C: might,

P: be to our God forever and ever. Amen.

C: Amen!

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: A feast of love is offered here for you and for all the saints.

If you have joined us in person, you will be guided to the front to receive communion. If you would like communion brought to you, please let an usher know.

While our practice is usually to include bread and a cup, we are following the guidance of our Delaware Maryland Synod ELCA and communing in "one kind," that is, just with bread for now. Our theological understanding of Holy Communion is that receiving one element, like simply the bread, is still receiving the entire sacrament. You are welcome to the table.

If you are joining us through Facebook Live, we invite you to gather your own bread and wine or juice to receive the sacrament with us.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C: Blessed Jesus, at this table, you have been for us both host and meal. Now send us forth to extend our tables and to share your gifts until that day when all feast together at your heavenly banquet. Amen.

Worship Leaders

Thank you to all who serve!

Date	Assisting Minister	Camera Person	Greeter	Altar Preparer	Usher
11/7/21	Gale Krol	David Rinker	Jamee Dillon	Gale Krol	Tim Cochran
11/14/21	Reilly Dillon	Brian Hudgins	Debbie Jones	Joanna Heldreth	Moe Moczulski
11/21/21	Alyce Cohen	Teresa Steger	Corinne Cuffia	Alyce Cohen	Louise Houck

Thank you also to our musicians: Jan Brennan, Bob Hudgins, and Tyler Ridenour

What's Happening This Week

Sun., November 7	Worship – 10am in the Fellowship Hall at St. John's, and on FB Live
Mon., November 8	
Tues., November 9	
Wed., November 10	Choir Rehearsal – 7pm at St. John's Youth Group – 7-8:30pm in the LHUMC Fellowship Hall
Thurs., November 11	
Fri., November 12	
Sat., November 13	Knitting Club – 10am in the Friendship Room at St. John's Game Day – 2pm in the Vestry Room at St. Alban's