

Saints Triumphant Sunday

CHRIST OUR REDEEMER

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Opening Prayer: Heavenly Father, today we remember with thanksgiving those who in faith have gone on to heaven before us. As you have received our brothers and sisters who now rest from their labors, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints, we may praise your name forever. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Worship Sequence - 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18

P: Brothers, we do not want you to be ignorant about those who fall asleep, or to grieve like the rest of men, who have no hope. We believe that Jesus died and rose again and so we believe that God will bring with Jesus those who have fallen asleep in him. According to the Lord's own word, we tell you that we who are still alive, who are left till the coming of the Lord, will certainly not precede those who have fallen asleep. For the Lord himself will come down from heaven, with a loud command, with the voice of the archangel and with the trumpet call of God, and the dead in Christ will rise first.

Sing:

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Who knows when death may o-ver-take me! Time pass-es on; my end draws near.
How swift-ly can my breath for-sake me! How soon can life's last hour ap-pear!
My God, for Jes-us' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dy-ing day.

All: After that, we who are still alive and are left will be caught up together with them in the clouds to meet the Lord in the air. And so we will be with the Lord forever. Therefore encourage each other with these words.

Sing:

**Once in the blest baptismal waters I put on Christ and made him mine;
Now, numbered with God's sons and daughters,
I share his peace and love divine.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.**

Confession of Sins

P: Heavenly Father we run hard the race which you have marked out for us. Our eyes are fixed on Jesus, your perfect model for our faith. Yet we are easily distracted and hampered by severe strains in this life. Our sinful nature entangles and hinders us. Our thoughts, words, and actions fall far short in showing love for you and those around us. Hear us as we confess our sins:

C: Lord God, have mercy on me, a sinner. Forgive my open sins and my secret sins. Forgive the sins I know and the sins I do not know. Forgive the sins I did to please myself and the sins I did to please others. Forgive them all, gracious Lord, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

P: Be assured that our heavenly Father has heard your confession. Through the life, death, and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ, he forgives you all your sins. In faith run with perseverance the race marked out for you.

Sing:

**Though death may come today, tomorrow, I know in Christ I perish not;
He grants the peace that stills all sorrow, Gives me a robe without a spot.
My God, for Jesus' sake I pray Your peace may bless my dying day.**

Prayer of the Day

P: 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.

Musical Selection – Grade School Choir

“My Hope Is Built On Nothing Less”

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God's Word

The relationship between God and his saints will last into eternity

Isaiah 65:17-25 "The New Heavens and Earth"

"Behold, I will create new heavens and a new earth. The former things will not be remembered, nor will they come to mind. 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. 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. "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; he who dies at a hundred will be thought a mere youth; he who fails to reach a hundred will be considered accursed. They will build houses and dwell in them; they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit. 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 works of their hands. They will not toil in vain or bear children doomed to misfortune; for they will be a people blessed by the LORD, they and their descendants with them. Before they call I will answer; while they are still speaking I will hear. The wolf and the lamb will feed together, and the lion will eat straw like the ox, but dust will be the serpent's food. They will neither harm nor destroy on all my holy mountain," says the LORD.

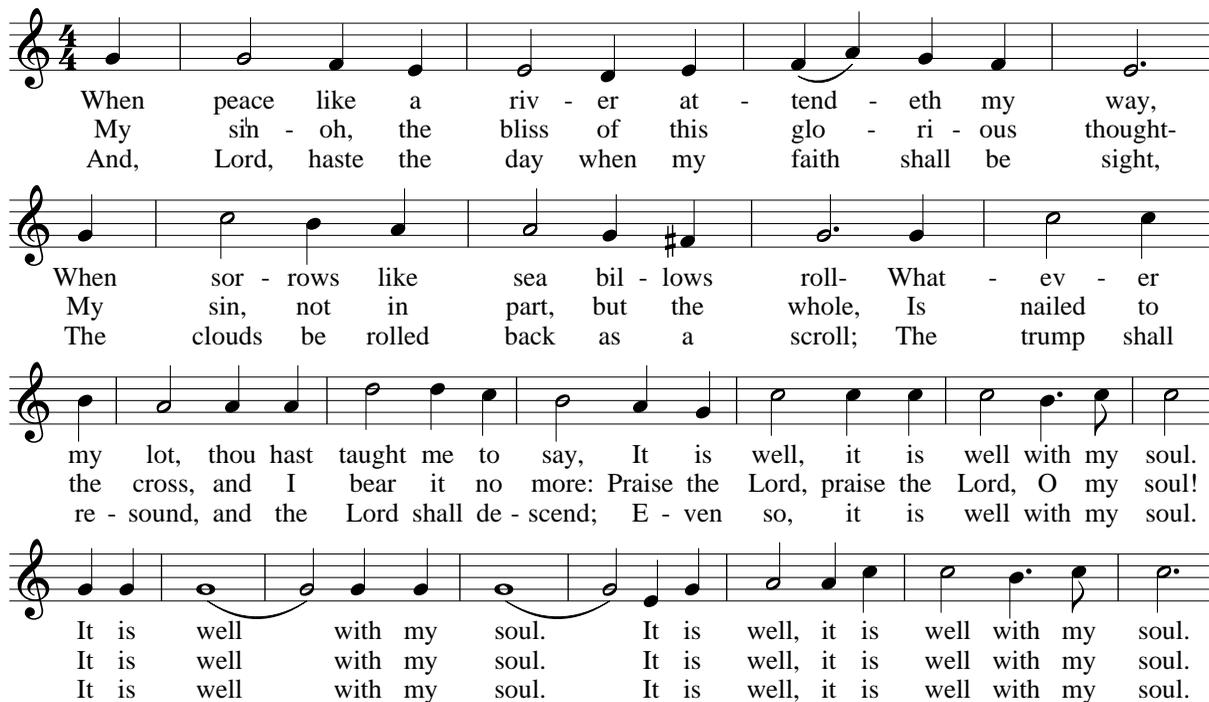
Luke 20:27-38 "Children of the Resurrection"

²⁷Some 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 have children for his brother. ²⁹Now there were seven brothers. The first one married a woman and died childless. ³⁰The second ³¹and then the third married her, and in the same way the seven died, leaving no children. ³²Finally, the woman died too. ³³Now then, at the resurrection whose wife will she be, since the seven were married to her?" ³⁴Jesus replied, "The people of this age marry and are given in marriage. ³⁵But those who are considered worthy of taking part in that age and in the resurrection from the dead will neither marry nor be given in marriage, ³⁶and they can no longer die; for they are like the angels. They are God's children, since they are children of the resurrection. ³⁷But in the account of the 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.' ³⁸He is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for to him all are alive."

Sermon Hymn

“When Peace Like a River”

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When peace like a riv - er at - tend - eth my way,
My sin - oh, the bliss of this glo - ri - ous thought -
And, Lord, haste the day when my faith shall be sight,
When sor - rows like sea bil - lows roll - What - ev - er
My sin, not in part, but the whole, Is nailed to
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll; The trump shall
my lot, thou hast taught me to say, It is well, it is well with my soul.
the cross, and I bear it no more: Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!
re - sound, and the Lord shall de - scend; E - ven so, it is well with my soul.
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Sermon Revelation 22:1-5

Urban Renewal

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 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. 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. They will see his face, and his name will be on their foreheads. 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.

Confession of Faith – Apostles’ Creed (spoken together)

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering and Signing of Friendship Register

Children’s Lesson

Hymn of the Day - *“Day of Wrath, Oh Day of Mourning”*

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Prayer of the Church

P: Lord of eternity and King of saints, all the heavens adore you. Saints and angels sing before you.

C: We too join them to praise your majesty.

P: You clothe us with garments of splendor. You bless us with grace and mercy in this life and eternal glory forever. What undeserved love you show us!

C: We thank you, Lord, that you have made us your saints.

P: Encourage us by your gracious splendor, Forgive our failures to live as you desire. Strengthen the faith of all who are weak and wandering.

C: Give us power to live as your faithful people.

P: Your saints will triumph forever in new heavens and a new earth. The sound of weeping and crying will be heard no more. We anticipate with joy an eternity of perfect fellowship with you.

C: Be with us as we work and witness for Christ, so that many more people can join us before your throne.

Special prayers and intercessions may follow.

P: Hear us, Lord, as we bring you our private petitions.

Silent prayer.

P: Lord of life, the day is coming when you will come down from heaven with the voice of the archangel and the trumpet call of God. On that glorious day, the saints triumphant will rise in bright array, clothed in your perfect righteousness.

C: Give us strength until that day when we will share fully in the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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 delivery us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

Commemoration

P: On this Saints Triumphant Day, we remember those of our congregation who have gone before us with the sign of faith. They were created by God to offer him praise forever, redeemed by Jesus, God's Son, and filled with the Holy spirit through Baptism, where God gave them new life. They have been nourished in the company of his people through the Lord's Supper and the Word, and in his mercy God has summoned them to his presence that they may continue in joyful service to him forever. We especially remember this day:

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Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on, for they will rest from their labors, and their deeds will follow them.

Revelation 14:13

P: In joyful expectation for the resurrection of the body to life, we remember before you, O Lord, all those who have gone before us in faith, whom we pause now to name in our hearts.

Silence

May their memory among us be blessed and may we follow their foot steps of faith to your eternal presence in the heavenly kingdom.

C: Amen.

Blessing

8a Junior Choir

"Go Now in Peace"

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Closing Hymn - "For All the Saints"

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- A warm welcome to our visitors. May the Lord bless your worship with us today. We ask that you please sign the friendship register located at the end of the pew.
- Children – Activity bags are available in the coat room, off the narthex. During our 10:30a service a staffed nursery is located straight ahead and to your left as you exit the sanctuary. While we encourage young children to be in the service, families may like to use the nursery and are invited to do so.
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