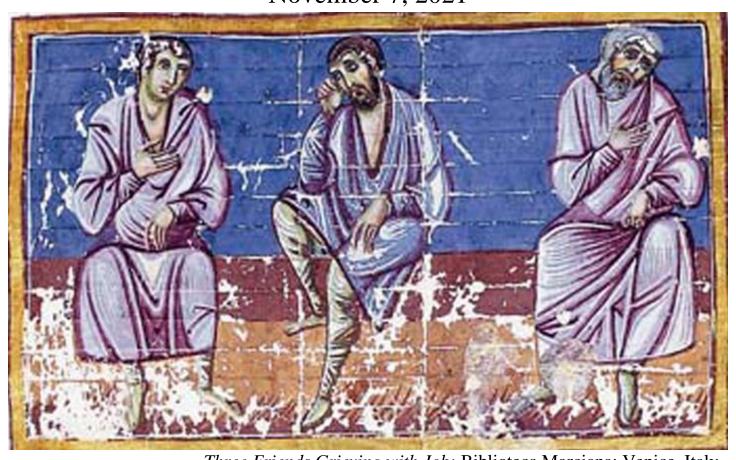


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WITNESS TO THE RESURRECTION ALL SAINTS MEMORIAL SERVICE

November 7, 2021



Three Friends Grieving with Job; Biblioteca Marciana; Venice, Italy

C.J. Briggs, Music Director Julie Lehmann, Secretary

Carol Tomasko, Liturgist Rev. David B. Wigger, Pastor

"Faith allows us to honor the reality and finality of death.

It teaches us that grief can be a gift, just as tears rolling down the cheek can be a love offering for that friend who has died." ~ Peter W. Marty

~ GATHERING ~

GATHERING MUSIC

GREETING (Revelation 22)

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first had passed away. God will be with them, and will wipe every tear from their eyes.

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

PRELUDE BLESSED YE WHOSE TOILS ARE ENDED Op. 122 No. 6
Johnannes Brahms

*OPENING SENTENCES (Psalm 46)

God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth shall change, though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea.

God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved.

God will help it when the morning dawns.

The Holy One is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Be still and know that I am God!

I care over the peoples, I care over the earth.

The Holy One is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge.

Come, let us worship the God of our refuge and strength.

HYMN

THERE IS A PLACE OF QUIET REST By Cleland Boyd McAfee

GTG #824 MC AFEE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Eternal God, in every age you have raised up men and women to live and die in faith. We confess that we are indifferent to your will. You call us to proclaim your name, but we are silent. You call us to do what is just, but we remain idle. You call us to live faithfully, but we are afraid. In your mercy, forgive us. Give us courage to follow in your way, that joined with those from ages past, who have served you with faith, hope, and love, we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ.

*RESPONSE

LORD, HAVE MERCY

GTG #551

American folk melody, arr. Richard Proulx

LAND OF REST

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Jesus said: Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

GTG #591

Caribbean melody; arr. by John L. Bell

HALLE, HALLELUJAH!

HALLE HALLE

Children are invited to come forward during the passing of the peace.

CHILDREN'S MOMENT

ADDY'S CUP OF SUGAR

A Stillwater Tale by John J Muth

May God be with you there. May God be with you here.

(Children are dismissed to Sunday School.)

RESPONSE

ALLELUIA

THY WORD IS A LAMP UNTO MY FEET

Text by Amy Grant; Music by Michael W. Smith

~ THE WORD ~

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING REVELATION 21:1-6A

(NRSV)

GTG #458

THY WORD

GOSPEL LESSON

SERMON

JOHN 11:32-44

(NRSV)

Hear what the Holy Spirit is telling God's people. Thanks be to God.

EXPRESSION OF GRATITUDE

Rev. Wigger

An opportunity for anyone who would like to say a few words about a loved one who died to come forward. We ask speakers to remain brief.

~ RESPONDING TO THE WORD ~

*Invitation to the Offering

*RESPONSE DOXOLOGY GTG #606

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS (See insert)

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our praise.

... Therefore with all creation we sing your praise:

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

EUCHARIST

WHEN WE ARE LIVING Spanish melody

SOMOS DEL SEÑOR

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

~ SENDING ~

HYMN

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

GTG #326

GTG #822

Words by William Walsham How; Music by Ralph Vaughn Williams

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O WORLD, I MUST LEAVE YOU

Op. 122 No. 11

Johannes Brahms

Pieces of today's liturgy are from: *Book of Common Worship* (PCUSA); *Presbyterian Outlook*, Teri McDowell Ott. GTG = Glory to God Hymnal

In Loving Memory...

"If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's."

Roman 14:8

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LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

Be gracious to us; deliver your people. **Hear us, O God.**

God of all the faithful, we rejoice that nothing in all creation can separate us from your love.

Lord, have mercy.

You loved us before the world was made.
You rescued the people of your promise.
You spoke through your prophets.
You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

Christ, have mercy.

For the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the one holy catholic apostolic church.

For the great cloud of witnesses

into which we are baptized.

Grant us peace.

Kyrie Eleison

For our departed members of this church...

For the family and friends of this community...

For all those who have died from the COVID pandemic...

Be gracious to us; deliver your people. **Hear us, O God.**