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Order of Worship

All Saints' Sunday

Where you see an asterisk (), please rise in body or spirit.*

WE GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRE-SERVICE MUSIC (10:30) — “Let Us Break Bread Together” — Raymond H. Haan

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WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

Leader: This is the day that the Lord has made.

People: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

PRELUDE — “Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now ” — J. S. Bach

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*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Sing to the Lord a new song;

People: Let all the faithful praise the Lord.

Leader: From age to age, God is our Rock, our Fortress, and our Might;

People: May the name of Jesus be forever blessed! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*OPENING PRAYER

***OPENING HYMN #268 — “Crown Him with Many Crowns” (8:30 vv. 1 and 2)**

WE CONFESS OUR SINS

CALL TO CONFESSION

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.

SILENT CONFESSION and KYRIE — #551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

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ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***#583 — “Glory to God”**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God, alleluia, alleluia!

***PASSING THE PEACE**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

WE PROCLAIM GOD’S WORD

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

MINISTRY OF MUSIC — “Hallelujah” (from *Christ on the Mount of Olives*) — Beethoven

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PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING — Isaiah 25:6-9 — pg. 652 in OT

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING — Luke 24:50-53 — pg. 91 in NT

THIRD SCRIPTURE READING — Hebrews 12:1-3 — pg. 226 in NT

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

MESSAGE — “Like the Light Breaking Through Our Windows, Part 8: The Ascension”

WE RESPOND TO GOD’S WORD

***HYMN #516 — “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” (10:30 only)**

OFFERING

Offertory — “Grand Isle” (“I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”) — Charles Callahan

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***Doxology — #607**

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

***Prayer of Dedication**

REMEMBERING THE SAINTS

COMMUNION

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

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

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

WE DEPART IN JOY TO SERVE

***SENDING HYMN #326 — “For All the Saints”** (8:30 vv. 1, 3 and 5)

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION — All-Church Prayer** (see insert)

***CHORAL BENEDICTION — “Hallelujah”** (excerpt) — Beethoven

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POSTLUDE — “Diademata” (“Crown Him with Many Crowns”) — Christopher Tambling

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