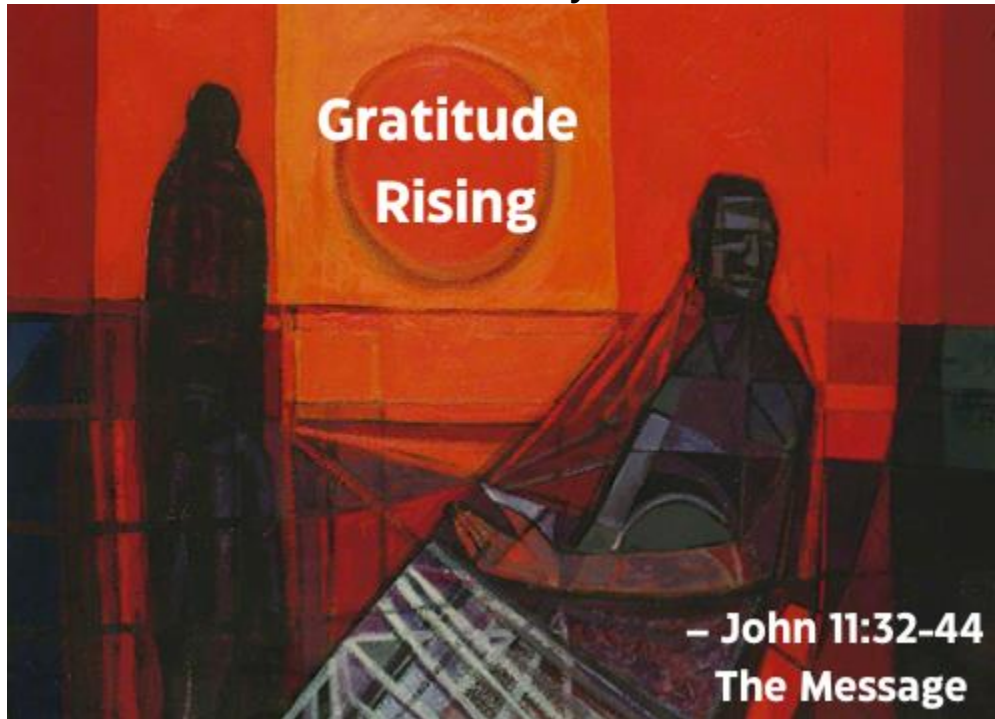


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Welcome and Announcements

Children's Message – Faith

All Saints Litany

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'

A thousand days are but a moment to God;

All flesh is grass, and withers away.

Still we treasure our days with those whom we love,

And reluctantly give them back to God.

(photos of saints and lighting of candles)

On this day, we thank God for the saints in our lives.

With gratitude we remember them.

In the beginning, God called the world into being, saying,
“Let there be light!”

In the fullness of time, Jesus came from God to us, saying,
“I am the Light of the world.”

In our everyday life, we see the work of the saints,
The ones in whom God’s light shines.

So let us give thanks for the saints this day,
And let us worship God.

With gratitude for living saints, with gratitude for saints in our
great cloud of witnesses.

Let us worship God.

Surrounded by saints

we gather, we remember and we give thanks.

Opening Hymn

For All the Saints LBW 174

For all the saints who from their labors rest, all who by faith before
the world confessed, Your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia,
Alleluia.

Vs.2 You were their rock, their fortress, and their might, You, Lord,
their captain in the well-fought fight. You in the darkness drear,
their one true light. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Vs.4 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
they in glory shine; yet all are one within your great design.
Alleluia, Alleluia.

Vs.7 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints
triumphant rise in bright array; The King of glory passes on his
way. Alleluia, Alleluia.

Greeting

Prayer of the Day

Generous, Life-Giving God, you teach us how to demonstrate
gratitude through stories in the Bible where gratitude rises, is
poured out, shouted in the streets. Ready us to give thanks for this
life and your love, in every circumstance, in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Children's Message – Rock Creek

Centering Song Give Thanks by Janella Salvador [Janella Salvador-Give Thanks \(Lyrics\)](#)

Welcome the Word

Alleluia, Alleluia give thanks to the risen Lord;
alleluia, alleluia, give praise to his name.

Scripture Reading

John 11:32-44

The moment she heard that, she jumped up and ran out to him. Jesus had not yet entered the town but was still at the place where Martha had met him. When her sympathizing Jewish friends saw Mary run off, they followed her, thinking she was on her way to the tomb to weep there. Mary came to where Jesus was waiting and fell at his feet, saying, "Master, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died."

When Jesus saw her sobbing and the Jews with her sobbing, a deep anger welled up within him. He said, "Where did you put him?"

"Master, come and see," they said. Now Jesus wept.

The Jews said, "Look how deeply he loved him."

Others among them said, "Well, if he loved him so much, why didn't he do something to keep him from dying? After all, he opened the eyes of a blind man."

Then Jesus, the anger again welling up within him, arrived at the tomb. It was a simple cave in the hillside with a slab of stone laid against it. Jesus said, "Remove the stone."

The sister of the dead man, Martha, said, "Master, by this time there's a stench. He's been dead four days!"

Jesus looked her in the eye. "Didn't I tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" Then, to the others, "Go ahead, take away the stone."

They removed the stone. Jesus raised his eyes to heaven and prayed, "Father, I'm grateful that you have listened to me. I know you always do listen, but on account of this crowd standing here I've spoken so that they might believe that you sent me." Then he shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And he came out, a cadaver,

wrapped from head to toe, and with a kerchief over his face. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him loose.”

Word of God. Word of Life. Thanks be to God!

Sermon

Hymn of the Day Look Who Gathers at Christ’s Table ACS 977

Look who gathers at Christ’s table hear the stories that they bring some are weeping, some are laughing, some have songs they want to sing, others ask why they’re invited burdened by the wrong they’ve done. Christ insists they all are welcome, there is room for everyone.

Clouds of light surround the table ancient followers appear. Saints confessing how they wrestled with their guilt their doubt and fear. Peter tells of his denying Christ was ever in his sight. Paul relates his fruitful efforts to obliterate the light.

Their sad stories are repeated in a thousand different ways but they share one thing in common they all end in thanks and praise. For the host who has invited north and south and east and west to converge around this table where all life is fed and blest.

Bring your joy and bring your sadness and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it truth and manna from above, and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love

Apostles’ Creed

Prayers of Intercession

Merciful God, Receive our prayer

Peace

Offering

Offertory Response

Thankful hearts raise to God; thankful hearts raise to God, for he stays close beside you, in all things works with you; thankful hearts raise to God.

Offering Prayer

God of Abundance, with hearts full of gratitude we return to you what you have first given to us; ourselves, our time and our possessions; signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. Amen.

Words of Consecration

Written by Beth Merrill Neel on her blog, 'Hold Fast to What Is Good'

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to our God

It is right to give our thanks and praise

It is right and our deep joy to give you all our gratitude, O God, because in love and with a creativity we cannot imagine you made the universe, the planets, the earth and seas and sky. You created life, and us. And you gave us free will, trusting that we would make mistakes and learn from them, trusting that we would do amazing things for you and for each other. And so, with praise and gratitude in our hearts and on our lips, we join our voices in the song of the angels and saints, who forever sing to you the words we now speak:

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.

Gathered here with all the saints in light, we remember that Jesus once gathered with his disciples, took bread...

We ask now that you send us your Spirit, that by your power, this ordinary table will become a sacred banquet, and this bread and cup will become holy things that we can share, the body and blood of Jesus Christ. As we break bread together, as we drink from the same cup, unite us as people grateful for all we have and eager to share in that abundance. Hear us as our gratitude turns to prayer as we pray the way that Jesus taught us...

The Lord's Prayer

Communion Distribution

Post Communion Blessing

Post Communion Prayer

Generous God, you have spread before us a feast of rich food and drink in the body and blood of your Son. Now send us out to labor with you, letting our gratitude be lifted up and poured out in service to the world and among the people you have made your home, in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Blessing

Sending Hymn

Let All Things Now Living LBW 557

Let all things now living a song of
thanksgiving
To God the creator triumphantly raise.
Who fashioned and made us, protected and
stayed us,
Who still guides us on to the end of our days.
God's banners are o'er us, His light goes
before us,
A pillar of fire shining forth in the night.
Till shadows have vanished and darkness is
banished
As forward we travel from light into light.

His law he enforces, the stars in their courses
And sun in its orbit obediently shine;
The hills and the mountains, the rivers and
fountains,
The deeps of the ocean proclaim him divine.
We too should be voicing our love and
rejoicing;
With glad adoration a song let us raise
Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving:
"To God in the highest, Hosanna and praise!"

Dismissal Go in peace. Be grateful. Be humble. Be kind.
In Jesus' name. **Thanks be to God!**