

PREWORSHIP MUSIC

PRELUDE

GREETING & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER OF INVOCATION¹

Pastor: In all our weakness and strength,
with our youth-filled spirits and aging bodies,

All: *we are your people, O God.*

Pastor: Strong in faith and eager with questions,
singing our praise and whispering our prayers,

All: *we are your people, O God.*

Pastor: Filled with saintly determination
yet mindful of our human limitations,

All: *we are your people, O God.*

Pastor: Made strong in your endless love for us,
You are our God, and

All: *we are your people.*

Amen.

HYMN

For All the Saints

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CONFESSION²

Pastor: Our lives are full of mistakes and errors – places where we follow self-generated idols instead of the One True God. We are not alone in these mistakes – all of those who have come before us too, were plagued with temptation and sin. Let us come before God, just as generations of believers have done, and pray for God's forgiveness and grace.

**All: *Beloved God,
who was known to our spiritual mothers and fathers,
and even to our faithful forebears,
have mercy on us.
We do not always love as you would have us love.
We do not always do as you would have us do.
In our stubbornness,
we turn from you when we should turn toward you.
We praise you for the grace you shower on us,
constantly forgiving our sins,
especially the ones that we don't share with any but you.
Hear now the silent fears and worries of our hearts.***

A time of silence for personal confession

¹ from "All Saints Day (Year A)," posted on Seasons Online. http://www.seasonsonline.ca/files/all-saints-day_cong-life_yr-a.pdf

² written by Rev. Lucus Keppel, Ancho Community & Corona United Presbyterian Churches, New Mexico. Posted on LiturgyLink. <https://www.liturgylink.net/2013/11/11/awareness-and-reconciliation-for-all-saints-day/>

Pastor: Friends, hear the good news! Though thousands upon thousands of our ancestors did not follow God's ways perfectly, we have hope in the One who did! Jesus, taught through his words and deeds that God has already forgiven us. Thus, we and all who have come before us are rightly known as saints – the holy ones of God!

All: *Thanks be to God for God's mercy, grace, and love!
Amen!*

OLD TESTAMENT – Isaiah 6:1-8 (CEB)

EPISTLE - 1 Corinthians 15:1-11 (CEB)

GOSPEL - Luke 5:1-11 (CEB)

STUDY SERMON

“I passed onto you what was most important...”

Rev. Laura C. Baker

(1 Corinthians 15:3)

INTERCESSORY PRAYER³, OFFERTORY PRAYER⁴, & THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: O Lord our God,
we thank you for the many people
who have followed your way of life joyfully:
for the many saints and martyrs
who have offered up their very lives,
so that your life abundant
may become manifest
and your kingdom may advance

All: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Pastor: They chose the way of your Son,
our brother, Jesus Christ.
In the midst of trial, they held out hope.
In the midst of persecutions, they witnessed to your power.
In the midst of despair, they clung to your promise.

All: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Pastor: O Lord, we thank you for the truth
they learned and passed on to us.
Give us courage to follow their way of life.
For your love and faithfulness,
we will, at all times, praise your name.

All: *Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.*

Pastor: You are our God, and we are your people,
and we are grateful that you have claimed us as your own.
You have set us in the company of saints - past and present,
among those who have made bold witness
to your goodness and your truth.
Your Word opens up new futures
where we see no way forward.

³ from “Choose Life; Choose Peace with Justice,” in Midday Prayers for Peace and Justice on Hiroshima Day, August, 2010. Posted on the World Council of Churches website. <http://www.oikoumene.org/> (Adapted by Pastor Laura)

⁴ From “All Saints Day, Year A: These Are They,” Discipleship Ministries: The UMC, <https://www.umcdiscipleship.org/worship-planning/these-are-they/all-saints-day-year-a-lectionary-planning-notes/all-saints-day-year-a-offertory-prayers>

All: *You know the places in our hearts
where we are afraid*
— *afraid of a future we cannot control*
— *afraid of losing health and independence*
— *afraid for the well-being of our children*
— *afraid that past mistakes will ruin our future.*
— *afraid of giving and sharing too generously will leave me vulnerable*
Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Write the stories of your people deep into our hearts
so that we may learn to trust you beyond our fears.
Give us hearts and minds and spirits
ready to trust and follow wherever your Spirit leads,
confident that you will not lead us
beyond your loving embrace.
We ask in Jesus' name
whose outstretched arms welcome us
and hold us securely in your grace.

All: **Lord, in your mercy hear our prayers**

Pastor: Hear too, O God, this: Our Offering Prayer, with each one dedicating their very lives and the gifts
of time, talent, and financial resources for your kingdom work:

All: *God of all generations, as we worship today, we offer our whole selves to you, all that we have
and all that we are. Like your saints who have gone before us, we pray that you will help us be
bold in our mission and in our witness. May we who have been given so much give freely,
ministering in your compassion to the multitudes near to us and far from us; so that one day we
may stand amidst the multitude that gathers at your heavenly throne. We pray this in the name
of our Savior and Redeemer, Christ our Lord, who too, taught us to pray: Our Father, who art
in heaven, hallowed be Thy name. Thy kingdom come; Thy will be done on earth as it is in
heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors; and
lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil for thine is the kingdom and the power and
the glory forever. Amen.*

HYMN

Here I Am, Lord

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BENEDICTION⁵

Pastor: Go on your way rejoicing!
Surrounded as you are by such a great cloud of witnesses,
take courage as you face each new challenge,
and comfort when you pick yourself from a fall,
In whatever good you choose to do,
precede it with hope,
accompany it with prayer,
and follow it with thanksgiving.
The blessing of God Most Wonderful,
whom the saints have trusted as
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
be with you
now and ever more.

All: **Amen.**

POSTLUDE

⁵ Prewer. Bruce D. *Brief Prayers for Busy People*. ISBN 978-1-62880-090-6 Available from Australian Church Resources, web site www.acresources.com.au

I, the Lord of Sea and Sky

Here I Am, Lord

G Am D G C G D
Leader or All

1 I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo - ple's pain.
 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

G Em C Am7 D G

All who dwell in dark and sin my hand will save. I, who
 I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
 I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin - est

Am D G C G D

made the stars of night, I will make their dark - ness bright.
 break their hearts of stone, give them hearts for love a - lone.
 bread I will pro - vide till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

G Em C Am7 C/G D D7

Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
 I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
 I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
All G C G D G C G D G

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you

Am7 G Am7 D G C G C

call - ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you

G C G D G Am7 D7 G Am7 G

lead me. I will hold your peo - ple in my heart.

The stanzas here need to be understood as representing the voice of God, while the refrain (based on Isaiah 6:8) is the faithful human response to God's call. This becomes clearer if a leader or small group sings the stanzas, with the congregation joining on the refrain.

For All the Saints

Unison



1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest,
2. Thou wast their Rock, their For - tress, and their Might;
3. O blest com - mun - ion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
4. And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast,



who Thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed,
 Thou, Lord, their Cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine,
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song,
 through gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



Thy name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 Thou in the dark - ness drear their one true light.
 yet all are one in Thee, for all are thine. Al -
 and hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:



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

