

THE DOWNTOWN PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

All Saints' Day

November 1, 2020

Thank you for being here today!

Following best practices and to insure everyone's health and safety, *we ask that you refrain from singing*. Instead we invite you to follow along with the hymn texts provided while our cantor sings.

We also ask that you refrain from handshakes and hugs and moving around the sanctuary.

Feel free to join in the spoken liturgies.

And because our worship is being recorded for later broadcast, we ask that you **remain seated and quiet for the opening and closing voluntaries.**

(*) indicates the congregation will stand if able

We Gather in God's Name

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Arioso

Craig Phillips

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In our weakness and in our strength,
in spirit, body, mind, all of ourselves,

P: we are your people, O God.

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

P: we are your people, O God.

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

P: we are your people, O God.

L: Made strong in your endless love for us,
knowing ourselves to be yours,

P: we are your people, O God.

May we truly be your people today. Amen.

*HYMN

“For All the Saints”

CALL TO RECONCILIATION

PRAYER OF RENEWAL (unison)

O God, many of us are struggling.

Death is present and our ways of denying it are crumbling.

The divisions in our country have become more life-threatening.

Like a virus, our conflict resists the grace you provide so abundantly.

We ache for physical and social freedoms we used to take for granted.

We long for our children to walk freely in the world.

Where are you?

Forgive the question but, how long, O Lord?

Your steadfast love has kept us together

and now we ask that your vision of newness
penetrate our hearts and unite us.

Give us your healing.

Keep us grounded in the coming months

so that we may not fall victim to despair
but keep our eyes on you.

(Silent prayer)

*ASSURANCE OF OF GOD’S GRACE AND PASSING THE PEACE

L: May the peace of Christ be with you.

P: And also with you.

*Please share signs of welcome and peace
but refrain from moving around the sanctuary.*

PARISH LIFE & CONGREGATIONAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

God’s Word Is Proclaimed

WORD FOR OUR YOUNGEST DISCIPLES

PRAY FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

L: The Word of the Lord P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON

Rev. Mike Wilson

We Respond to God's Word

SPECIAL MUSIC

“Pie Jesu” from *Requiem*, Opus 48

Gabriel Fauré

Pie Jesu Domine dona eis requiem, sempeternam requiem

Translation: Merciful Lord Jesus give them rest, everlasting rest.

Amy Finka, soprano

PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

During the prayer Pastor Mike will open a space for you to say aloud your individual prayers.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

We Seal God's Word Upon Our Hearts

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

If you are worshiping at home, please use the bread and beverage of your choice.

Today's communion liturgy is by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett

We Bear God's Word Into the World

*HYMN

“Holy City, Seen of John”

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Chorale Prelude on *Sine Nomine*

Jon Spong

Melody for hymn “For All the Saints”

Please remain seated and quiet for the closing voluntary.

Today's liturgist is Samera Zavaro

Today's cantor is Amy Finka

Our organist and music director is William Taylor

Supporting our Ministry and Mission

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- Use our web-based giving form by going to our website, dpchurch.com – the link to the giving form is on the homepage under "Online and Mobile Giving"

Revelation 7:9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great crowd that no one could number. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language. They were standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They wore white robes and held palm branches in their hands. They cried out with a loud voice:

"Victory belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb."

All the angels stood in a circle around the throne, and around the elders and the four living creatures. They fell facedown before the throne and worshipped God, saying,

"Amen! Blessing and glory

and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might
be to our God forever and always. Amen."

Then one of the elders said to me, "Who are these people wearing white robes, and where did they come from?"

I said to him, "Sir, you know."

Then he said to me, "These people have come out of great hardship. They have washed their robes and made them white in the Lamb's blood. This is the reason they are before God's throne. They worship him day and night in his temple, and the one seated on the throne will shelter them. They won't hunger or thirst anymore. No sun or scorching heat will beat down on them, because the Lamb who is in the midst of the throne will shepherd them. He will lead them to the springs of life-giving water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

Music Notes from William Taylor

The opening voluntary is composed by Nashville native, Craig Phillips. Dr. Phillips composed 'Arioso' in memory of Peter and Lois Fyfe. Dr. Phillips currently serves as director of music and organist at All Saints' Church, Beverly Hills, CA. Dr. Phillips and I all studied organ and church music with Peter Fyfe, who served as choirmaster and organist at Christ Church Cathedral here in Nashville, just blocks away from DPC.

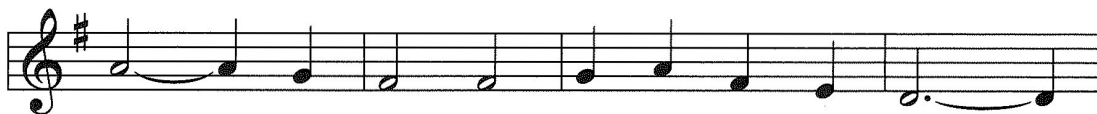
Today's Communion Liturgy

Today's communion liturgy was written by Rev. Carol Holbrook Prickett. It follows quite faithfully the movements or structure of a Reformed or Presbyterian Great Prayer of Thanksgiving, yet incorporates fresher, more contemporary language and images. And because it was written especially for All Saints' Day in this liturgical year, it uses phrases taken directly from today's scripture reading from the Revelation.

For All the Saints



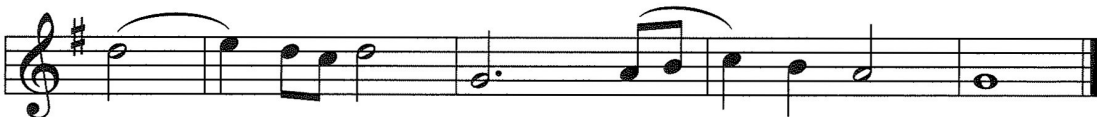
1 For all the saints who from their la - bors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might;
3 O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!
4 And when the strife is fierce, the war - fare long,
5 From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far - thest coast, through



thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
thou, Lord, their cap - tain in the well - fought fight;
We fee - bly strug - gle; they in glo - ry shine; yet
steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
gates of pearl streams in the count - less host,



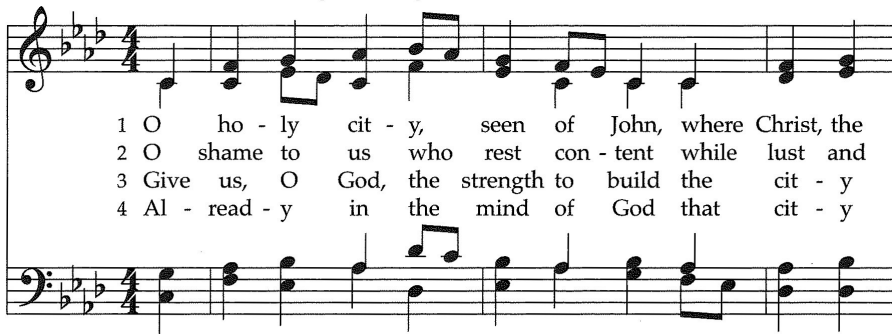
name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
all are one in thee, for all are thine.
hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost,



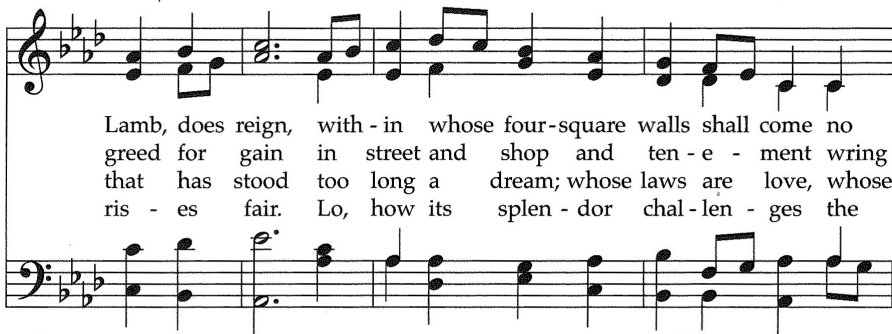
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

The broad and sweeping tune with which this hymn is so closely identified was created to be sung during a reverent but dramatic procession at the beginning of an All Saints' Day service, an enacted representation of the enduring "fellowship divine" celebrated by this text.

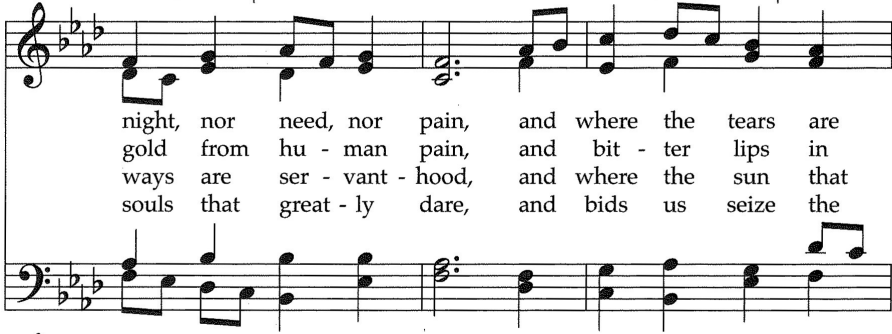
O Holy City, Seen of John



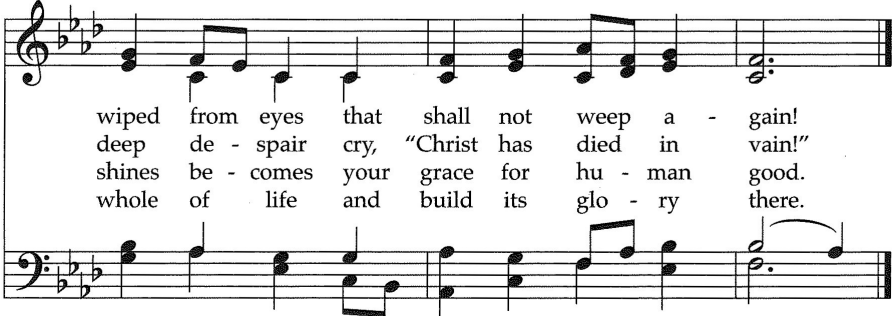
1 O ho - ly cit - y, seen of John, where Christ, the
2 O shame to us who rest con - tent while lust and
3 Give us, O God, the strength to build the cit - y
4 Al - read - y in the mind of God that cit - y



Lamb, does reign, with - in whose four-square walls shall come no
greed for gain in street and shop and ten - e - ment wring
that has stood too long a dream; whose laws are love, whose
ris - es fair. Lo, how its splen - dor chal - len - ges the



night, nor need, nor pain, and where the tears are
gold from hu - man pain, and bit - ter lips in
ways are ser - vant - hood, and where the sun that
souls that great - ly dare, and bids us seize the



wiped from eyes that shall not weep a - gain!
deep de - spair cry, "Christ has died in vain!"
shines be - comes your grace for hu - man good.
whole of life and build its glo - ry there.

Unlike texts that treat the heavenly Jerusalem as a goal for the life to come, this hymn regards John's vision as a challenge to work here and now for the accomplishment of God's purposes on earth. The shape note tune provides an effective setting for this stirring text.

Our Mission

Gathering in the heart of Nashville, we are a community of disciples of Jesus Christ. We seek the welfare of the city as we seek the kingdom of God.

We are an historic church working to be a welcoming and inclusive congregation. Together we actively share God's grace and love through worship, education and service, and through being an active voice in promoting justice and peace in our community and the world.

Our Values and Ethos

We believe that every person is a beloved child of God.

Our welcome extends to everyone, whatever your economic circumstances, your faith background, your racial or ethnic identity, your sexual orientation or gender identity, or your political affiliations.

As a diverse community we seek to intentionally embody God's radically inclusive and transformative love for everyone. With love and grace, we are called as a community to grow together as a voice for justice and peace - each as we are, with our unique human stories of joy and struggle.

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