

## **ALL SAINTS DAY**

All Saints Day occurs on November 1 or the first Sunday of November. It is a time to consider all those who give us examples of Christian living. Many churches celebrate it as a time to remember persons in the faith who have died in the previous year.

### **Great Thanksgiving for All Saints Day**

*The congregational response—Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor, power and might be to our God forever and ever!—is taken from Revelation 7:12.*

You, O God created us and have brought your people through many trials:

Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses,  
Deborah and Isaiah, Peter and Mary,  
Francis of Assisi and Clare,  
Martin Luther and John Wesley.  
Martin Luther King, Jr. and Mother Theresa—  
all attest to your providence and mercy  
and show us ways to live.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor,  
power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

You came in human form to walk among us,  
teaching us the way to live as your children.

In Jesus Christ you showed us what holy living looks like,  
and gave us the sacraments of Baptism and Communion  
to remember and experience anew your presence,  
encouraging us to live in relationship to you.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor,  
power and might be to our God forever and ever!**

In this meal we give you praise and thanks, Creator God,  
as we remember all those who have passed on into glory.

Pour out your Spirit,  
that this bread may be for us the bread of heaven,  
and this cup,  
the cup of your new covenant in Jesus Christ.

Bind us together by your Spirit as your holy people,  
washed by your Baptism  
and strengthened for holy living by this meal.  
Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honor,  
power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.

## **Resources for All Saints Day**

### *Congregational songs for singing during the service*

- “Blest Be the Tie that Binds” by John Fawcett
- “For the Bread Which You Have Broken” by Louis F. Benson
- “In Christ There Is No East or West” by John Oxenham, to  
tune of African American spiritual
- “Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence,” translated by Gerard  
Moultrie
- “This Is the Feast of Victory” by John W. Arthur

### *Congregational songs for use during the distribution*

- “This Is the Feast of Victory” by John W. Arthur
- “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart” by Omer Westendorf and  
Robert E. Kreutz

### *Table dismissals*

- May God grant you grace to follow the saints  
in faith, hope and love.
- Go to live as God’s saints in the world today,  
by the grace of the Holy Spirit.
- You are called to live as God’s people in the world.  
Go strengthened by the great cloud of witnesses.