

Lake Merritt United Methodist Church

An Inclusive Christian Community of Oakland



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All Saints Sunday

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CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP

The Emperor's Fanfare [organ]

Antonio Soler arr. E. Power Biggs

Welcome

Prayer

All: Loving God, who takes pleasure in all creation
We give you thanks and sing your praise this day.
Our melody of joy, with tambourine and lyre,
May all we do exult Your glory,
Rejoice one and all!
Blessed are those who live God's love
Saints of yesterday and today
The hands and heart and voice of Christ. Amen.

RevGalBlogPals (adapt)

For All the Saints

UMH 711 v. 1,4,6 [organ]

Stephanie Gameros, Leader

1. For all the saints, who from their labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, Alleluia!
6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

Children's Moment

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

UMH 712

1. I sing a song of the saints of God,
patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died
for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen,
and one was a shepherdess on the green;
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.

2. They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right for Jesus' sake
the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest,
and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason, no, not the least,
why I shouldn't be one too.

3. They lived not only in ages past;
there are hundreds of thousands still.
The world is bright with the joyous saints
who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, on the street, in the store,
in church, by the sea, in the house next door;
they are saints of God, whether rich or poor,
and I mean to be one too.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

UMH 64 v. 1,2,3 & UMH 65 (in Spanish) v. 1 [organ]

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee.
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty,
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore thee,
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide thee,
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
only thou art holy; there is none beside thee,
perfect in power, in love and purity.

1. ¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! Señor omnipotente,
siempre el labio mío loores te dará.
¡Santo! ¡Santo! ¡Santo! te adoro reverente,
Dios en tres personas, bendita Trinidad.

Hebrews 12:1-2 (LSB)

Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, laying aside every weight and the sin which so easily entangles us, let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of faith, who for the joy set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Colossians 3: 15-17 (MSG)

Let the peace of Christ keep you in tune with each other, in step with each other.
None of this going off and doing your own thing. And cultivate thankfulness.
Let the Word of Christ – the Message – have the run of the house. Give it plenty
of room in your lives. Instruct and direct one another using good common sense.
And sing, sing your hearts out to God! Let every detail in your lives – words,
actions, whatever – be done in the name of the Master, Jesus, thanking God
every step of the way.

Lift Every Voice and Sing

UMH 519

1. Lift every voice and sing,
till earth and heaven ring,
ring with the harmonies of liberty.

Let our rejoicing rise
high as the list'ning skies,
let it resound loud as the rolling sea.

Sing a song full of the faith that the dark past has taught us.

Sing a song full of the hope that the present has brought us.

Facing the rising sun
of our new day begun,
let us march on till victory is won.

2 Stony the road we trod,
bitter the chastening rod,
felt in the days when hope unborn had died;
yet with a steady beat,
have not our weary feet
come to the place for which our fathers sighed?

We have come over a way that with tears has been watered.

We have come, treading our path thro' the blood of the slaughtered,
out from the gloomy past,
till now we stand at last
where the bright gleam of our bright star is cast.

3. God of our weary years,
God of our silent tears,
thou who hast brought us thus far on the way,
thou who hast by thy might
led us into the light,
keep us forever in the path, we pray.

Lest our feet stray from the places, our God, where we met thee;
lest our hearts, drunk with the wine of the world, we forget thee;
shadowed beneath thy hand,
may we forever stand,
true to our God, true to our native land.

For All the Saints

TFWS 2283

1. For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.
2. For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
who sang your songs and share your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

Honoring of Saints Prayers and Offerings

3. For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.
4. Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

Shall We Gather at the River

UMH 723

1. Shall we gather at the river?
Where bright angel feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever
flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

2. On the margin of the river,
washing up its silver spray,
we will walk and worship ever,
all the happy golden day.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

3. Ere we reach the shining river,
lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver,
and provide a robe and crown.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

4. Soon we'll reach the shining river
soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver
with the melody of peace.

Yes, we'll gather at the river,
the beautiful, the beautiful river;
gather with the saints at the river
that flows by the throne of God.

Poetry is the gathered voices of our ancestors.

We write it with trembling, joyous hands.

And then we sing.

With a river of stars over our heads, alone.

Yet never alone.

We sing with a great choir of ancestors.

For the next seven generations, behind us, in front of us.

We pass it on in a blind extension of love.

As the women in the church kitchen are cooking,
one of them starts a song, another one takes it up, then another one,

until they are one voice and the song is complete.

And then they laugh and eat, feeding the children.

This beautiful Earth under a river of stars, we sing.

Always with the ancestors.

Alma Luz Villanueva (adapt)

O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

UMH 57 vs 1,2,3,5 [organ]

1. O for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!

2. My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim,
to spread through all the earth abroad
the honors of thy name.

3. Jesus! the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

5. He speaks, and listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.

Prayer

All: May the strength of the ancestors encircle you
May the trust of the ancestors heal you
May the songs of the ancestors speak to you.
May the laughter of the ancestors follow you.
We are standing on the shoulders of the ones who came before us.
They are giving us their courage,
and they say they are glad we are in this world. Amen.

Sara Pirtle (adpt)

When the Saints Go Marching In

Traditional

1. O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

2 O when the sun refused to shine,
O when the sun refused to shine,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the sun refused to shine.

3 O when they crown him Lord of all,
O when they crown him Lord of all,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when they crown him Lord of all.

1. O when the saints go marching in,
O when the saints go marching in,
O Lord, I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

When the Saints Go Marching In

Dr. Ananse Taharka, trumpet