

# FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF ROYAL OAK

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All Saints' Worship Service

## *All Saints'* service of remembrance



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At the ♦ you may stand in body or in spirit. Bold text is read or sung in unison.

## Prelude

“O World, I Now Must Leave Thee”

*Johannes Brahms*  
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## Welcome

### ♦Call to Worship<sup>1</sup>

One: Light a candle.

**All: Light a candle for saints and sinners. Light a candle with hope.**

One: Light a candle.

**All: Light a candle for all of creation. Light a candle with joy.**

One: Light a candle.

**All: Light a candle for hope and wonder. Light a candle with love.**

### ♦Hymn #524

“Lord of the Living”

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### ♦Prayer

**All: Eternal God, from whose love neither death nor life can separate us: we come to you tonight with our gratitude and our need, knowing that you promise never to turn us away. If we come with bitterness, persuade us with your sweetness. If we come with anger, pacify us with your patience. If we come with pain, soothe us with your tenderness. If we come numb, calm us with your hand placed on our shoulders. If we come in despair, give us hope. As we give thanks for the gift of life, grant that we may serve you faithfully here on earth, and in heaven, rejoicing with all your saints, who ceaselessly proclaim your glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.**

## Prayer for Illumination

### Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-5

*Pew Bible, NT pg. 282*

One: The Word of God for the People of God.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

### Message

*Rev. Emma Nickel*

### Offering of Names

#### Organ Music

“How Blest are Thy, Whose Toils are Ended”

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*If there is a name of a saint(s) you would like read aloud later in the service, write it clearly on the slip of paper in your bulletin. During the song, ushers will move through the sanctuary to collect the names.*

### Candle Lighting and Blessings<sup>2</sup>

*Worshippers are invited to come forward by the center aisle to light a candle in memory or in honor of the particular saints in your life. Then, return to your seat by the side aisle closest to you. If you wish, stop to receive a blessing from a Stephen Minister to equip you on your journey of discipleship.*

# Song

"In the Arms of God"

Tony Alonso

*Please join in singing this refrain along with the Cantor*



The musical score is written on five staves in treble clef with a key signature of three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat). The time signature is 4/4. The melody is as follows: Staff 1: G4 (quarter), A4-B4 (beamed eighth notes), C5 (quarter), B4-A4 (beamed eighth notes), G4 (half). Staff 2: F4 (quarter), E4-D4 (beamed eighth notes), C4 (half), B3 (quarter), A3 (half). Staff 3: G3 (quarter), F3-E3 (beamed eighth notes), D3 (half), C3 (quarter), B2 (half). Staff 4: A2 (quarter), G2 (half), F2 (quarter), E2 (half), D2 (quarter), C2 (half). Staff 5: B1 (quarter), A1 (half), G1 (quarter), F1 (half), E1 (quarter), D1 (half), C1 (quarter), B0 (half). The lyrics are: Come and rest in the arms of God, leave your wor-ry and fear; make your home in the heart of God, God will dry ev - 'ry tear. For the bur-den you car-ry will fade with-in God's care, come and rest in the arms of God.

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## Litany of Thanks<sup>3</sup>

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

One: God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants, who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.

For apostles and martyrs and saints of every time and place, who in life and death have witnessed to your truth,

**All: we praise you, O God.**

One: For all your servants who have faithfully served you, witnessed bravely and died in faith, who still are shining lights in the world,

**All: we praise you, O God.**

One: For those no more remembered who earnestly sought you in darkness, who held fast their faith in trial, and served others,

**All: we praise you, O God.**

One: For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus,

**All: we praise you, O God.**

One: For the people we have known and loved who are dear to us and whose memory we lift to you today.

For the saints from this congregation:

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For the saints being remembered here tonight:

...

Keep us grateful for their witness, and like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ.

Then, at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

**All: Amen.**

## **The Lord's Prayer**

**All: 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 #531**

**“Rejoice in God's Saints”**

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## **◇Benediction**

## **Postlude**

**“All We Are But Mortal”**

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- 1 Ruth Burgess, “Light a Candle,” *Candles and Conifers: Resources for All Saints' and Advent* (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2005), 16.
- 2 David Coleman, “From a Service of Remembrance and Travelling On,” *Candles and Conifers: Resources for All Saints' and Advent* (Glasgow: Wild Goose Publications, 2005), 27-28.
- 3 *Liturgical Year: Supplemental Liturgical Resource 7* (Louisville, KY: Westminster/John Knox Press, 1992), 264-265.

### **CANTOR**

Bryan Clinthorne

### **LITURGISTS**

Gretchen Hirsch  
Lynne Sullivan

### **STEPHEN MINISTERS OFFERING BLESSINGS**

Norm Bayne  
Elaine Roseborough

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