



# Promises, Promises

October 30, 2016  
All Saints' Sunday

## **Misneach** (MISH-nock) **Mass**

*Misneach is a Gaelic word for courage, hopefulness, and a sense of pushing forward through uncertainty.*

*Misneach Mass is a meditation on the beauty of Christ's love and mercy for us, today.*

*Together, let us celebrate the joy we have in Christ living in both the uncertainties of this life  
and the hope of the life to come.*



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Worship on Sundays at 10:30

# Gathering

Music to Prepare Us for Worship

Gathering Songs "Rise Up, O Saints of God!" & "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot"

## Rise Up, O Saints of God!

The musical score is written for a four-part choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (two sharps) and 4/4 time. The score consists of two systems of music. The first system contains five verses of lyrics, and the second system contains the concluding text. The piano accompaniment is written in the bass clef and provides harmonic support for the vocal parts.

1 Rise up, O saints of God! From vain am - bi - tions turn;  
2 Speak out, O saints of God! De - spair en - gulf's earth's frame;  
3 Rise up, O saints of God! The king - dom's task em - brace;  
4 Give heed, O saints of God! Cre - a - tion cries in pain;  
5 Com - mit your hearts to seek the paths which Christ has trod;

Christ rose tri - um - phant that your hearts with no - bler zeal might burn.  
as heirs of God's bap - tis - mal grace, the word of hope pro - claim.  
re - dress sin's cru - el con - se - quence; give jus - tice larg - er place.  
stretch forth your hand of heal - ing now, with love the weak sus - tain.  
and, quick - ened by the Spir - it's pow'r, rise up, O saints of God!

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Music: FESTAL SONG, William H. Walter, 1825-1893  
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# Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

*Refrain*

Swing low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home. Swing

low, sweet char - i - ot, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

1 I looked o - ver Jor - dan, and what did I see,  
 2 If you get . . . there . . . be - fore . . . I do,  
 3 The bright - est . . . day . . . that ev - er I saw,  
 4 I'm some - times . . up, . . . I'm some - times down,

com - ing for to car - ry me home? A band of an - gels  
 com - ing for to car - ry me home; tell all my friends I'm  
 com - ing for to car - ry me home; when Je - sus washed my  
 com - ing for to car - ry me home; but still my soul feels

*Refrain*

com - ing af - ter me, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 com - ing . . . too, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 sins . . . a - way, com - ing for to car - ry me home.  
 heav - en - ly . . . bound, com - ing for to car - ry me home.

Text: African American spiritual  
 Music: SWING LOW, African American spiritual

# Welcome, Worship Orientation 101, Connection Cards

## No Longer Strangers Prayer

God of promises, you promise to always love us and you remain faithful to us no matter what. Send us toward each other, strangers, friends, and enemies alike, reminding us that you have promised to love them, too. Amen.

## Meet Someone New

*We practice being Christians by extending our hand in friendship to people we may not know very well or at all. If we can't practice it here in worship, where else can we do it? Go ahead, make the first move. "Hi, my name is \_\_\_\_\_. You're new to me." OR "Can I introduce myself to you?" are good ways to start. We simply cannot be afraid of one another.*

Reprise of "Swing Low, Sweet Chariot" to gather everyone back together.

## Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the community of the Holy Spirit is with you all.  
**And also with you.**

# Kyrie

Kathleen Durbin



Ky - - ri - e e - le - sion \_\_\_\_\_  
Lo - - - rd have mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_  
Chri - - - ste e - le - sion \_\_\_\_\_

*Instrumental...*

Chri - - - st have mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_  
Ky - - - ri - e e - le - sion \_\_\_\_\_



Ky - - - ri - e e - le - sion \_\_\_\_\_  
Lo - - - rd have mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_  
Chri - - - ste e - le - sion \_\_\_\_\_

*Instrumental...*

Chri - - - st have mer - cy \_\_\_\_\_  
Ky - - - ri - e e - le - sion \_\_\_\_\_

# Gloria

Kathleen Durbin

1. Glo - ry in the high - est and on earth peace to all, for the  
2. In the be - gi - ning was the Word was God. In  
3. Glo - ry in the high - est and on earth peace to all, for the

Lord is with us Al - le - u  
Him was Life, Light Al - le - u a  
Lord is with us Al - le - u

You ta - ke a way the si - n of the world Al - le -  
Light shines in the dark - ness but it's not o - ver - come. Al - le -  
You ta - ke a way the si - n of the world Al - le -

u u u ia!  
u u u ia!  
u u u ia!

*ending*  
You ta - ke a way the si - n of the world Al - le - u ia!

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray,

*A brief silence is kept before the prayer.*

O God, Help us to remember that on All Saints' Day, it is not just the saints of the church that we should remember in our prayers, but all the foolish ones and wise ones, the shy ones and overbearing ones, the broken ones and whole ones, the despots and tosspots and crackpots of our lives who, one way or another, have been our particular fathers and mothers and saints, and whom we loved without knowing we loved them and by whom we were helped to whatever little we may have, or ever hope to have, of some kind of seedy sainthood of our own. Amen.

# The Word

*To the Narrator: please tell the congregation what their parts are before announcing the reading. Also, go over any pronunciations they might have that could be difficult.*

Elijah: ih-LI -juh      Tishbite: TISH-bi t      Tishbe: TISH-bee      Gilead: GIL-ee-uhd  
Ahab: AY-hab      Wadi Cherith: WAH-dee KEE-rihth      Zarephath: ZAIR-uh-fath      Sidon: SAI-duhn

NARRATOR: Our story and God's story continues today in the reading is from the book of 1 Kings, chapter 17, verses 1-6.

**ALL: Glory to you, O Lord.**

NARRATOR: Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab,

ELIJAH (right): **As the Lord the God of Israel lives, before whom I stand, there shall be neither dew nor rain these years, except by my word.**

NARRATOR: The word of the Lord came to him, saying,

LORD (left): **Go from here and turn eastward, and hide yourself by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. You shall drink from the wadi, and I have commanded the ravens to feed you there.**

NARRATOR: So he went and did according to the word of the Lord; he went and lived by the Wadi Cherith, which is east of the Jordan. The ravens brought him bread and meat in the morning, and bread and meat in the evening; and he drank from the wadi. But after a while the wadi dried up, because there was no rain in the land. Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying,

LORD (left): **Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.**

NARRATOR: So he set out and went to Zarephath. When he came to the gate of the town, a widow was there gathering sticks; he called to her and said,

ELIJAH (right): **Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.**

NARRATOR: As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said,

ELIJAH (right): **Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.**

NARRATOR: But she said,

WIDOW (ALL): **As the Lord your God lives, I have nothing baked, only a handful of meal in a jar, and a little oil in a jug; I am now gathering a couple of sticks, so that I may go home and prepare it for myself and my son, that we may eat it, and die.**

NARRATOR: Elijah said to her,

ELIJAH (right): **Do not be afraid; go and do as you have said; but first make me a little cake of it and bring it to me, and afterwards make something for yourself and your son. For thus says the Lord the God of Israel: The jar of meal will not be emptied and the jug of oil will not fail until the day that the Lord sends rain on the earth.**

NARRATOR: She went and did as Elijah said, so that she as well as he and her household ate for many days. The jar of meal was not emptied, neither did the jug of oil fail, according to the word of the Lord that he spoke by Elijah. After this the son of the woman, the mistress of the house, became ill; his illness was so severe that there was no breath left in him. She then said to Elijah,

WIDOW (ALL): **What have you against me, O man of God? You have come to me to bring my sin to remembrance, and to cause the death of my son!**

NARRATOR: But he said to her,

ELIJAH (right): **Give me your son.**

NARRATOR: He took him from her bosom, carried him up into the upper chamber where he was lodging, and laid him on his own bed. He cried out to the Lord,

ELIJAH (right): **O Lord my God, have you brought calamity even upon the widow with whom I am staying, by killing her son?**

NARRATOR: Then he stretched himself upon the child three times, and cried out to the Lord,

ELIJAH (right): **O Lord my God, let this child's life come into him again.**

NARRATOR: The Lord listened to the voice of Elijah; the life of the child came into him again, and he revived. Elijah took the child, brought him down from the upper chamber into the house, and gave him to his mother; then Elijah said,

ELIJAH (right): **See, your son is alive.**

NARRATOR: So the woman said to Elijah,

WIDOW (ALL): **Now I know that you are a man of God, and that the word of the Lord in your mouth is truth.**

NARRATOR: Stay tuned for the continuing drama that is our story and God's story.

**ALL: Praise to you O Christ.**

## Children's Sermon

### Sermon

#### All Saints' Day Litany

We remember the great ancestors of our faith, from Abraham and Sarah to Paul and Phoebe.

**We remember. We are sisters and brothers.**

We remember the prophets and priests, the ministers and teachers who have taught us the ways of God.

**We remember. We are sisters and brothers.**

We remember our grandparents and parents, aunts and uncles, those who have gone before us in our life on earth.

**We remember. We are sisters and brothers.**

We remember children and grandchildren, brothers and sisters, husbands and wives and parents whose lives ended too soon.

**We remember. We are sisters and brothers.**

Today we remember those from our River of Hope family who continue their eternal life not here with us but in the life to come. We miss them so much. We love them. We are awash with them in the waters of baptism.

We remember Janet Luedtke.

**We remember Janet Luedtke.**

We remember Keith Krommenhoek.

**We remember Keith Krommenhoek.**

We remember Erin Olson.

**We remember Erin Olson.**

We remember Kristi Hoffman.

**We remember Kristi Hoffman.**

We include in our remembrances today those who have been laid to rest from the community of Hutchinson.

**Pastor Laura, representing River of Hope, has presided at funerals of Hutchinson community members, proclaiming the resurrection truth in the name of Jesus Christ.**

Today we remember one with family connections to River of Hope, Linda Cox's brother: Doc Hoffman.

**We remember Doc Hoffman.**

Today we remember one not connected to River of Hope by blood but instead through the promise of everlasting life through Jesus Christ.

We remember Ricky Miller.

**We remember Ricky Miller.**

We remember those dear ones who are connected to River of Hope through those of us here today, speaking their names out loud:

**We remember...**

We remember the promises God makes in baptism – they are waters that never dry up or run out. This water connects us, joins us together, wraps us up in eternal grace. This water claims us and makes us who we are. We remember and celebrate with those who have entered the body of Christ through baptism this year:

Welcome Child of God, Camdyn Elizabeth Thode.

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Welcome Child of God, Vera Anne Heileman

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Welcome Child of God, Delilah Troy Morris.

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Welcome Child of God, Olive Elizabeth Froehlich.

**Welcome Child of God, Olive Elizabeth Froehlich.**

Welcome Child of God, Logan David Bebow.

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## Prayers of the People

*Today, we pray by lighting candles, writing names, looking at pictures and other items people have brought in remembrance of loved ones who have died from this life. You are invited to light candles to any and all saints in your lives who have guided you, shaped you, and loved you.*

## Candle Lighting Songs “Blest Are They” & “You Are Mine”

# Blest Are They

Leader or All

1 Blest are they, the poor in spir - it; theirs is the  
 2 Blest are they, the low - ly ones; . . . they shall in -  
 3 Blest are they . . . . . who show mer - cy; mer - cy  
 4 Blest are they . . . . . who seek peace; . . they are the  
 5 Blest are you who suf - fer hate, . . . all . . . be -

king - dom of God. Blest are they,  
 her - it the earth. Blest are they who  
 shall . . . be theirs. Blest are they, the  
 chil - dren of God. Blest are they who  
 cause . . . of me. Re - joice, be glad,

full of sor - row; they shall be con - soled.  
 hun - ger and thirst; they shall have their fill.  
 pure of heart; they . . . . . shall see God.  
 suf - fer in faith; the glo - ry of God is theirs.  
 yours is the king - dom; shine for all to see.

*Refrain*

All

Re - joice and be glad!

Bless - ed are you, ho - ly are you!

Re - joice and be glad!

Yours is the king - dom of God!

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# You Are Mine



1 "I will come to you in the si - lence,  
 2 "I am hope for all who are hope - less,  
 3 "I am strength for all the de - spair - ing,  
 (4) am the Word that leads all to free - dom, I



I will lift you from all your fear.  
 I am eyes for all who long to see. (2) In the  
 heal - ing for the ones who dwell in shame.  
 am the peace the world can - not give.



You will hear my voice, I claim you as my choice. Be  
 shad - ows of the night, I will be your light.  
 All the blind will see, the lame will all run free, and  
 I will call your name, em - brac - ing all your pain. Stand



still and know I am here. *To stanza 2*  
 Come and rest in me. *To refrain*  
 all will know my name. *To refrain*  
 up, now walk and live! *To refrain*



*Refrain*  
 Do not be a - fraid, I am with you. I have called you each by



name. Come and fol - low me, I will bring you home; I



*To stanzas 3 and 4*  
 love you and you are mine."

4 "I

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# All Saints' Day Prayer

Dear Gracious God,

**It is difficult to live without those we love. Comfort us and continue to love us here and now. Point us toward new saints to love. Make us saints in the lives of others as only you know how to do. Amen.**

## Offering

*All that we have and all that we are comes from God. Let us give back to God in a spirit of generosity. There will be enough.*

*Please put your offering of gratitude to God in the plate as it passes by. Prayerfully consider giving a consistent financial gift to River of Hope so our community cannot just survive but thrive.*

*The watering can is for gifts to House of Grace, a mission congregation in Montrose, Minnesota.*

*Laundry Love: Take a container to collect quarters to support the ministry of Laundry Love.*

## Offering Song "For All the Saints"

### For All the Saints



1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who  
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,  
*Stanzas 3-5 below.*  
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the  
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through



thee by faith before the world confessed, thy  
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; ..  
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the  
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, ..



name, O Jesus, be forever blest.  
thou, in the darkness dread, their one true light.  
King of glory passes on his way.  
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:



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

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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# The Feast

## Setting the Table

*As the kids help set the table, they make a circle around the table and lead the congregation in the table prayer written by Martin Luther:*

Let's pray: **Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest. And let these gifts to us be blest. Blest be God who is our bread, may all the world be clothed and fed. Amen.**

In thanksgiving for these gifts, let us pray, **in response to your promise of faithfulness and life, we offer our lives. In response to your promise of love, we offer our love. In response to all of your promises, we offer our gifts. Amen.**

## Thanksgiving at the Table

The Lord is with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

In the night when Jesus was betrayed by his best friends, he took bread. He blessed it and broke it and gave it to these same friends saying, "Take and eat. This is my body given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup, blessed it and gave it for all to drink saying, "This is the new covenant, the new promise, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this for the remembrance of me."

O God of resurrection and new life:

**Pour out your Holy Spirit on us  
and on these gifts of bread and wine.**

**Bless this feast.**

**Grace our table with your presence.**

**Come, Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *You are invited to join hands with those around you in prayer. If you are not the hand-holding type, then simply fold your hands in front of you or hang onto this bulletin as you pray.*

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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 trespasses  
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,  
forever and ever.**

**Amen.**

## Invitation to the Meal

*You are welcome to this meal. If you hunger and thirst for grace and mercy that comes through Jesus Christ, then Christ has set this table just for you. Bring all that you are and all that you have to the table. You will be fed. You are forgiven. There is enough.*

## Communion Songs "Lamb of God" & "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God"

### Lamb of God

Kathleen Durbin

Lamb of God You Take away the  
sin of the world \_\_\_\_\_ *repeat 3 times*  
Kyrie eleison \_\_\_\_\_  
Kyrie eleison \_\_\_\_\_  
Lord grant us vision  
justice and peace \_\_\_\_\_

# A Mighty Fortress Is Our God

1 A might - y for - tress is our God, a sword and shield vic -  
 2 No strength of ours can match his might! We would be lost, re -  
 3 Though hordes of dev - ils fill the land all threat -'ning to de -  
 4 God's Word for - ev - er shall a - bide, no thanks to foes, who

to - rious; he breaks the cruel op - pres - sor's rod and  
 ject - ed. But now a cham - pion comes to fight, whom  
 vour us, we trem - ble not, un - moved we stand; they  
 fear it; for God him - self fights by our side with

wins sal - va - tion glo - rious. The old sa - tan - ic foe  
 God him - self e - lect - ed. You ask who this may be?  
 can - not o - ver - pow'r us. Let this world's ty - rant rage;  
 weap - ons of the Spir - it. Were they to take our house,

has sworn to work us woe! With craft and dread - ful might  
 The Lord of hosts is he! Christ Je - sus, might - y Lord,  
 in bat - tle we'll en - gage! His might is doomed to fail;  
 goods, hon - or, child, or spouse, though life be wrenched a - way,

he arms him - self to fight. On earth he has no e - qual.  
 God's on - ly Son, a - dored. He holds the field vic - to - rious.  
 God's judg - ment must pre - vail! One lit - tle word sub - dues him.  
 they can - not win the day. The king - dom's ours for - ev - er!

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 Music: EIN FESTE BURG, Martin Luther

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# Prayer After Communion

Let us pray. God of promise, you keep your promise and you feed us so that we may live and give life to the world. Send us out ready to tell others of this great free gift of unending love. Amen.

# The Sending

Why does our church exist? What is our purpose? We go out to transform lives through Jesus Christ.

## MILESTONES

*"It's time for milestones—a time of sharing milestones in our community. Big, small, good, bad. Come on up if you have one to share." After each person shares their milestone, the congregation responds by saying "MILESTONE!" "Standing On The Promises" will be sung at the beginning and end of the sharing.*

### Standing On The Promises

Words and Music by  
Russell Kelso Carter

♩ = 104

VERSE

A $\flat$

D $\flat$



1. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, my King! Through e - ter - nal a - ges let His  
2. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es that can - not fail, when the howl - ing storms of doubt and  
3. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I now can see per - fect, pres - ent cleans - ing in the  
4. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es of Christ, the Lord, bound to Him e - ter - nal - ly by  
5. Stand - ing on the prom - is - es, I can - not fall, lis - t'ning ev - 'ry mo - ment to the

4

D $\flat$ /A $\flat$  A $\flat$

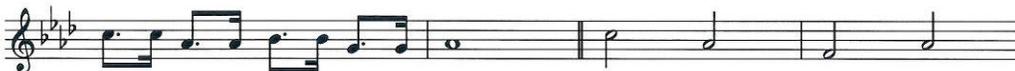


prais - es ring; "Glo - ry in the high - est!" I will shout and sing,  
fear as - sail, by the liv - ing Word of God I shall pre - vail,  
blood for me; Stand - ing in the lib - er - ty where Christ makes free,  
love's strong cord; O - ver - com - ing dai - ly with the Spir - it's Sword,  
Spir - it's call, rest - ing in my Sav - ior as my All in All,

CHORUS

7

B $\flat$ m/D $\flat$  E $\flat$ 7 A $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$  Fm



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God. Stand - ing, stand - ing,  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.  
stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

11

E $\flat$  A $\flat$  D $\flat$ /A $\flat$  A $\flat$



stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God, my Sav - ior; Stand - ing,

14

D $\flat$  A $\flat$ /E $\flat$  E $\flat$ 7 A $\flat$



stand - ing, I'm stand - ing on the prom - is - es of God.

## Blessing

You, Child of the most loving and merciful God, have been blessed through the waters of the baptismal font, through the gift of this community, through the bread and wine, the Holy Scriptures and the grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

May the love you have heard about, participated in, and been freely given, shine in you and from you into the world. Go forth in peace my brothers and sisters. Go forth in peace. **Amen.**

## Sending Song "Oh, When The Saints Go Marching In"

(KIDS – come play a rhythm instrument!)

### Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In



1 Oh, when the saints go march-ing in, oh, when the  
2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the  
3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the  
4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they



saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that  
Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that  
new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that  
gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that



num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.  
num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.  
num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.  
num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.

5 Oh, when they crown him King of kings,  
oh, when they crown him King of kings,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
when they crown him King of kings.

6 And on that hallelujah day,  
and on that hallelujah day,  
O Lord, I want to be in that number  
on that hallelujah day.

Text: African American spiritual  
Music: WHEN THE SAINTS. African American spiritual

Go in peace – serve the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## Music to Send You Out

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