GRACE COVENANT
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Service of Worship November 1, 2026 9:30am
All Saints Sunday

Gathering

The prelude, the first act of worship, sets the tone for what is to follow.
So, we invite you as worshipers to gather, to transition from your busy lives
into a sacred place of communion with God and with each other. – Dr. Kimo Smith, adapted

PRELUDE "Adagio" John Stanley
Linda Dover, organist 1717–1786

In worship following reflective music, we are requesting a response of quiet or a contemplative "amen." Any music that elicits a response of applause is to the glory of God.

WELCOME Rev. Karen Wright
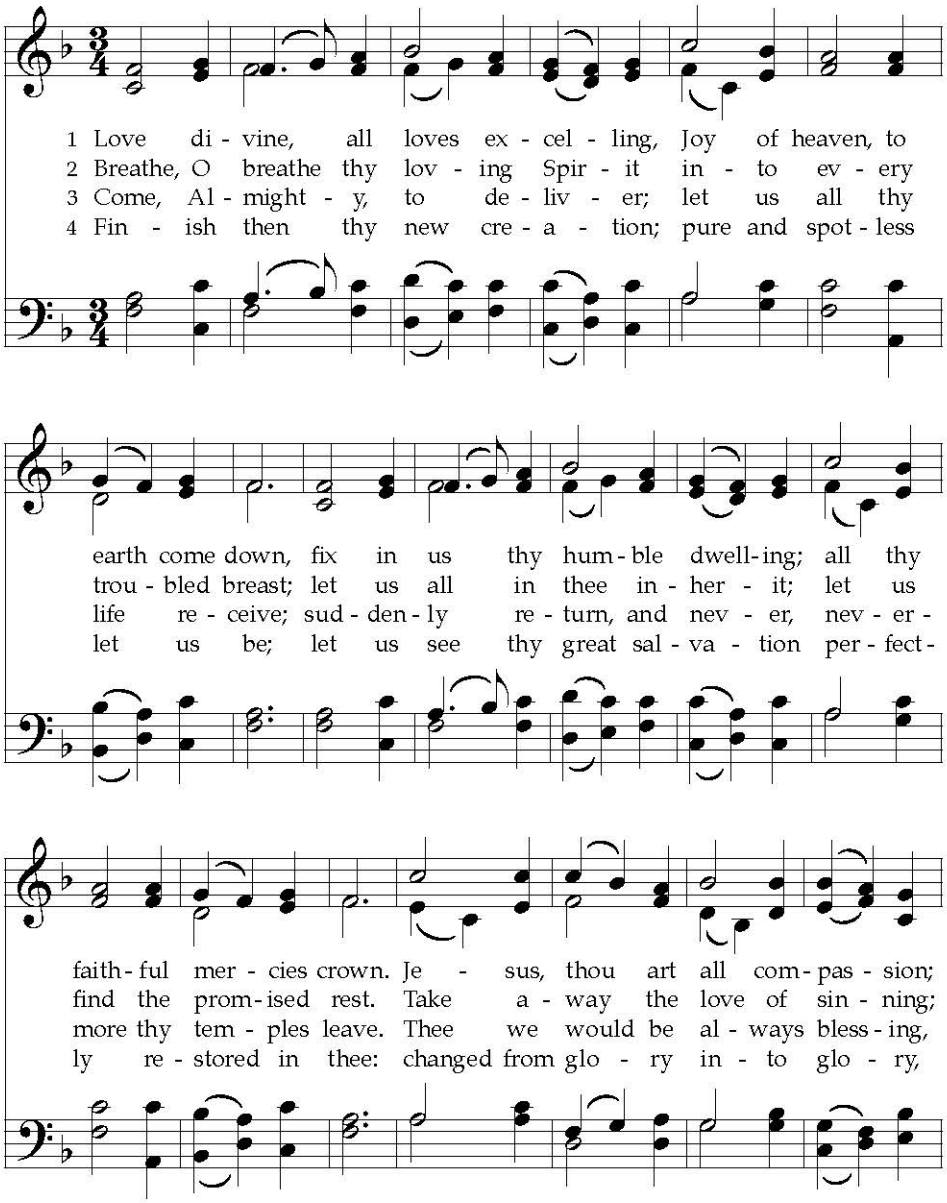
*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: We gather to remember the saints who have gone before us.
ALL: We give thanks for their lives and the faith they shared.
ONE: God promises a new heaven and a new earth, where mourning and crying will be no more.
ALL: Let us worship the God who makes all things new and holds us in everlasting love.

*HYMN 366 "Love Divine All Love Excelling" HYFRYDOL

CHRIST'S RETURN AND JUDGMENT
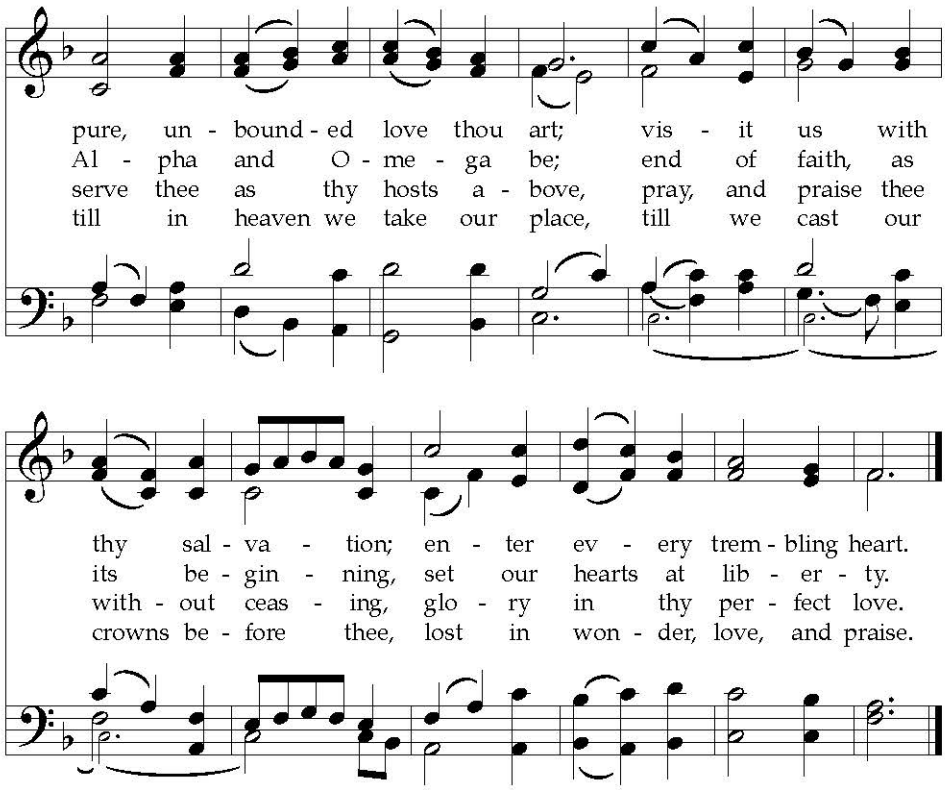
366 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



This text and this tune occur in almost all English-language hymnals (though not always together). The transforming power of love motivates the unending praise of the life to come, and this fine Welsh tune (whose name means "delightful") gives us a foretaste of endless song.

TEXT: Charles Wesley, 1747, alt.
MUSIC: Rowland Hugh Prichard, 1831, alt.

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CALL TO CONFESSION — Emily Nelson Dixon

We come before God, who knows our grief, receives our questions, and promises to wipe away every tear. Let us confess our sins and our need for God's healing grace.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

God of the living and the dead, we confess that grief can overwhelm us, and hope can feel far away. We hold tightly to what we have lost and struggle to trust your promise of new life. Comfort us in our sorrow, forgive our failings, and help us live in the light of your love. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

God is the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. In Christ, death does not have the final word. God makes all things new, forgives our sins, and holds us in steadfast love. Friends, believe the good news of the gospel: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God.

A TIME WITH THE CHILDREN — Third-Grade Bible Presentation

(Children ages 4 through 1st grade may go to Awakening to Worship, our child-friendly worship time. Greeters at the back of the Sanctuary will go with children to Room 12 downstairs where parents may pick up their children following worship. Our Nursery welcomes young children and our ushers can assist families to the nursery located in the children's wing. Worship bags are available for children who stay in worship.)

SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

ONE: May the peace of Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you and all others!

Equipping

SCRIPTURE LESSON — Revelation 21:1–4 — Dave Pack

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

"See, the home of God is among mortals.
He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples,
and God himself will be with them and be their God;
he will wipe every tear from their eyes.
Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more,
for the first things have passed away."

MEDITATION — "Requiem, Op. 48" — Gabriel Fauré

Chancel Choir
with Alexander Birch Elliott, baritone & Elizabeth Lillian, soprano
Grace Covenant Orchestra & Community Musicians
Directed by Patrick O'Halloran

I. Introit et Kyrie

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.
A hymn of praise is fitting for you, O God, in Zion,
and to you a vow will be fulfilled in Jerusalem.
Hear my prayer; to you all flesh will come.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

II. Offertory

O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver the souls of the departed
from the pains of hell and from the deep pit.
O Lord Jesus Christ, King of glory,
deliver the souls of the departed from the lion's mouth,
lest hell swallow them up, lest they fall into darkness.
To you, O Lord, we offer sacrifices and prayers of praise;
receive them on behalf of those souls whose memory we keep today.
Let them pass, O Lord, from death into life,
which you once promised to Abraham and to his offspring.

III. Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy,
Lord God of hosts;
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

IV. Pie Jesu

Merciful Lord Jesus,
grant them rest,
everlasting rest.

V. Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you who take away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.
Let eternal light shine upon them, O Lord,
with your saints forever, for you are merciful.
Grant them eternal rest, O Lord,
and let perpetual light shine upon them.

VI. Libera me

Deliver me, O Lord, from eternal death
on that dreadful day,
when heaven and earth will be shaken,
when you come to judge the world by fire.
I have been made to tremble, and I fear

as judgment and the coming wrath draw near.
That day, a day of wrath, of calamity and misery;
that day, great and bitter beyond measure.
Eternal rest …

VII. In Paradisum

May the angels lead you into paradise;
at your coming, may the martyrs receive you
and lead you into the holy city, Jerusalem.
May the choir of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, once poor,
may you have eternal rest.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

A CALL TO STEWARDSHIP

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC "Offertoire" Jacques-Nicolas Lemme
Linda Dover, organist Ed. Charles Callahan

THE SACRAMENT OF COMMUNION

Invitation to the Table

The Great Thanksgiving and 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.

The Words of Institution

The Sharing of the Bread and Cup
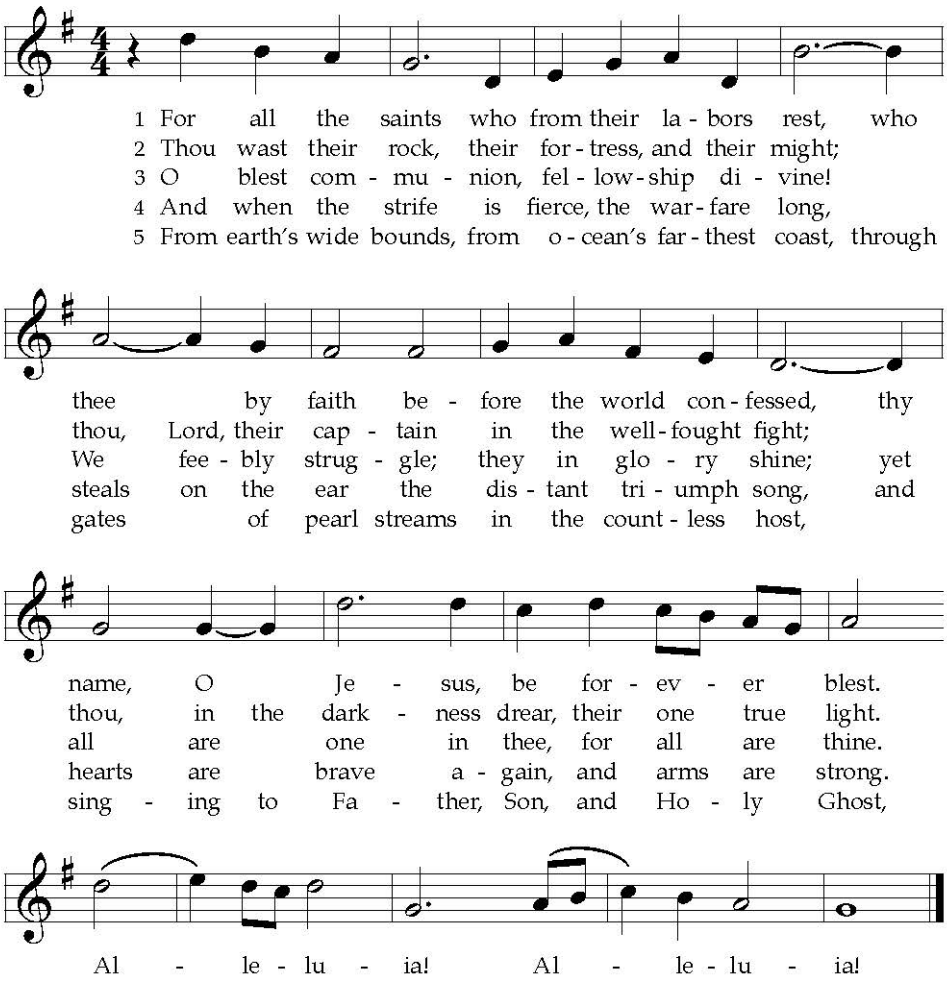
Music During Communion "Antiphon III" Op. 18, No. 3 Marcel Dupré
"Blessed Ye Who Live in Faith Unswerving" Johannes Brahms
"O World, I Now Must Leave Thee" Charles Callahan

Prayer After Communion

Sending

THE CHURCH
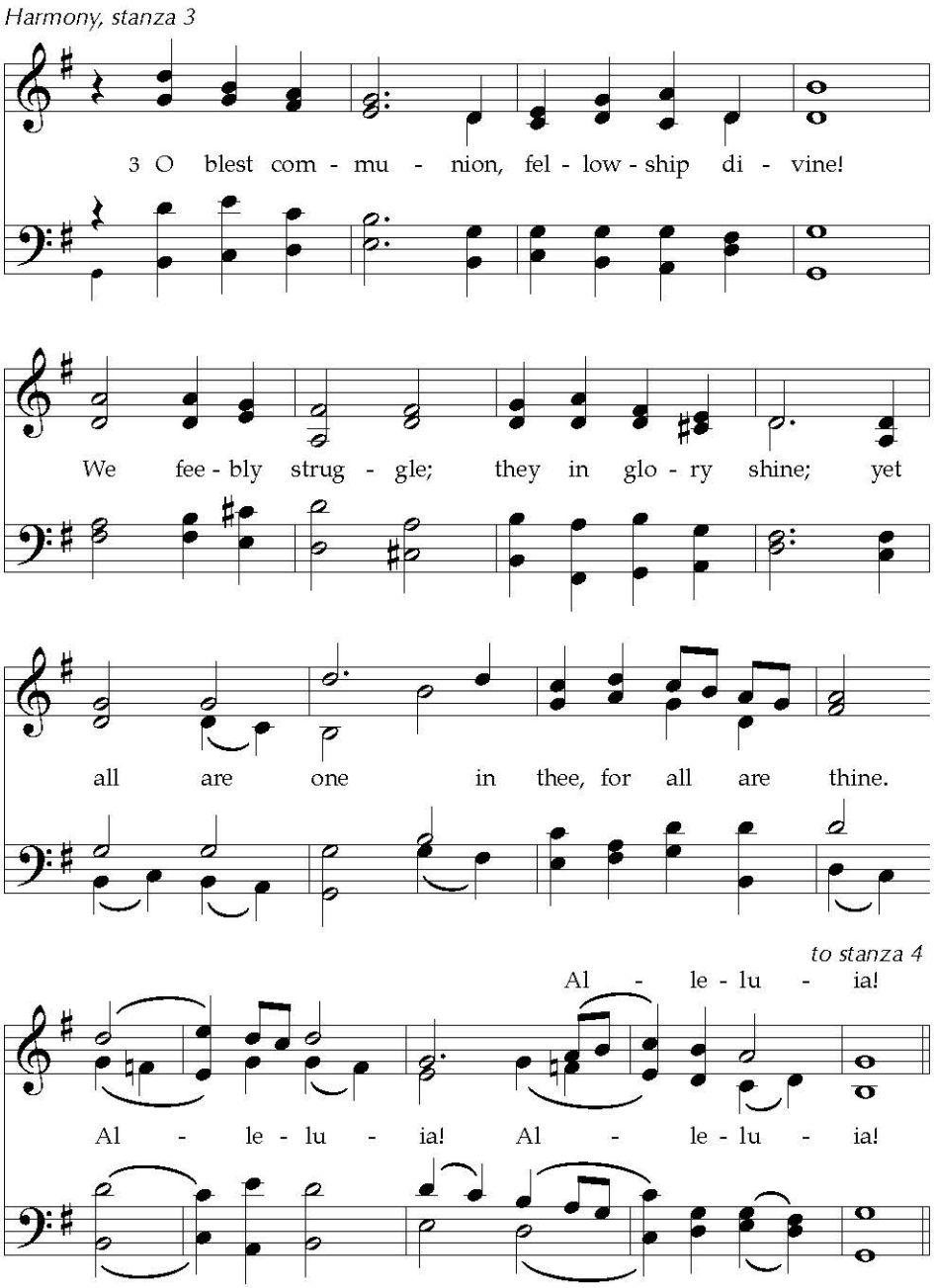
326 For All the Saints



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.

TEXT: William Walsham How, 1864
MUSIC: Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

SINE NOMINE
10.10.10 with alleluias



CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "For All the Saints" Charles Callahan
Linda Dover, organist

**Stand in body or spirit*

GOD'S PEACE TO YOU

REQUIEM, op. 48

by Gabriel Fauré

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Violin: Lisa Jackson
Viola I: René Burrow
Viola II: Bruce Williams
Cello I: Ronda Warren
Cello II: Elise Thierbach
Bass: Gay Lee Ludwig-Bonney
Harp: Debbie Clark
Horn I: Carolyn Mammen
Horn II: Jim Kelly
Organ: Linda Dover

Allen York
Andrea Liljegren
Anna Featherston
Anne Hirner
Anne Stroud
Barbara Douglas
Bob Dover
Cal Sweeten
Cindy Schendel
Connie Richards
Conor Schesser
Darryl Prater
David Sutherland
Diane Hevener
Edwin Fukunaga
Elaine Johnson
Ellin Schoenfeld
Emily Nelson Dixon
Esme Dixon
Gene Wilson
Harold Frye
Judith Brown
Karen Kesler
Kathy Williams
Keith Langabee
Kelly Scarborough
Lara Schesser
Lauren Bond
Linda Bruns
Mac Fechtling
Nelson Townsend
Pam Kelly
Pam Weir
Paul Bruns
Rebecca Prater
Rob Schendel
Roy Liljegren
Terri Monrad

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