



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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All Saints' Sunday

Morning Worship

Led by Rev. Ken Day

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

Chorale Partita on 'Ach wie nichtig, ach wie flüchtig'

Georg Böhm (1661-1733)

Call to Worship

Processional Hymn 455 *For all the saints* (Sine Nomine)

Prayers of praise, confession and forgiveness for All Saints Sunday

...In Christ, through Christ and because of Christ, our sins are forgiven.
Thanks be to God.

2We stand to sing:

Hymn *Soon and very soon* (Very Soon)



1. Soon and ver-y soon, we are going to see the King;_



soon and ver-y soon, we are going to see the King;_



soon and ver-y soon, we are going to see the King. Hal-le



lu - jah! Hal-le - lu - jah! We're going to see the King._

2. No more crying there,
we are going to see the King;
no more crying there,
we are going to see the King;
no more crying there,
we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah ! hallelujah !
We're going to see the King.

3. No more dying there,
we are going to see the King;
no more dying there,
we are going to see the King;
no more dying there,
we are going to see the King.
Hallelujah ! hallelujah !
We're going to see the King.

Andrae Crouch

Welcome

Ministry and mission news, celebrations and pastoral prayer

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Service of the Word

Prayer for Illumination for All Saints

Bible Readings for All Saints

A reading from the Hebrew Scriptures from **Daniel 7:1-3, 9-10, 13-18**

Listen for the Word of God to you:

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: ²I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, ³and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

⁹As I watched, thrones were set in place, and an Ancient One took his throne, his clothing was white as snow, and the hair of his head like pure wool; his throne was fiery flames, and its wheels were burning fire. ¹⁰A stream of fire issued and flowed out from his presence. A thousand thousands served him, and ten thousand times ten thousand stood attending him. The court sat in judgment, and the books were opened.

¹³As I watched in the night visions, I saw one like a human being coming with the clouds of heaven. And he came to the Ancient One and was presented before him. ¹⁴To him was given dominion and glory and kingship, that all peoples, nations, and languages should serve him. His dominion is an everlasting dominion that shall not pass away, and his kingship is one that shall never be destroyed.

¹⁵As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. ¹⁶I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: ¹⁷“As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. ¹⁸But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom forever—forever and ever.”

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Christian Scriptures from **Luke 18:9-14**

Listen for the Word of God to you:

A reading from the Christian Scriptures from **Luke 6:20-31**

²⁰Then Jesus looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. ²¹“Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. ²²“Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. ²³Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. ²⁴“But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. ²⁵“Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. ²⁶“Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

²⁷“But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, ²⁸bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. ²⁹If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. ³⁰Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your

goods, do not ask for them again. ³¹Do to others as you would have them do to you.

For the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn 584 (ii) *Just as I am* (Woodworth)

Thanksgiving for the life of Rev. Bern Stevens
Contributors: Bob Coulson and Bob Hinds

Dialogue for All Saints

including opportunity for the congregation to write the names of saints of God, and fill in Connection Cards found in the pews.

Anthem

O Thou the Central Orb

Text: Henry Ramsden Bramley (1833-1917)

Music: Charles Wood (1866-1926)

O thou the central orb of righteous love, pure beam of the most High eternal Light of this our wintry world, thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, hope soars above.

Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine, gilding our darksome heaven with rays divine.

Thy saints with holy lustre round thee move, as stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining counsel, as thy sight gives measur'd grace to each, thy power to prove.

Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin, our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee, transforming day to souls erewhile unclean, now pure within. Amen.

Prayers of the people

... through Jesus Christ our Lord, in whose name we pray:

***Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.***

Hymn 266 *Wake awake* (Wachet Auf)

Sermon

During this time tithes, thank offerings, connection cards, and food for Newtown Mission will be brought forward:

Offering Hymn 595 *O Jesus I have promised* (Tune: Day of Rest)

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Blessing

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

Sung Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Toccata on 'Placare Christe Servulis' (ancient hymn for All Saints')

Marcel Dupré (1886 - 1971)