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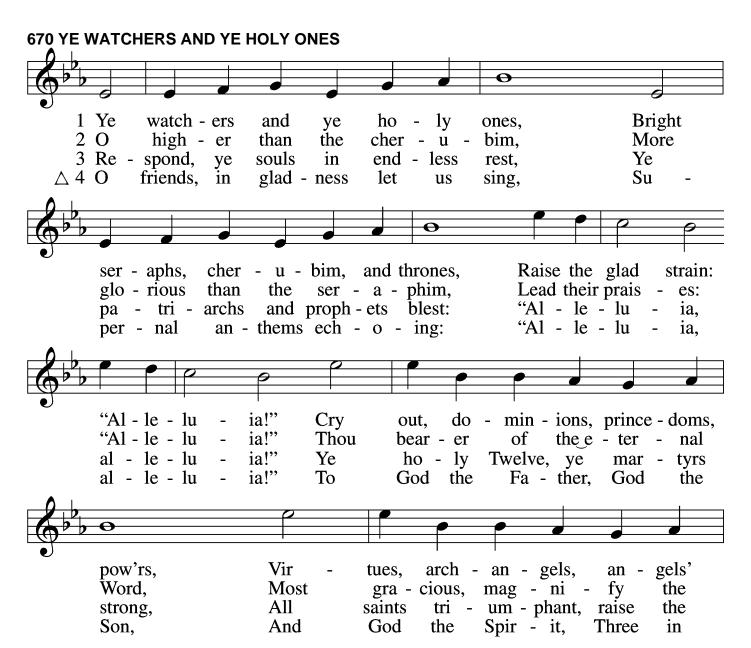
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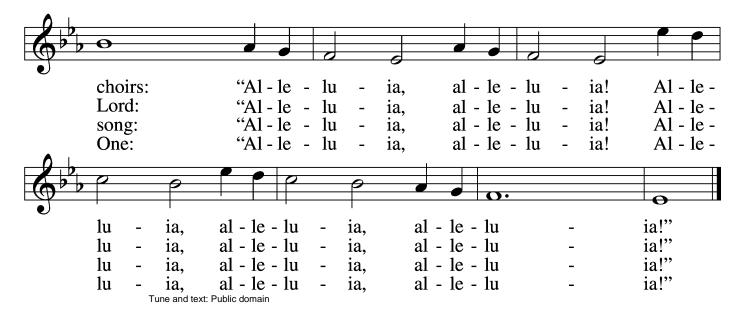
COMFORT AND JOY

AS WE GATHER

At Christmas is sung "God rest you merry, gentlemen," with "tidings of comfort and joy." Those tidings were made because our Lord had entered human history. We will finally realize those tidings for ourselves when we join the saints in eternal glory, they who are seen in the vision we will read from Revelation. In the meantime, in these mean times, we rely on hope to get us through each day, as St. Paul writes in the Epistle. That hope is based on our being God's adopted children, brothers and sisters of our risen Lord Jesus. It is both comforting and joyful, no matter our circumstances. As Jesus proclaims in the Gospel's Beatitudes, people with such hope are blessed indeed!

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INVOCATION

- In the name of the Father and of the

 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- Amen.

WELCOME

Today we are celebrating All Saints' Day, on which we give thanks "for all the saints who from their labors rest," those who have gone before us in faith. By definition, a saint is anyone looked on as holy by God, and we who have faith in Christ here on earth are already declared by God to be His saints. Indeed, He calls us His children. Knowing the eternal "end of the story" gives us hope in our daily walk through life. That hope is summarized in today's short Epistle.

EPISTLE 1 John 3:1–3

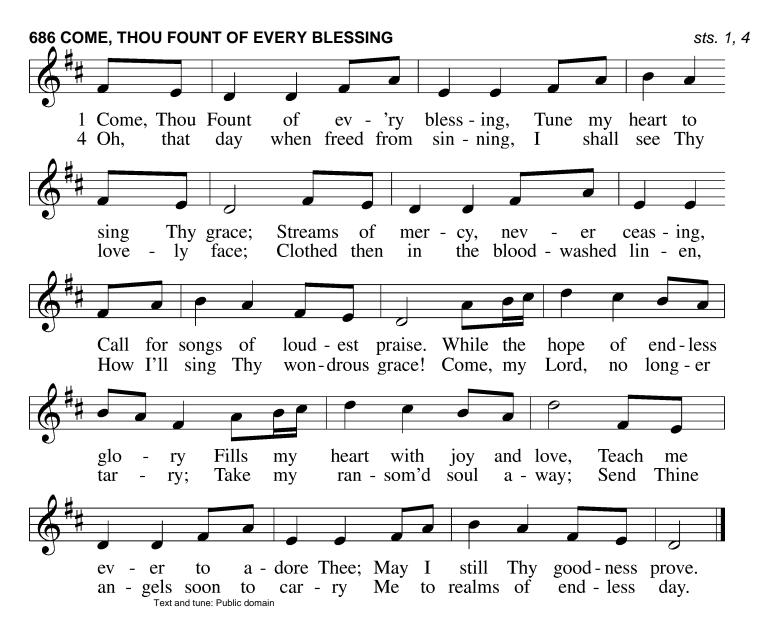
¹See what kind of love the Father has given to us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now, and what we will be has not yet appeared; but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, because we shall see him as he is. ³And everyone who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

- This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

- P Confident of salvation, let us confess our sins to our loving, heavenly Father.
- We confess that we have not lived as Your children, Father in heaven. In our thinking, speaking, and acting, we have not demonstrated to the people around us the kind of love You have shown us. Forgive us for these our sins. Open our eyes of faith that we may anticipate seeing You in the eternity that awaits us. Then move us toward purity of living that will give You the glory each day until You return.
- P Beloved brothers and sisters in Christ, we are God's children now because of the hope God has poured into us. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the

 Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.



KYRIE

- **P** In peace, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Lord, have mercy.
- **P** For heaven-sent peace and the hope of salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
- C Christ, have mercy.
- P For global peace and the Church's growth in faith and hope, let us pray to the Lord.
- **C** Lord, have mercy.
- For this holy house and for all who here return thanks to God for the hope within them, let us pray to the Lord.
- Christ, have mercy, now and forever. Amen.

SALUTATION

- P The Lord be with you.
- And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

- **P** Let us pray.
 - Almighty and everlasting God, You knit together Your faithful people of all times and places into one holy communion, the mystical Body of Your Son, Jesus Christ.
- Grant us so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that, together with them, we may come to the unspeakable joys You have prepared for those who love You;
- through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

FIRST READING Revelation 7:9–17

⁹After this I looked, and behold, a great multitude that no one could number, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed in white robes, with palm branches in their hands, ¹⁰and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!" ¹¹And all the angels were standing around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹²saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" ¹⁴I said to him, "Sir, you know." And he said to me, "These are the ones coming out of the great tribulation. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵"Therefore they are before the throne of God, and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them,

nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷For the Lamb in the midst of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of living water, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

- **I** This is the Word of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God.

PSALM Psalm 149; antiphon: v. 4

- The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.
- Praise the Lord! Sing to the Lord a new song,
 His praise in the assembly of the godly!
 Let Israel be glad in his Maker;
 let the children of Zion rejoice in their King!
 Let them praise His name with dancing,
 making melody to Him with tambourine and lyre!
- The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

Let the godly exult in glory;
let them sing for joy on their beds.
Let the high praises of God be in their throats
and two-edged swords in their hands,
to execute vengeance on the nations
and punishments on the peoples,
to bind their kings with chains
and their nobles with fetters of iron,
to execute on them the judgment written!
This is honor for all His godly ones. Praise the Lord!

The Lord takes pleasure in His people; He adorns the humble with salvation.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

READING 1 John 3:1–3

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- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

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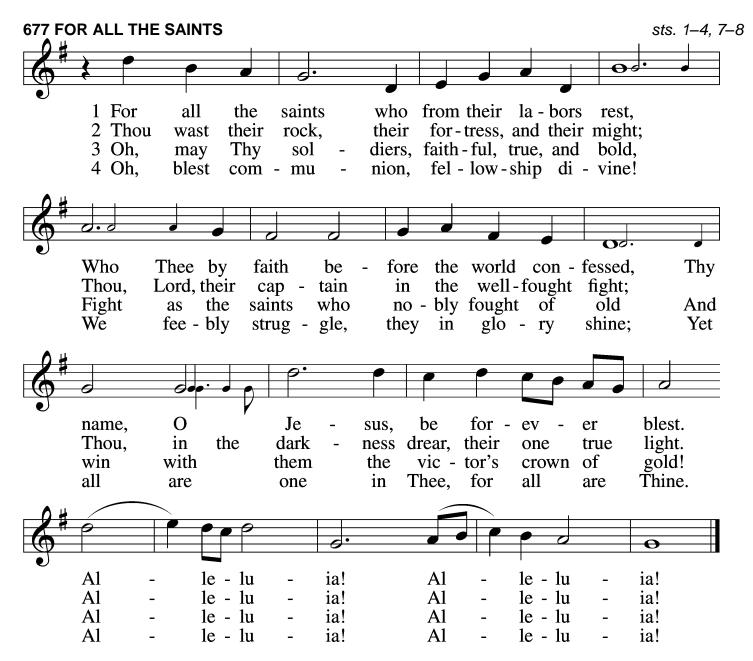
HOLY GOSPEL Matthew 5:1–12

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the fifth chapter.

G Glory to You, O Lord.

¹Seeing the crowds, [Jesus] went up on the mountain, and when he sat down, his disciples came to him.

- ²And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying:
- ³ Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ⁴"Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.
- ⁵ Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.
- ⁶"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.
- ⁷ Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.
- ⁸"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
- ⁹"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.
- ¹⁰ Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- ¹¹"Blessed are you when others revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹²Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so they persecuted the prophets who were before you."
- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Praise to You, O Christ.



7 But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day:

The saints triumphant rise in bright array; The King of Glory passes on His way. Alleluia! Alleluia!

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\triangle 8 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!

SERMON

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible. And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God. begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man: and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life

of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us remember with thanksgiving those who have gone before us with the sign of faith, for they were created by God to offer Him praise and thanksgiving forever. God gave new life to them through Holy Baptism, nourished them in the company of His people at His Holy Table, and in His mercy summoned them to His eternal presence so that they continue to serve Him forever.

[At this time individuals who have died since last All Saints' Day may be remembered by name. As each name is read, a bell may be tolled as a sign of remembrance and of victory in Christ.]

In joyful expectation of the resurrection to life eternal, we remember before You, O Lord, those relatives, friends, and fellow members of this congregation who have gone before us in faith. We offer thanksgiving for the gift of faith and hold fast to the certainty of Your promise that where You are, there Your servants shall be also.

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs. We pray for the Church, asking that its members grow in love for You and for one another. Lord, in Your mercy,

- **C** hear our prayer.
- P Celebrating our lives together as saints, we pray for the fellowship we enjoy as God's holy people, asking that You strengthen us to bring the sacrifices of pure hearts and worship God in His sanctuary with joy. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.

- Thankful for the saints among us in these days, we pray for those who serve in leadership positions in our Synod, district, and local congregation, asking God to bless their work among us as they set examples of devotion and dedication in Jesus' name. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Confident that Your care for the saints knows no limits, Lord, we make our petitions for the sick, the sorrowing, and all who this day are in need of our prayers, [especially . . .]. Answer their petitions according to Your good and gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Reflecting on the journey of life we make together as the saints below, we pray for the youngest among us, the infants and children, and also for the most senior of saints, those who have been blessed with extended lives on earth. Give us love to cherish the company of all God's people and seek to bring a sense of caring to all those around us. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- With thankfulness for the land in which we live, we ask Your blessing on our nation, its leaders, and all who work for security and a sense of community in our world and in our lives. Grant that we cherish the freedoms we enjoy and do all in our power to maintain the public good and promote peace and harmony. Lord, in Your mercy,
- **C** hear our prayer.
- Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Your Son, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- C Amen.

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 trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and 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.

OFFERING

SPECIAL GUEST

Michelle Ellenwood - CEO Palouse Care Network

BENEDICTION Romans 15:13

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope.

The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.

C Amen.



DISMISSAL

P Go in peace as you serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God!

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Prayers

Prayers of Praise and Thanksgiving

Prayers of thanks for **Mike Walker, Shauna Geigle, Sharon Carr, Sydney Stevens, and Alysen Balow-Coyle** who are celebrating their birthdays this week.

Thanksgiving for the birth of Carol Rydbom's grandson Stevan Warren.

Prayers of Comfort and Healing

For all who suffer from **anxiety and depression**.

Prayers for comfort and understanding for all those who are battling cancer.

Healing for all those who have Covid.

For **Karen Schuster** who was recently placed on hospice.

Healing for **Gail**, Beth Tietjen's sister, as she recovers from some severe burns.

Other Prayers

Safety for all who are traveling.

All who serve in our **armed forces** and their **families**.

Can we pray for you? Share your prayer requests by email at office@concordiapullman.org or fill out one of the white cards in the pews and place it in the offering plate.

Children's Bulletin