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A Legacy of Wisdom

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Today's Lay Reader: Pam Stearns

Welcome

Prelude

Face to Face

John Innes

Call to Worship

Leader: Come! Come from our sanctuary or from your home. Come at 11 AM on Sunday or any time during the week. Come whenever and wherever you are. Come! Worship is called in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit!

People: **We come, ready to lean on the wisdom of the Saints!**

Leader: To leave behind a legacy of wisdom is a blessing for all generations.

People: **The Saints left us wisdom to learn from. Now it's our turn to work on our own legacy of wisdom.**

Hymn

For All the Saints

(verses 1, 2, 4, and 6)

The musical score is written for a four-part vocal choir (Soprano, Alto, Tenor, Bass) and piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The score is divided into three systems, each with a vocal staff and a piano accompaniment staff. The lyrics are printed below the vocal staves.

1. For all the saints, who from their la - bors rest, who
 2. Thou wast their rock, their for - tress, and their might; thou,
 3. O may thy sol - diers, faith - ful, true, and bold,
 *4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low-ship di - vine!
 5. And when the strife is fierce, the war-fare long,
 6. From earth's wide bounds, from o - cean's far-thest coast, through

thee by faith be - fore the world con - fessed, thy
 Lord, their cap - tain in the well-fought fight;
 fight as the saints who no - bly fought of old, and
 We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine; yet
 steals on the ear the dis - tant tri - umph song, and
 gates of pearl streams in the count-less host,

name, O Je - sus, be for - ev - er blest.
 thou, in the dark - ness drear, their one true light.
 win with them the vic - tor's crown of gold.
 all are one in thee, for all are thine.
 hearts are brave a - gain, and arms are strong.
 sing - ing to Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost:

Refrain

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

Harmony

* 4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - low - ship di - vine!

We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine;

yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

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

Opening Prayer

Lord, thank you for the cloud of witnesses who came before us. Thank you for the saints of yesterday, and for the saints of today. Your church stands on the shoulders of giants. A firm foundation of wisdom has been laid out for us. Thank you for all the saints, from whom their labors rest, who by faith confessed the name of Jesus Christ to all the Earth. Thank you, Lord. Amen.

Sacrament of Baptism

Susanna Esset

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn

Through It All

(sing twice)

Through it all, through it all,

The first system of musical notation for the hymn 'Through It All'. It consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in a key of two flats (B-flat and E-flat) and a 4/4 time signature. The melody is written in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The lyrics 'Through it all, through it all,' are written below the notes.

I've learned to trust in Je - sus, I've learned to trust in God;

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Senior Choir

God Shall Wipe Away All Tears from Their Eyes

Marks

Young Disciples Chatting with the Rev

Scripture Lesson

Proverbs 13:22-23

The good leave an inheritance to their children's children,
but the sinner's wealth is laid up for the righteous.
The field of the poor may yield much food,
but it is swept away through injustice.

Leader: The Word of God for the people of God

People: Thanks be to God

Message

A Legacy of Wisdom

Offering Ourselves and Our Gifts to God

Offertory

It Is Well with My Soul

arr. Carolyn Hamlin

Doxology

Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost: Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

A Service of Word and Table

Please see the Communion Liturgy on [page 8](#) of this document.

Communion Anthem

I Will Dwell in You

Cynthia Gray

Hymn

When We All Get to Heaven

1. Sing the won-drous love of Je - sus; sing his mer - cy
 2. While we walk the pil - grim path - way, clouds will o - ver -
 3. Let us then be true and faith - ful, trust - ing, serv - ing
 4. On - ward to the prize be - fore us! Soon his beau - ty

and his grace. In the man - sions bright and bless - ed
 spread the sky; but when trav - eling days are o - ver,
 ev - ery day; just one glimpse of him in glo - ry
 we'll be - hold; soon the pearl - y gates will o - pen;

Refrain
 he'll pre - pare for us a place.
 not a shad - ow, not a sigh. When we all get to
 will the toils of life re - pay.
 we shall tread the streets of gold.

heav - en, what a day of re - joic - ing that will be!

When we all see Je - sus, we'll sing and shout the vic - to - ry!

Benediction

Postlude

“Presto” from Concerto No. 1

J. S. Bach

A Service of Word and Table

Invitation

Pastor: Christ our Lord invites to His table all who love him, who earnestly repent of their sin and seek to live in peace with one another. Therefore, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Confession and Pardon

People: Merciful God, we confess that we have not loved You with our whole heart. We have failed to be an obedient church. We have not done Your will, we have broken Your law, we have rebelled against Your love, we have not loved our neighbors, and we have not heard the cry of the needy. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Pastor: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are all forgiven!

People: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!

All: Thanks be to God!

The Great Thanksgiving

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

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

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

The pastor gives thanks appropriate to the occasion, remembering God's mighty acts of salvation, and concludes: And so, with Your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

The people sing their response:

Sanctus

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord; God of
 power and might. Heav - en and earth are
 full of your glo - - -
 - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high -
 est! Blest is the one who comes
 in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
 san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor continues the Thanksgiving. The institution of the Lord's Supper is recalled. The pastor concludes: And so, in remembrance of these Your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

The people sing their response:

Memorial Acclamation

Christ has died, Christ is risen,
Christ will come again. Ho -
san - na in the high - est! Ho - san - na in the high - est! Ho -
san - na in the high - est!

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The pastor invokes the present work of the Holy Spirit and then praises the Trinity, concluding: All honor and glory is yours, Almighty God, now and forever.

ALL: Amen!

Breaking the Bread

Giving the Cup