

# All Saint's Sunday Elijah and the Widow

November 1, 2020

8:30 AM

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## GATHERING

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### PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Vicar Stephanie*)

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS (*Vicar Stephanie*)

L: Blessed be the Trinity, one God, who forgives all our sin, whose mercy endures forever.

**C: Amen.**

L: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**C: Amen.**

L: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another. (*Silence for individual reflection.*) Most merciful God,

**C: We confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

L: God, who is rich in mercy, loved us even when we were dead in sin, and made us alive together with Christ. By grace you have been saved. In the name of Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. Almighty God strengthen you with power through the Holy Spirit, that Christ may live in your hearts through faith.

**C: Amen.**

### GATHERING HYMN

#### Verse 1

There's a peace I've come to know.  
Though my heart and flesh may fail,  
There's an anchor for my soul.  
I can say it is well.

#### Pre-Chorus

Jesus has overcome and the grave is overwhelmed.  
The victory is won. He is risen from the dead

#### Chorus 1

And I will rise when he calls my name.  
No more sorrow No more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings before my God.  
Fall on my knees and rise. I will rise.

#### Verse 2

There's a day that's drawing near.  
When this darkness breaks to light.  
And the shadows disappear  
And my faith shall be my eyes.

### "I Will Rise"

*Chris Tomlin, et al./Dan Galbraith*

#### Repeat Pre-Chorus

#### Repeat Chorus 1

#### Bridge

And I hear the voice of many angels sing  
Worthy is the Lamb.  
And I hear the cry of ev'ry longing heart  
Worthy is the Lamb

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#### Chorus 2

I will rise when he calls my name  
No more sorrow. No more pain.  
I will rise on eagle's wings before my God  
Fall on my knees and rise.  
I will rise. I will rise.

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: God of compassion, By the power of God, Elijah provided bread and oil for the widow and her household. By faith in God, the widow provided food and water for Elijah. Give us hearts to love one another, so that in providing and in receiving, we too, might experience the unimaginable power of God, through the one who has provided life itself, your Son, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Pat Lair*)

1 Kings 17:1-16

Now Elijah the Tishbite, of Tishbe in Gilead, said to Ahab, '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.' The word of the LORD came to him, saying, 'Go from here and turn eastwards, 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.' 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, 'Go now to Zarephath, which belongs to Sidon, and live there; for I have commanded a widow there to feed you.' 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, 'Bring me a little water in a vessel, so that I may drink.' As she was going to bring it, he called to her and said, 'Bring me a morsel of bread in your hand.' But she said, '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.' Elijah said to her, '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.' 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.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

L: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew

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

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: 'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. 'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. 'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

*Verses 1, 2, 5 & 6***Verse 1**

O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Our shelter from the stormy blast,  
 And our eternal home.

**Verse 2**

Under the shadow of your throne  
 Your saints have dwelt secure;  
 Sufficient is your arm alone,  
 And our defense is sure.

**Verse 5**

Time, like an ever-rolling stream,  
 Bears all our years away;  
 They fly forgotten, as a dream  
 Dies at the op'ning day.

**Verse 6**

O God, our help in ages past,  
 Our hope for years to come,  
 Still be our guard while troubles last  
 And our eternal home.

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

**C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L: Lord, in your mercy,

**C: Hear our prayer.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

PRAYER OF REMEMBRANCE—From *The New Union Prayer Book*

L: In the rising of the sun and in its going down,

**C: we remember them.**

L: In the blowing of the wind and in the chill of winter,

**C: we remember them.**

L: In the opening buds and in the rebirth of spring,

**C: we remember them.**

L: In the blueness of the sky and in the warmth of summer,

**C: we remember them.**

L: In the rustling of leaves and in the beauty of autumn,

**C: we remember them.**

L: In the beginning of the year and when it ends,

**C: we remember them.**

L: When we are weary and in need of strength,

**C: we remember them.**

L: When we are lost and sick at heart,

**C: we remember them.**

L: When we have joys we yearn to share,

**C: we remember them.**

L: When we have decisions that are difficult to make,

**C: we remember them.**

L: When we have achievements that are based on theirs,

**C: we remember them.**

L: As long as we live, they too shall live, for they are now a part of us, as we remember them.

**C: Amen.**

REMEMBRANCE OF SAINTS (*Names of Saints read, bell rung and altar candle lit.*)

*Timothy McDermeit, Alan Mathwig, Richard Carrick, Patricia Lindholm, Lila Cavanaugh, Jack Hare, Carolyn Carlson, Dennis Strid, Marian Kormanik, Rev. Dr. Paul Werger, Vicky Daly, Richard Ericson, Virjean Lindgren, James Soine, Kathleen Stouffer, Dorothy Ziebell, and James Soine*

OFFERTORY

“Jerusalem, My Happy Home”

*arr. L. Sateren*

*Mollee Erickson, Brenda DeSchepper, Pat Lair and Sean Johnson*

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

**C: 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.**

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SENDING

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BENEDICTION (*Vicar Stephanie*)

L: The God of all grace, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

CLOSING

“For All the Saints”

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**Verse 1**

For all the saints who from their labors rest  
Who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
Thy name, O Jesus be forever blest,  
Alleluia, Alleluia!

**Verse 2**

Thou wast their rock, their fortress and their might;  
Thou Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
Thou in the darkness drear, their one true light,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse 3**

Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine,  
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse 4**

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,  
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song,  
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Verse 5**

The golden evening brightens in the west;  
Soon, soon to faithful servants cometh rest;  
Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse 6**

But then there breaks a yet more glorious day:  
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
The King of glory passes on his way,  
Alleluia! Alleluia!

**Verse 7**

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!