

November 4, 2018  
All Saint's Sunday

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*Of all three years of the lectionary cycle, this year's All Saints readings have the most tears. Isaiah and Revelation look forward to the day when God will wipe away all tears; in John's gospel, Jesus weeps along with Mary and all the gathered mourners before he demonstrates his power over death. On All Saints Day we celebrate the victory won for all the faithful dead, but we grieve for our beloved dead as well, knowing that God honors our tears. We bring our grief to the table and find there a foretaste of Isaiah's feast to come.*

*Worship leaders' parts are in regular font.  
Responses of the assembly are in bold font.*

*Notations*

*"Pg." - Page Numbers – front half of "Evangelical Lutheran Worship"  
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**+ Gathering +**

**Prelude Music**

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
who calls us into an everlasting hope, who guides us to springs of the  
water of life, who enlightens us with the spirit of wisdom.

**Amen.**

One with the communion of saints in all times and places,  
let us confess our sin against God and one another.

*(kneel - Silence for reflection and self-examination)*

O God, our merciful redeemer,  
**we confess the ways we live only for ourselves. We fail to see you  
in our neighbor's face. We turn our ears from voices that cry out.  
We pass by the hungry and the oppressed. In your great mercy,  
forgive our sin and strengthen us for service to all in need;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

In the mercy of almighty God,  
Jesus Christ was given to die for you, and for † his sake, God forgives  
you all your sin. Blessed are you! Rejoice and be glad, beloved people  
of God.

**Amen**

Greeting (stand)

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

Kyrie (stand - sung)

In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

# Canticle of Praise: (stand - sung)

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

*Refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

*Final refrain*

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer of the Day

Let us pray.

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**Amen**

(sit)

**+ Word +**

### First Reading:

Isaiah 25:6-9

*Isaiah sees a vision of the end of days, when the Lord will gather all God's people on God's holy mountain and will prepare for them a rich feast. At this banquet the Lord will wipe the tears from all eyes. And there will be no more sorrow, for God will destroy death itself.*

<sup>6</sup>On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples  
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines,  
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear.

<sup>7</sup>And he will destroy on this mountain  
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,  
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

<sup>8</sup>he will swallow up death forever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,  
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth,  
for the LORD has spoken.

<sup>9</sup>It will be said on that day,  
Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us.  
This is the LORD for whom we have waited;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

*After the First Reading the following will be said:*

Word of God, Word of Life!

**Thanks be to God!**

**Psalm** (Congregation: refrain and verses in bold print)

Psalm 24

*(red print can be sung by pastor or soloist if available)*

<sup>1</sup>The earth is the LORD's and all | that is in it,  
the world and those who | dwell therein.

<sup>2</sup>**For the LORD has founded it up- | on the seas  
and established it up- | on the rivers.**

<sup>3</sup>Who may ascend the mountain | of the LORD,  
and who may stand in God's | holy place?

**<sup>4</sup>Those of innocent hands and puri- | ty of heart,  
who do not swear on God's being, nor do they pledge by |  
what is false.**

**<sup>5</sup>They shall receive blessing | from the LORD  
and righteousness from the God of | their salvation.**

**<sup>6</sup>Such is the generation of those who seek | you, O LORD,  
of those who seek your face, O | God of Jacob.**

**<sup>7</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting  
doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.**

**<sup>8</sup>Who is this | King of glory?  
The LORD, strong and mighty, the LORD, might- | y in battle!**

**<sup>9</sup>Lift up your heads, O gates; and be lifted up, O ever- | lasting  
doors,  
that the King of glory | may come in.**

**<sup>10</sup>Who is this | King of glory?  
Truly, the LORD of hosts is the | King of glory.**

## **Second Reading:**

## **Revelation 21:1-6a**

*Here is a vision of the new heaven and new earth in which God resides fully with God's people so that mourning, despair, and pain have been eradicated. These renewing words from the God who spans all of time are trustworthy and true.*

**<sup>1</sup>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. <sup>2</sup>And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. <sup>3</sup>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;**

**<sup>4</sup>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."**

**<sup>5</sup>And the one who was seated on the throne said, "See, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6a</sup>Then he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end."**

*After the Second Reading the following will be said:*

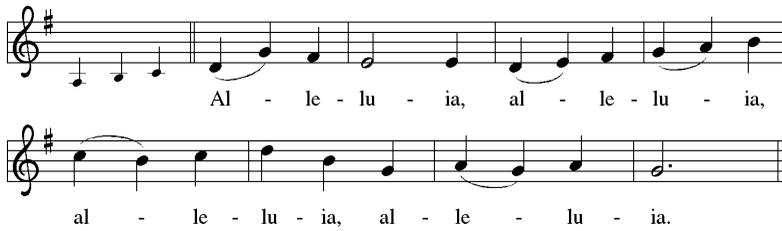
**Word of God, Word of Life!**

**Thanks be to God!**

## Gospel Acclamation:

(stand - sung)

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*(Proper verse is sung by a soloist followed again by the four-fold Alleluia)  
(red print can be sung by pastor or soloist if available)*

They are before the | throne of God,  
and the one who is seated on the throne will | shelter them

## Gospel: (stand)

John 11:32-44

*Through the raising of Lazarus, Jesus offers the world a vision of the life to come, when death and weeping will be no more.*

*The Gospel is announced:*

The Holy Gospel according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>32</sup>When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died." <sup>33</sup>When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. <sup>34</sup>He said, "Where have you laid him?" They said to him, "Lord, come and see." <sup>35</sup>Jesus began to weep. <sup>36</sup>So the Jews said, "See how he loved him!" <sup>37</sup>But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

<sup>38</sup>Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. <sup>39</sup>Jesus said, "Take away the stone." Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, "Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead four days." <sup>40</sup>Jesus said to her, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?" <sup>41</sup>So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upward and said, "Father, I thank you for having heard me. <sup>42</sup>I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me." <sup>43</sup>When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" <sup>44</sup>The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, "Unbind him, and let him go."

*After the reading:*

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

**Nicene Creed** *(stand)*

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession** *(stand)*

With the people of God gathered here and throughout the world, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

We remember those within the Trinity family who are sick, hospitalized, or in special need, especially . . .

We remember those who are serving in the armed forces, especially . . .

We remember those outside the Trinity membership who are sick, hospitalized, or in special need, especially . . .

We remember our bishops . . .

*A brief silence.*

Lord God, Sovereign of all creation, draw us into your presence, and transform us to be a holy people. Bless us through your word and holy meal to show your uncommon love to others. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Move us to reinvigorate polluted waters and air, renew fallow fields, and revive natural habitats that have been destroyed. Open our eyes to the bounty you have given us, and inspire us to tend to it. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Fill our public servants and we who elect them to office with your wisdom. Let your justice flow through our governments and institutions. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Unbind those who are burdened by illness or grief (*especially*). Wipe away the tears of those who cannot see your life through the weight of their affliction. Be with those who will die today. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Strengthen and bless this congregation's ministries of outreach, healing, and hospitality (*here specific congregational ministries may be named*). Make us eager to receive those you send to us. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*Here other intercessions may be offered.*

We bless you for the lives of the saints who now rejoice in your salvation face-to-face. Join us with all whom you have made righteous (*those who have died during the past year may be named*), and preserve us in eternal life. Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Enfold all things in your compassion, O God, and bring us into your life through the faithfulness of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.  
**Amen.**

## **Peace**

The peace of Christ be with you always.

**And also with you.**

*(Please Note: During the cold and flu season, at your discretion, you may share the peace with those about you with the customary handshake. If you would prefer not to share the peace in this manner, please be seated immediately following the above liturgical dialogue.)*

**+ Meal +**

# Offering

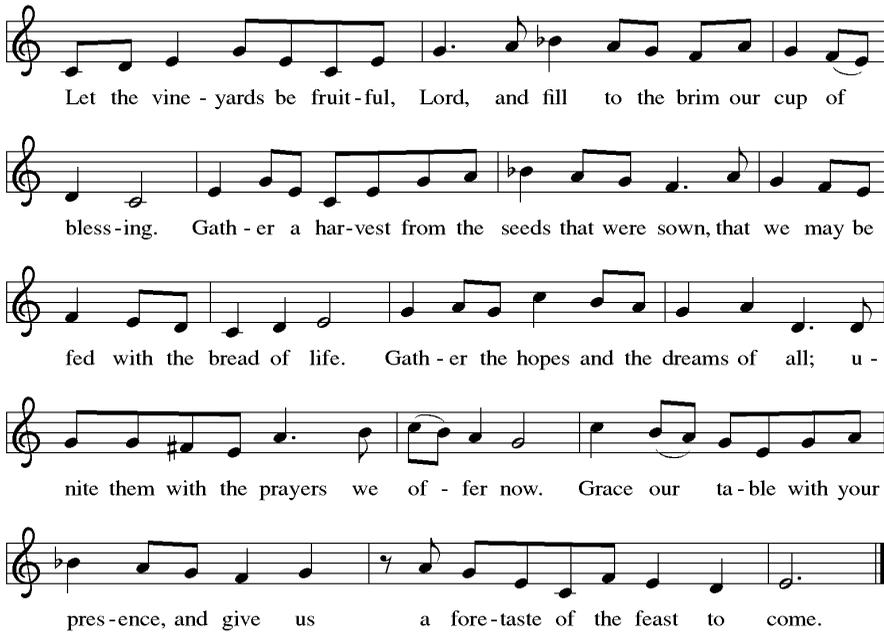
## Choir Anthem

### Offertory:

(stand - sung)

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### Let the Vineyards Be Fruitful *Offering Song*



Let the vine - yards be fruit - ful, Lord, and fill to the brim our cup of  
bless - ing. Gath - er a har - vest from the seeds that were sown, that we may be  
fed with the bread of life. Gath - er the hopes and the dreams of all; u -  
nite them with the prayers we of - fer now. Grace our ta - ble with your  
pres - ence, and give us a fore - taste of the feast to come.

### Offertory Prayer

Let us pray.

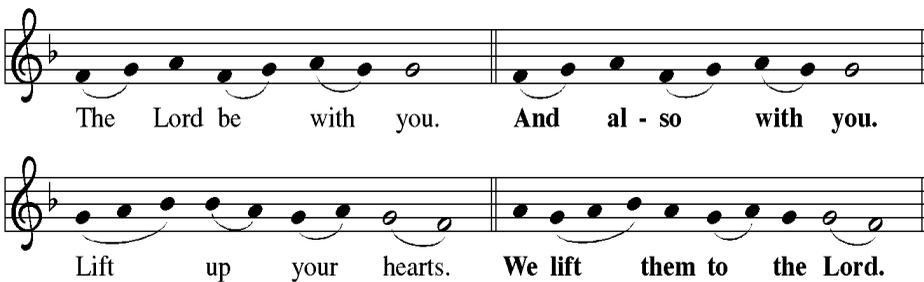
Creator God,  
you made everything, and you provide for every need. The bread we  
break and the wine we pour come from you. As we eat and drink with  
thanksgiving, fill us with your love; let that love flow through us to  
others; and join us to the saints before us in a holy and boundless  
communion; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

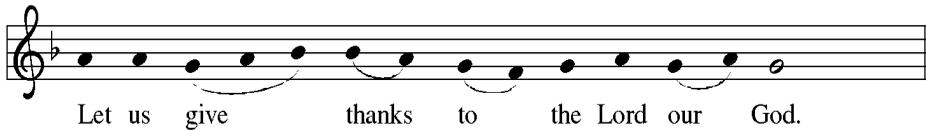
### The Great Thanksgiving

(stand - sung)

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The Lord be with you. And al - so with you.  
Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.



Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.



It is right to give our thanks and praise.

**It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should at all times and in all places  
give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God,  
through our Savior Jesus Christ.**

**By the witness of your saints  
you show us the hope of our calling,  
and strengthen us to run the race set before us,  
that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory.**

**And so, with ( \_\_\_\_\_ and) all the saints,  
with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven,  
we praise your name and join their unending hymn:**



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,



heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na. Ho -



san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who



comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san - na in the high - est.

### **Thanksgiving at the Table** *(Form I – sung responses)*

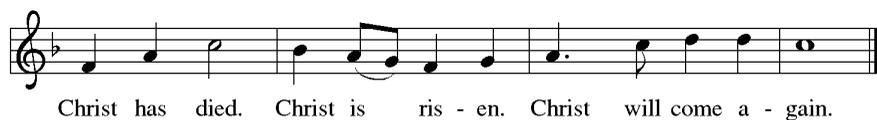
**You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God.  
You are most holy,  
and great is the majesty of your glory.**

**You so loved the world that you gave your only Son,  
so that everyone who believes in him may not perish  
but have eternal life.**

We give you thanks for his coming into the world  
to fulfill for us your holy will  
and to accomplish all things for our salvation.  
In the night in which he was betrayed,  
our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks;  
broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup,  
we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command,  
his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension,  
and the promise of his coming again,  
we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty,  
not as we ought but as we are able;

we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving  
and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants,  
and these your own gifts of bread and wine,

so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ  
may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace,  
and, receiving the forgiveness of sin,  
may be formed to live as your holy people  
and be given our inheritance with all your saints.  
To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,  
be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



## Lord's Prayer *(stand)*

Lord, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray.

**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.**

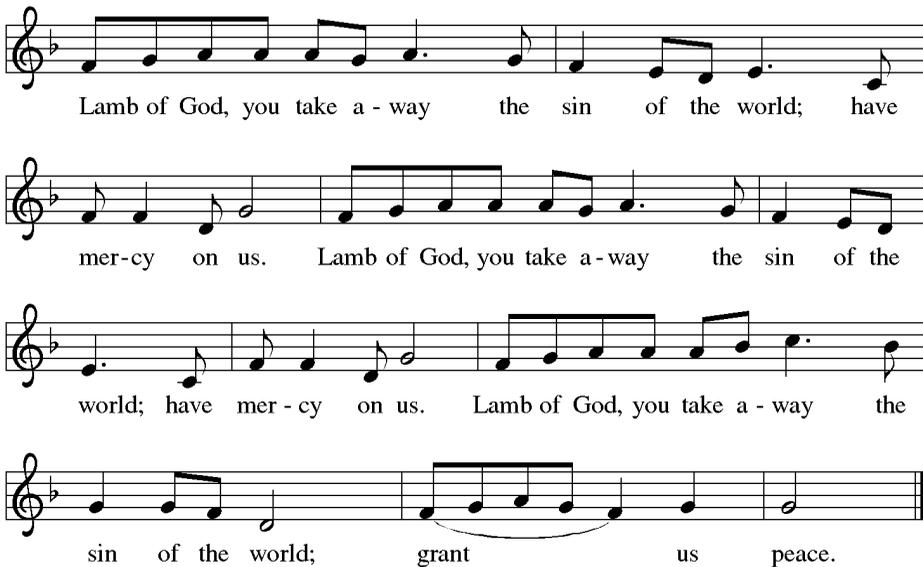
**Amen**

## Invitation to Communion *(stand)*

Hunger no more. Thirst no more.  
Come to the banquet of life.

## Communion Song *(stand)*

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Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have  
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the  
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the  
sin of the world; grant us peace.

## The Distribution of the Sacrament

If you have been baptized, have received your First Communion, and share our belief in the real presence of Christ in the sacrament, you are invited to receive Holy Communion. The Eucharist will be distributed by *intinction* (*the wafer dipped into the wine*). Please come to the altar at the direction of the ushers.

Children not receiving holy communion are invited to come to the communion rail to receive a blessing. They should bow their heads for the blessing as they are approached by the pastor.

## Post-Communion Blessing: *(stand)*

The Body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

**Amen**

## Song after Communion

(stand - sung)



Thank-ful hearts and voic - es raise; tell ev-'ry-one what God has done.



Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and bear Christ's ho - ly name.



Send us with your prom-is - es and lead your peo-ple forth in joy with



shouts of thanks-giv - ing. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## Prayer After Communion

(stand)

Let us Pray.

Sovereign God,

in this meal you give us a foretaste of the great feast to come.

Keep us faithful to you, that we, with all your saints,

may at length celebrate the marriage feast of the Lamb,

Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## + Sending +

### Blessing:

(stand)

The love of God surround you;

the grace of † Christ release you;

and the Holy Spirit be your guide and strength,

now and forevermore.

**Amen.**

### Sending Song

(stand)

No. 873

### Dismissal

(stand)

Led on by the saints before us,

go in peace to serve the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### The Postlude

## Resurrection and Life

Tears are plentiful. Children from one ocean to another cry out for bread and clean water, for health and warmth. Young people cry out powerful concern for the future. One generation to another weeps over loved ones lost, over loneliness, over reconciliation gone awry.

Jesus wept too. Standing outside the tomb of his friend Lazarus, he wept (John 11:35). Jesus' tears might seem oddly placed. Lazarus's sisters, Martha and Mary, had called for Jesus as their brother fought illness. The sisters expected Jesus to come, and come quickly—after all, Lazarus was one Jesus “loved” (John 11:3). But Jesus waited. Jesus stayed back, telling his disciples Lazarus had simply “fallen asleep.” Only at the appropriate time would he go to wake up Lazarus.

When Jesus does arrive it is four long days after Lazarus has died. Mary and Martha are still overcome with grief. Still in no hurry to make his way to the grave, Jesus stops to hear Martha give words to her pain: “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died” (John 11:21). He stops to hear Mary cry the same words. Then—and only then—does he make his way to Lazarus's tomb.

Why does Jesus cry, after waiting all that time to go to the grave? Why does he cry, when he must have known, like Martha and Mary, that he could have done something about it?

He cries because all causes of human pain—separation, death, suffering—are surely to be wept over. Even in the midst of the presence of God, sorrow is real. It hurts. But against all pain, God's promises have final victory for us, for all who experience pain and death. “I am,” Jesus says, “the resurrection and the life” (John 11:25). Today, on All Saints Sunday, we celebrate the astounding promise of resurrection. Jesus lives, and we live because of him.

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