



CHRIST CHURCH CATHEDRAL

Children's Liturgy

All Saints' Sunday

Song

I sing a song of the saints of God, patient and brave and true,
who toiled and fought and lived and died for the Lord they loved and knew.
And one was a doctor, and one was a queen, and one was a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God and I mean, God helping, to be one too.

They loved their Lord so dear, so dear, and his love made them strong;
and they followed the right, for Jesus' sake, the whole of their good lives long.
And one was a soldier, and one was a priest, and one was slain by a fierce wild beast;
and there's not any reason no, not the least, why I shouldn't be one too.

They lived not only in ages past, there are hundreds of thousands still,
the world is bright with the joyous saints who love to do Jesus' will.
You can meet them in school, or in lanes, or at sea, in church, or in trains, or in shops, or at tea,
for the saints of God are just folk like me, and I mean to be one too.

Leader:

This is a time to collect our thoughts and give them to God; Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

Collect for Purity:

Let's prepare our hearts to worship God. Jesus, open our minds and our hearts. **Amen.**

Collect of the Day:

Almighty God, you have surrounded us with a great cloud of witnesses: Grant that we, encouraged by the good example of your saints, may persevere in running the race that is set before us, until at last we may with *him* attain to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lesson: *All sit.*

Optional: We are now in the long season known as Ordinary Time, the green season after Pentecost which runs until after Thanksgiving. As we take this journey, we are invited to be on the lookout for all the blessings found in the ordinary—to see God at work here and now. In Ordinary Time we will probably encounter some out-of-the-ordinary events in our own lives and possibly even in our life together as the Cathedral Family. The gift of this time is finding the hidden blessings amid the ordinary occurrences. And we are asked to share our blessings with others.

Leader: A Reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

As for us, we have this large crowd of witnesses around us. So then, let us rid ourselves of everything that gets in the way, and of the sin which holds on to us so tightly, and let us run with determination the race that lies before us. Let us keep our eyes fixed on Jesus, on whom our faith depends from beginning to end. He did not give up because of the cross! On the contrary, because of the joy that was waiting for him, he thought nothing of the disgrace of dying on the cross, and he is now seated at the right side of God's throne.

Leader: This is the end of the lesson so I say: The Word of the Lord. And you say:

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Children's Creed: *All stand.*

All: **We believe in God, who made us and made everything. We believe in Jesus Christ, who is God's son. We believe in the Holy Spirit, who helps us grow. Amen.**

Prayers of the People: *All kneel.*

Leader: We pray for our clergy: Dean Beverly, Father Eric, and everyone in the church.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the leaders of the world, so we can live in peace.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for our families, that Your love may fill our hearts.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for the boys and girls and their families who are hungry, and we give thanks for those who help them.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all people who are sick or sad.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We pray for all who have died.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Leader: We ask all these things in the name of your Son, Jesus Christ.

All: **Jesus, hear our prayer.**

Confession: *Remain kneeling and repeat after the leader.*

All: **Forgive us Lord, for the things we have done
that were not kind and good.**

**Forgive us Lord, and help us try
to do the things that we should. Amen.**

Leader: Thank you God for hearing us. We know that you forgive us.

We know that Jesus loves us. We know that the Holy Spirit keeps us in God's care. **Amen.**

Closing Prayer

All: **Oh, Lord Jesus, I praise you this day. I give myself to you this day.
I ask you to help me this day. Amen.**

The Peace

We offer each other a sign of God's peace for one another.

Leader: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

At this time Sunday School activity occurs.

*At the proper time, we will process back into the church to join our
parents for the rest of the service and Holy Communion.*