

# **Suggested Readings & Hymns for Memorial & Burial Services at All Saints Presbyterian Church Austin, Texas**

*The following are suggested readings and hymns, but are certainly not an exhaustive list. If you are interested in another reading or hymn, please check with a pastor, Mary Freiberger ([mfreiberger@allsaintsaustin.org](mailto:mfreiberger@allsaintsaustin.org)) or David Lutes ([dlutes@allsaintsaustin.org](mailto:dlutes@allsaintsaustin.org)) for hymns.*

## **Readings from the Old Testament**

### **Isaiah 25:6-9 (He will swallow up death forever)**

O Lord, you are my God;  
I will exalt you; I will praise your name,  
for you have done wonderful things, plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

<sup>2</sup> For you have made the city a heap, the fortified city a ruin;  
the foreigners' palace is a city no more; it will never be rebuilt.

<sup>3</sup> Therefore strong peoples will glorify you; cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

<sup>4</sup> For you have been a stronghold to the poor,  
a stronghold to the needy in his distress,  
a shelter from the storm and a shade from the heat;  
for the breath of the ruthless is like a storm against a wall,

<sup>5</sup> like heat in a dry place.  
You subdue the noise of the foreigners;  
as heat by the shade of a cloud,  
so the song of the ruthless is put down.

<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 wine,  
of rich food full of marrow, of aged wine well refined.

<sup>7</sup> And he will swallow up on this mountain  
the covering that is cast over all peoples,  
the veil that is spread over all nations.

<sup>8</sup> He will swallow up death forever;  
and the Lord God will wipe away tears from all faces,  
and the reproach 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,  
"Behold, this is our God; we have waited for him, that he might save us.  
This is the LORD; we have waited for him;  
let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation."

### **Isaiah 54:1-8**

"Sing, O barren one, who did not bear;  
break forth into singing and cry aloud,  
you who have not been in labor!

For the children of the desolate one will be more  
than the children of her who is married," says the LORD.

<sup>2</sup> “Enlarge the place of your tent,  
and let the curtains of your habitations be stretched out;  
do not hold back; lengthen your cords and strengthen your stakes.

<sup>3</sup> For you will spread abroad to the right and to the left,  
and your offspring will possess the nations  
and will people the desolate cities.

<sup>4</sup> “Fear not, for you will not be ashamed;  
be not confounded, for you will not be disgraced;  
for you will forget the shame of your youth,  
and the reproach of your widowhood you will remember no more.

<sup>5</sup> For your Maker is your husband, the LORD of hosts is his name;  
and the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer,  
the God of the whole earth he is called.

<sup>6</sup> For the LORD has called you  
like a wife deserted and grieved in spirit,  
like a wife of youth when she is cast off, says your God.

<sup>7</sup> For a brief moment I deserted you,  
but with great compassion I will gather you.

<sup>8</sup> In overflowing anger for a moment I hid my face from you,  
but with everlasting love I will have compassion on you,”  
says the LORD, your Redeemer.

**Isaiah 61:1-3 (To comfort those who mourn)**

The Spirit of the Lord God is upon me,  
because the LORD has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor;  
he has sent me to bind up the brokenhearted,  
to proclaim liberty to the captives,  
and the opening of the prison to those who are bound;  
<sup>2</sup> to proclaim the year of the LORD's favor,  
and the day of vengeance of our God;  
to comfort all who mourn;  
<sup>3</sup> to grant to those who mourn in Zion—  
to give them a beautiful headdress instead of ashes,  
the oil of gladness instead of mourning,  
the garment of praise instead of a faint spirit;  
that they may be called oaks of righteousness,  
the planting of the LORD, that he may be glorified.

**Lamentations 3:22-26, 31-33 (The Lord is good to those who wait for him)**

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;  
his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;  
great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> “The LORD is my portion,” says my soul,  
“therefore I will hope in him.”

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him,  
to the soul who seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

<sup>31</sup> For the Lord will not  
cast off forever,

<sup>32</sup> but, though he cause grief, he will have compassion  
according to the abundance of his steadfast love;

<sup>33</sup> for he does not afflict from his heart  
or grieve the children of men.

**Job 19:21-27a** (I know that my Redeemer lives)

<sup>21</sup> Have mercy on me, have mercy on me, O you my friends,  
for the hand of God has touched me!  
<sup>22</sup> Why do you, like God, pursue me?  
Why are you not satisfied with my flesh?  
<sup>23</sup> "Oh that my words were written!  
Oh that they were inscribed in a book!  
<sup>24</sup> Oh that with an iron pen and lead  
they were engraved in the rock forever!  
<sup>25</sup> For I know that my Redeemer lives,  
and at the last he will stand upon the earth.  
<sup>26</sup> And after my skin has been thus destroyed,  
yet in my flesh I shall see God,  
<sup>27</sup> whom I shall see for myself,  
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.  
My heart faints within me!

## Psalms

**Psalm 23** (The Lord is My Shepherd)

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.  
<sup>2</sup> He makes me lie down in green pastures.  
He leads me beside still waters.  
<sup>3</sup> He restores my soul.  
He leads me in paths of righteousness  
for his name's sake.  
<sup>4</sup> Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,  
I will fear no evil, for you are with me;  
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.  
<sup>5</sup> You prepare a table before me  
in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil;  
my cup overflows.  
<sup>6</sup> Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me  
all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD forever.

**Psalm 27** (The Lord is My Life and My Salvation)

The LORD is my light and my salvation;  
whom shall I fear?  
The LORD is the stronghold of my life;  
of whom shall I be afraid?  
<sup>2</sup> When evildoers assail me  
to eat up my flesh,  
my adversaries and foes,  
it is they who stumble and fall.  
<sup>3</sup> Though an army encamp against me,  
my heart shall not fear;  
though war arise against me,  
yet I will be confident.  
<sup>4</sup> One thing have I asked of the LORD,  
that will I seek after:  
that I may dwell in the house of the LORD

all the days of my life,  
to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD  
and to inquire in his temple.  
<sup>5</sup> For he will hide me in his shelter  
in the day of trouble;  
he will conceal me under the cover of his tent;  
he will lift me high upon a rock.  
<sup>6</sup> And now my head shall be lifted up  
above my enemies all around me,  
and I will offer in his tent  
sacrifices with shouts of joy;  
I will sing and make melody to the LORD.  
<sup>7</sup> Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud;  
be gracious to me and answer me!  
<sup>8</sup> You have said, "Seek my face."  
My heart says to you,  
"Your face, LORD, do I seek."  
<sup>9</sup> Hide not your face from me.  
Turn not your servant away in anger,  
O you who have been my help.  
Cast me not off; forsake me not,  
O God of my salvation!  
<sup>10</sup> For my father and my mother have forsaken me,  
but the LORD will take me in.  
<sup>11</sup> Teach me your way, O LORD,  
and lead me on a level path  
because of my enemies.  
<sup>12</sup> Give me not up to the will of my adversaries;  
for false witnesses have risen against me,  
and they breathe out violence.  
<sup>13</sup> I believe that I shall look upon the goodness of the LORD  
in the land of the living!  
<sup>14</sup> Wait for the LORD;  
be strong, and let your heart take courage;  
wait for the LORD!

**Psalm 42** (As a deer pants for flowing streams)  
As a deer pants for flowing streams,  
so pants my soul for you, O God.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul thirsts for God,  
for the living God.  
When shall I come and appear before God?<sup>3</sup>  
<sup>3</sup> My tears have been my food  
day and night,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
"Where is your God?"  
<sup>4</sup> These things I remember,  
as I pour out my soul:  
how I would go with the throng  
and lead them in procession to the house of God  
with glad shouts and songs of praise,  
a multitude keeping festival.  
<sup>5</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation<sup>6</sup> and my God.

My soul is cast down within me;  
therefore I remember you  
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon,  
from Mount Mizar.

<sup>7</sup> Deep calls to deep  
at the roar of your waterfalls;  
all your breakers and your waves  
have gone over me.

<sup>8</sup> By day the LORD commands his steadfast love,  
and at night his song is with me,  
a prayer to the God of my life.

<sup>9</sup> I say to God, my rock:  
“Why have you forgotten me?  
Why do I go mourning  
because of the oppression of the enemy?”

<sup>10</sup> As with a deadly wound in my bones,  
my adversaries taunt me,  
while they say to me all the day long,  
“Where is your God?”

<sup>11</sup> Why are you cast down, O my soul,  
and why are you in turmoil within me?  
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him,  
my salvation and my God.

**Psalm 46 (God is our refuge and strength)**

God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble.

<sup>2</sup> Therefore we will not fear though the earth gives way,  
though the mountains be moved into the heart of the sea,

<sup>3</sup> though its waters roar and foam,  
though the mountains tremble at its swelling.

<sup>4</sup> There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,  
the holy habitation of the Most High.

<sup>5</sup> God is in the midst of her; she shall not be moved;  
God will help her when morning dawns.

<sup>6</sup> The nations rage, the kingdoms totter;  
he utters his voice, the earth melts.

<sup>7</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

<sup>8</sup> Come, behold the works of the LORD,  
how he has brought desolations on the earth.

<sup>9</sup> He makes wars cease to the end of the earth;  
he breaks the bow and shatters the spear;  
he burns the chariots with fire.

<sup>10</sup> “Be still, and know that I am God.  
I will be exalted among the nations,  
I will be exalted in the earth!”

<sup>11</sup> The LORD of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our fortress.

**Psalm 90 (Lord, you have been our dwelling place in all generations)**

Lord, you have been our dwelling place  
in all generations.

<sup>2</sup> Before the mountains were brought forth,  
or ever you had formed the earth and the world,  
from everlasting to everlasting you are God.

<sup>3</sup> You return man to dust  
and say, "Return, O children of man!"

<sup>4</sup> For a thousand years in your sight  
are but as yesterday when it is past,  
or as a watch in the night.

<sup>5</sup> You sweep them away as with a flood; they are like a dream,  
like grass that is renewed in the morning:

<sup>6</sup> in the morning it flourishes and is renewed;  
in the evening it fades and withers.

<sup>7</sup> For we are brought to an end by your anger;  
by your wrath we are dismayed.

<sup>8</sup> You have set our iniquities before you,  
our secret sins in the light of your presence.

<sup>9</sup> For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup> The years of our life are seventy,  
or even by reason of strength eighty;  
yet their span is but toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

<sup>11</sup> Who considers the power of your anger,  
and your wrath according to the fear of you?

<sup>12</sup> So teach us to number our days  
that we may get a heart of wisdom.

<sup>13</sup> Return, O LORD! How long?  
Have pity on your servants!

<sup>14</sup> Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be shown to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favor of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and establish the work of our hands upon us;  
yes, establish the work of our hands!

### **Psalm 103**

"Bless the Lord, O my soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name!  
Bless the Lord, O my soul, and forget not all his benefits,  
who forgives all your iniquity, who heals all your diseases,  
who redeems your life from the pit,  
who crowns you with steadfast love and mercy, who satisfies you with good  
so that your youth is renewed like the eagle's...  
The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love...  
For as high as the heavens are above the earth,  
so great is his steadfast love toward those who fear him;  
as far as the east is from the west,  
so far does he remove our transgressions from us.  
As a father shows compassion to his children,  
so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him.  
For he knows our frame; he remembers that we are dust.  
As for man, his days are like grass;  
he flourishes like a flower of the field;  
for the wind passes over it, and it is gone,  
and its place knows it no more.

But the steadfast love of the Lord  
is from everlasting to everlasting on those who fear him,  
and his righteousness to children's children."

**Psalm 116 (I love the Lord)**

I love the LORD, because he has heard  
my voice and my pleas for mercy.  
2 Because he inclined his ear to me,  
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.  
3 The snares of death encompassed me;  
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;  
I suffered distress and anguish.  
4 Then I called on the name of the LORD:  
"O LORD, I pray, deliver my soul!"  
5 Gracious is the LORD, and righteous;  
our God is merciful.  
6 The LORD preserves the simple;  
when I was brought low, he saved me.  
7 Return, O my soul, to your rest;  
for the LORD has dealt bountifully with you.  
8 For you have delivered my soul from death,  
my eyes from tears,  
my feet from stumbling;  
9 I will walk before the LORD  
in the land of the living.  
10 I believed, even when I spoke:  
"I am greatly afflicted";  
11 I said in my alarm,  
"All mankind are liars."  
12 What shall I render to the LORD  
for all his benefits to me?  
13 I will lift up the cup of salvation  
and call on the name of the LORD,  
14 I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people.  
15 Precious in the sight of the LORD  
is the death of his saints.  
16 O LORD, I am your servant;  
I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.  
You have loosed my bonds.  
17 I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving  
and call on the name of the LORD.  
18 I will pay my vows to the LORD  
in the presence of all his people,  
19 in the courts of the house of the LORD,  
in your midst, O Jerusalem.  
Praise the LORD!

**Psalm 121 (My help comes from the Lord)**

I lift up my eyes to the hills.  
From where does my help come?  
2 My help comes from the LORD,  
who made heaven and earth.  
3 He will not let your foot be moved;  
he who keeps you will not slumber.

<sup>4</sup> Behold, he who keeps Israel  
    will neither slumber nor sleep.  
<sup>5</sup> The LORD is your keeper;  
    the LORD is your shade on your right hand.  
<sup>6</sup> The sun shall not strike you by day,  
    nor the moon by night.  
<sup>7</sup> The LORD will keep you from all evil;  
    he will keep your life.  
<sup>8</sup> The LORD will keep  
    your going out and your coming in  
    from this time forth and forevermore.

**Psalm 130** (My soul waits for the Lord)

Out of the depths I cry to you, O LORD!  
<sup>2</sup> O Lord, hear my voice!  
Let your ears be attentive  
    to the voice of my pleas for mercy!  
<sup>3</sup> If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities,  
    O Lord, who could stand?  
<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
    that you may be feared.  
<sup>5</sup> I wait for the LORD, my soul waits,  
    and in his word I hope;  
<sup>6</sup> my soul waits for the Lord  
    more than watchmen for the morning,  
    more than watchmen for the morning.  
<sup>7</sup> O Israel, hope in the LORD!  
    For with the LORD there is steadfast love,  
    and with him is plentiful redemption.  
<sup>8</sup> And he will redeem Israel  
    from all his iniquities.

**Psalm 139** (Search me, O God, and know my heart)

O LORD, you have searched me and known me!  
<sup>2</sup> You know when I sit down and when I rise up;  
    you discern my thoughts from afar.  
<sup>3</sup> You search out my path and my lying down  
    and are acquainted with all my ways.  
<sup>4</sup> Even before a word is on my tongue,  
    behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.  
<sup>5</sup> You hem me in, behind and before,  
    and lay your hand upon me.  
<sup>6</sup> Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;  
    it is high; I cannot attain it.  
<sup>7</sup> Where shall I go from your Spirit?  
    Or where shall I flee from your presence?  
<sup>8</sup> If I ascend to heaven, you are there!  
    If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!  
<sup>9</sup> If I take the wings of the morning  
    and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,  
<sup>10</sup> even there your hand shall lead me,  
    and your right hand shall hold me.  
<sup>11</sup> If I say, "Surely the darkness shall cover me,  
    and the light about me be night,"  
<sup>12</sup> even the darkness is not dark to you;

the night is bright as the day,  
for darkness is as light with you.

<sup>13</sup> For you formed my inward parts;  
you knitted me together in my mother's womb.

<sup>14</sup> I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made.  
Wonderful are your works;  
my soul knows it very well.

<sup>15</sup> My frame was not hidden from you,  
when I was being made in secret,  
intricately woven in the depths of the earth.

<sup>16</sup> Your eyes saw my unformed substance;  
in your book were written, every one of them,  
the days that were formed for me,  
when as yet there was none of them.

<sup>17</sup> How precious to me are your thoughts, O God!  
How vast is the sum of them!

<sup>18</sup> If I would count them, they are more than the sand.  
I awake, and I am still with you.

<sup>19</sup> Oh that you would slay the wicked, O God!  
O men of blood, depart from me!

<sup>20</sup> They speak against you with malicious intent;  
your enemies take your name in vain.

<sup>21</sup> Do I not hate those who hate you, O LORD?  
And do I not loathe those who rise up against you?

<sup>22</sup> I hate them with complete hatred;  
I count them my enemies.

<sup>23</sup> Search me, O God, and know my heart!  
Try me and know my thoughts!

<sup>24</sup> And see if there be any grievous way in me,  
and lead me in the way everlasting!

## Readings from the New Testament

### **Romans 8:14-19, 34-35, 37-39** (The glory that shall be revealed)

<sup>14</sup> For all who are led by the Spirit of God are sons of God. <sup>15</sup> For you did not receive the spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received the Spirit of adoption as sons, by whom we cry, "Abba! Father!" <sup>16</sup> The Spirit himself bears witness with our spirit that we are children of God, <sup>17</sup> and if children, then heirs—heirs of God and fellow heirs with Christ, provided we suffer with him in order that we may also be glorified with him. <sup>18</sup> For I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us. <sup>19</sup> For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the sons of God. ...

<sup>34</sup> Who is to condemn? Christ Jesus is the one who died—more than that, who was raised—who is at the right hand of God, who indeed is interceding for us. <sup>35</sup> Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall tribulation, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or danger, or sword? ...

<sup>37</sup> No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. <sup>38</sup> For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, <sup>39</sup> nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### **1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 35-38, 42-44, 53-58** (The imperishable body)

<sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. <sup>21</sup> For as by a man came death, by a man has come also the resurrection of the dead. <sup>22</sup> For as in Adam all die, so also in Christ shall all be made alive. <sup>23</sup> But each in his own order: Christ the firstfruits, then at his coming those who belong to Christ. <sup>24</sup> Then comes the end, when he delivers the kingdom to God the

Father after destroying every rule and every authority and power. <sup>25</sup> For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. <sup>26</sup> The last enemy to be destroyed is death. ...

<sup>35</sup> But someone will ask, "How are the dead raised? With what kind of body do they come?" <sup>36</sup> You foolish person! What you sow does not come to life unless it dies. <sup>37</sup> And what you sow is not the body that is to be, but a bare kernel, perhaps of wheat or of some other grain. <sup>38</sup> But God gives it a body as he has chosen, and to each kind of seed its own body. ...

<sup>42</sup> So is it with the resurrection of the dead. What is sown is perishable; what is raised is imperishable. <sup>43</sup> It is sown in dishonor; it is raised in glory. It is sown in weakness; it is raised in power. <sup>44</sup> It is sown a natural body; it is raised a spiritual body. If there is a natural body, there is also a spiritual body. ...

<sup>53</sup> For this perishable body must put on the imperishable, and this mortal body must put on immortality. <sup>54</sup> When the perishable puts on the imperishable, and the mortal puts on immortality, then shall come to pass the saying that is written: "Death is swallowed up in victory." <sup>55</sup> "O death, where is your victory? O death, where is your sting?" <sup>56</sup> The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. <sup>57</sup> But thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ. <sup>58</sup> Therefore, my beloved brothers, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that in the Lord your labor is not in vain.

## **2 Corinthians 4:16-5:9 (Things that are unseen are eternal)**

<sup>16</sup> So we do not lose heart. Though our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day. <sup>17</sup> For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,<sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen but to the things that are unseen. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.

**5** For we know that if the tent that is our earthly home is destroyed, we have a building from God, a house not made with hands, eternal in the heavens. **2** For in this tent we groan, longing to put on our heavenly dwelling,<sup>3</sup> if indeed by putting it on we may not be found naked. **4** For while we are still in this tent, we groan, being burdened—not that we would be unclothed, but that we would be further clothed, so that what is mortal may be swallowed up by life. **5** He who has prepared us for this very thing is God, who has given us the Spirit as a guarantee.

**6** So we are always of good courage. We know that while we are at home in the body we are away from the Lord, **7** for we walk by faith, not by sight. **8** Yes, we are of good courage, and we would rather be away from the body and at home with the Lord. **9** So whether we are at home or away, we make it our aim to please him.

## **Ephesians 1:3-8**

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has blessed us in Christ with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places, **4** even as he chose us in him before the foundation of the world, that we should be holy and blameless before him. In love **5** he predestined us for adoption to himself as sons through Jesus Christ, according to the purpose of his will, **6** to the praise of his glorious grace, with which he has blessed us in the Beloved. **7** In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, **8** which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight

## **Hebrews 11:1, 8-16**

Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen...

**8** By faith Abraham obeyed when he was called to go out to a place that he was to receive as an inheritance. And he went out, not knowing where he was going. **9** By faith he went to live in the land of promise, as in a foreign land, living in tents with Isaac and Jacob, heirs with him of the same promise. **10** For he was looking forward to the city that has foundations, whose designer and builder is God. **11** By faith Sarah herself received power to conceive, even when she was past the age, since she considered him faithful who had promised. **12** Therefore from one man, and him as good as dead, were born descendants as many as the stars of heaven and as many as the innumerable grains of sand by the seashore.

**13** These all died in faith, not having received the things promised, but having seen them and greeted them from afar, and having acknowledged that they were strangers and exiles on the earth. **14** For people who speak thus make it clear that they are seeking a homeland. **15** If they had been thinking of that land from which they had gone out, they would have had opportunity to return. **16** But as it is, they desire a

better country, that is, a heavenly one. Therefore God is not ashamed to be called their God, for he has prepared for them a city.

#### **1 John 3:1-2 (We shall be like him)**

See 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.<sup>2</sup> Beloved, 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.

#### **Revelation 7:9-17 (God will wipe away every tear)**

<sup>9</sup> After 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, <sup>10</sup> and crying out with a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!"<sup>11</sup> And 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, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, clothed in white robes, and from where have they come?" <sup>14</sup> I 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.

<sup>15</sup> "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. <sup>16</sup> They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat. <sup>17</sup> For 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."

#### **Revelation 14:13**

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this: Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on." "Blessed indeed," says the Spirit, "that they may rest from their labors, for their deeds follow them!"

#### **Revelation 21:1-7 (Behold, I make all things new)**

Then 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, 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, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God himself will be with them as their God. <sup>4</sup> He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."

<sup>5</sup> And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." Also he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true." <sup>6</sup> And he said to me, "It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give from the spring of the water of life without payment. <sup>7</sup> The one who conquers will have this heritage, and I will be his God and he will be my son."

## **The Gospels**

#### **Mark 4:35-41**

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." <sup>36</sup> And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. <sup>37</sup> And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. <sup>38</sup> But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" <sup>39</sup> And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. <sup>40</sup> He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?" <sup>41</sup> And they were filled with great fear and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

**John 5:24-27 (He who believes has everlasting life)**

<sup>24</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, whoever hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life. He does not come into judgment, but has passed from death to life. <sup>25</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, an hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. <sup>26</sup> For as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself. <sup>27</sup> And he has given him authority to execute judgment, because he is the Son of Man.

**John 6:37-40 (All that the Father gives me will come to me)**

<sup>37</sup> All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. <sup>38</sup> For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> For this is the will of my Father, that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him should have eternal life, and I will raise him up on the last day."

**John 10:11-16 (I am the Good Shepherd)**

<sup>11</sup> I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> He who is a hired hand and not a shepherd, who does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and flees, and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> He flees because he is a hired hand and cares nothing for the sheep. <sup>14</sup> I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, <sup>15</sup> just as the Father knows me and I know the Father; and I lay down my life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> And I have other sheep that are not of this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd.

**John 11:21-27 (I am the Resurrection and the Life)**

<sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

**John 12:1-8**

Six days before the Passover, Jesus therefore came to Bethany, where Lazarus was, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. <sup>2</sup> So they gave a dinner for him there. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those reclining with him at table. <sup>3</sup> Mary therefore took a pound of expensive ointment made from pure nard, and anointed the feet of Jesus and wiped his feet with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. <sup>4</sup> But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (he who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup> "Why was this ointment not sold for three hundred denarii and given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup> He said this, not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief, and having charge of the moneybag he used to help himself to what was put into it. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said, "Leave her alone, so that she may keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup> For the poor you always have with you, but you do not always have me."

**John 14:1-6 (In my Father's house are many rooms)**

"Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also. <sup>4</sup> And you know the way to where I am going." <sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, "Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?" <sup>6</sup> Jesus said to him, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me."

## Suggested Hymns

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### Other

All Must Be Well \*\*  
Good Shepherd of My Soul  
My Shepherd Will Supply My Need  
We Will Feast in the House of Zion

\* – Not in All Saints' repertoire, but may accommodate

\*\* – All Saints tune/arrangement is a non-traditional version