

Groundbreaking Service

All Saints' Episcopal Church

Columbia Falls/Whitefish

April 16, 2020

2:00 p.m.

The Reverend Charlie Knuth, Rector

Vestry of All Saints' Episcopal Church

Senior Warden - Leif Peterson

Junior Warden - Grace Benkelman

Treasurer - Carl Thomas

Clerk - Kathy Thomas

Cynthia Benkelman, Betsy Paugh, Heidi Sobczak, Hank Stamm

Before the service, four stakes are set in the ground, at the corners of the proposed building. Three cords are prepared, two to extend diagonally from corner to corner, a third to enclose the space. A spade is placed at the site of the Altar.

This Litany for the Church is sung or said during the procession.

God the Father, Creator of heaven and earth,
Have mercy on us.

God the Son, Redeemer of the world,
Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit, Sanctifier of the faithful,
Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed, and glorious Trinity, one God,
Have mercy on us.

O Christ the Rock, on which your people, as living stones joined together, grow into a spiritual house;
Defend your Church, we pray.

O Christ the Vine, of which your people are the branches;
Defend your Church, we pray.

O Christ the Head of the Body, of which your people are the members;
Defend your Church, we pray.

O Christ our Prophet, you teach the way of God in truth;
Defend your Church, we pray.

O Christ our Priest, you offered yourself upon the Cross, and now make intercession for us to the Father;
Defend your Church, we pray.

O Christ our King, you reign over all the earth, and make us citizens of your heavenly kingdom;
Defend your Church, we pray.

O Christ, you sent the Holy Spirit upon the Church, clothing it with power from on high;
Defend your Church, we pray.

We pray to you, Lord Christ.
Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may be devoted to the Apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That we may make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will fulfill your promise to be with us always, even to the ages of ages,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will sustain all members of your holy Church, that in our vocation and ministry we may truly and devoutly serve you,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will bless the clergy of your Church, that they may diligently preach the Gospel and faithfully celebrate the holy Sacraments,
Lord, hear our prayer.

That you will heal the divisions in your Church, that all may be one,
even as you and the Father are one,
Lord, hear our prayer.

Arise, O God, maintain your cause;
Do not forget the lives of the poor.

Look down from heaven, behold and tend this vine;
Preserve what your right hand has planted.

Let your priests be clothed with righteousness;
Let your faithful people sing with joy.

The Presider says

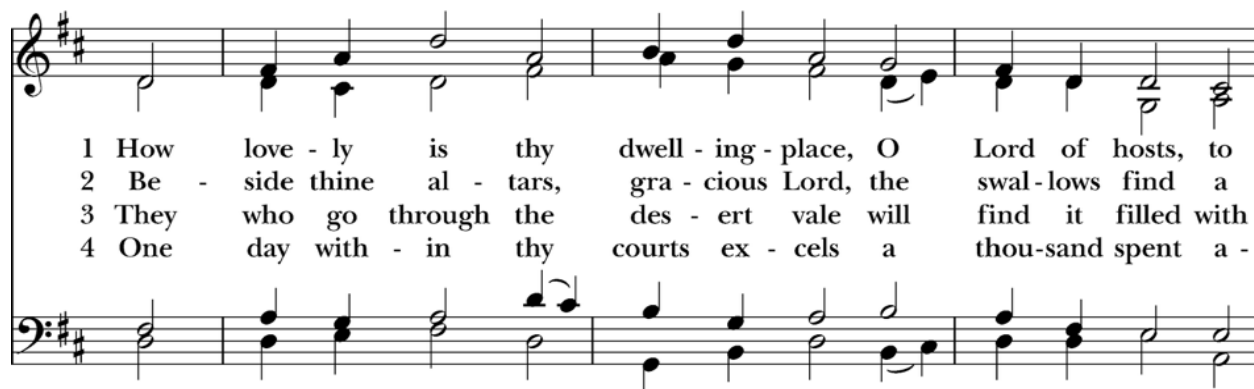
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| | The Lord be with you. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>And also with you.</i> |
| <i>Presider</i> | Let us pray. |

Let your continual mercy cleanse and defend your Church, O Lord; and, because it cannot continue in safety without your help, protect and govern it always by your goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. *Amen.*

How lovely is thy dwelling place

Hymnal #517



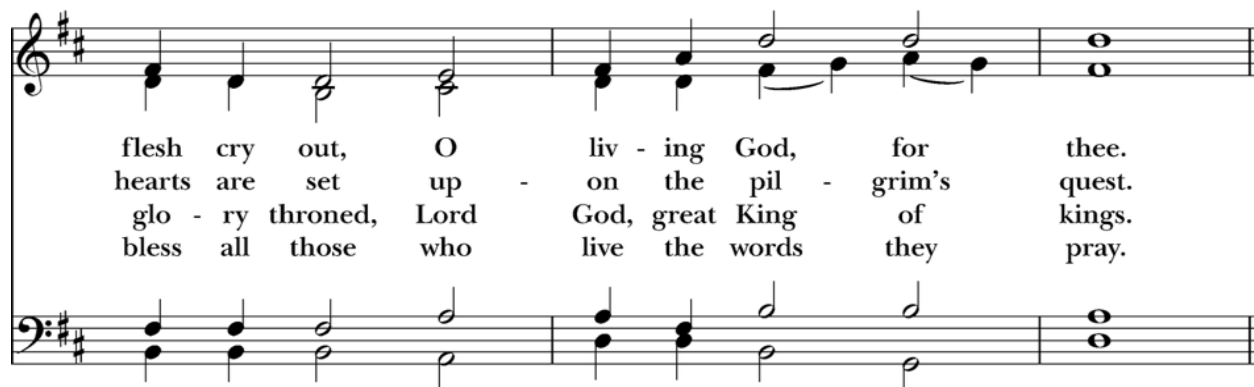
1 How love - ly is thy dwell - ing - place, O Lord of hosts, to
2 Be - side thine al - tars, gra - cious Lord, the swal - lows find a
3 They who go through the des - ert vale will find it filled with
4 One day with - in thy courts ex - cels a thou - sand spent a -



me! My thirst - y soul de - sires and longs with -
nest; how hap - py they who dwell with thee and
springs, and they shall climb from height to height till
way; how hap - py they who keep thy laws nor



in thy courts to be; my ve - ry heart and
praise thee with - out rest, and hap - py they whose
Zi - on's tem - ple rings with praise to thee, in
from thy pre - cepts stray, for thou shalt sure - ly



flesh cry out, O liv - ing God, for thee.
hearts are set up - on the pil - grim's quest.
glo - ry throned, Lord God, great King of kings.
bless all those who live the words they pray.

Rector Emeritus

Ephesians 2: 19 - 22

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Ephesians.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Rector Emeritus

The Word of the Lord.

People

Thanks be to God.

While the following antiphon and psalm are being sung, persons appointed stretch two cords diagonally across the space, securing them to the stakes, forming the Greek letter X (chi), the symbol both of the cross and of the name of Christ.

Presider and People

Let us go to God's dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.

- ¹ O LORD, remember in David's favour
all the hardships he endured;
² how he swore to the LORD
and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,
³ 'I will not enter my house
or get into my bed;
⁴ I will not give sleep to my eyes
or slumber to my eyelids,
⁵ until I find a place for the LORD,
a dwelling-place for the Mighty One of Jacob.'

- ⁶ We heard of it in Ephrathah;
we found it in the fields of Jaar.
⁷ ‘Let us go to his dwelling-place;
let us worship at his footstool.’
⁸ Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting-place,
you and the ark of your might.
⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness,
and let your faithful shout for joy.

Let us go to God’s dwelling place; let us fall upon our knees before his footstool.

During the following antiphon and psalm, the junior warden stretches the third cord completely around the four stakes, enclosing the area. She moves clockwise, with everyone following in procession.

Presider and People

How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel, giving strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

- ¹ Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised
in the city of our God.

His holy mountain, ²beautiful in elevation,
is the joy of all the earth,
Mount Zion, in the far north,
the city of the great King.

- ³ Within its citadels God
has shown himself a sure defense.

- ⁹ We ponder your steadfast love, O God,
in the midst of your temple.

- ¹⁰ Your name, O God, like your praise,
reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with victory.

¹¹ Let Mount Zion be glad,
let the towns of Judah rejoice
because of your judgements.

¹² Walk about Zion, go all around it,
count its towers,

¹³ consider well its ramparts;
go through its citadels,
that you may tell the next generation

¹⁴ that this is God,
our God for ever and ever.

He will be our guide for ever.

How wonderful is God in his holy places! the God of Israel, giving
strength and power to his people! Blessed be God!

Then the Rector Emeritus, standing at the site of the Altar, says

Since faithful people desire to renovate and add to this house of prayer,
dedicated to the Glory of God and All the Saints, on this ground, now
marked with the symbol of Christ;

Then, taking the spade, and breaking the ground, the Rector Emeritus continues

Therefore, I break ground for this addition, in the Name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

May the Gospel be preached, the Sacraments administered, and prayers
and praises offered in this place, from generation to generation. *Amen.*

The Presider then says

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| | The Lord be with you. |
| <i>People</i> | <i>And also with you.</i> |
| <i>Presider</i> | Let us pray. |

Presider and People

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,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

V. How wonderful is God in his holy places!

R. Establish, O God, what you have wrought for us.

V. Be favorable and gracious to Zion:

R. Build up the walls of Jerusalem.

Presider Let us pray.

We give you thanks, O God, for the gifts of your people, and for the work of many hands, which have beautified this place and furnished it for the celebration of your holy mysteries. Accept and bless all we have done, and grant that in these earthly things we may behold the order and beauty of things heavenly; through Jesus Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

Rector Emeritus

Almighty God, the heavens cannot contain you, yet you are pleased to dwell in the midst of your people, and have moved us to now engage in renovation which will make All Saints' Church more accessible and functional for those who seek you in the breaking of the bread, the prayers, and through hospitality. Accept and bless the work which we now begin, that it may be brought to completion and bless those who work in our construction project that they may be safe and find what they are doing, rewarding. May this work be brought to completion, to the honor and glory of your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Presider Let us bless the Lord.

People *Thanks be to God.*



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