

All Hallows' Eve Worship October 29, 2023

Greeting and Introduction to the Service

Celebrant This is the day that the Lord has made.

People Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Together Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray, lift up our hearts to worship

you in Spirit and truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Opening Hymn and Prayer

Hymn 293 "I sing a song of the saints of God"

Grande Isle

Celebrant

Holy God, we gather in this place on this night to celebrate your love for us. We remember the words of David: "The Lord is my light and my salvation; of whom can I be afraid?" On All Hallows' Eve, we face the things we are afraid of and trust that with your help, we are stronger than our fears. Help us feel your power and strength tonight, and guide us now, as we come into your presence. We ask this through your son, Jesus Christ, who brought us the perfect love that casts out fear. *Amen*.

Readings

Isaiah 41:10&13

Do not fear, for I am with you; do not be afraid, for I am your God; I will strengthen you; I will help you; I will uphold you with my victorious right hand. For I, the LORD your God, hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, "Do not fear, I will help you."

2 Timothy 1:7

God gave us a spirit not of fear but of power and love and self-control.

John 14:27

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

Reader The Word of the Lord.People Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23

The Book of Uncommon Prayer (Steven L. Case)

- 1 I am not alone, because God is with me.
- 2 God will let me rest when I am tired. God will help me be strong.
- 3 Even when the world feels dark and the people in it seem scary, God is with me.
- 4 The creator of the universe is by my side. Nothing can hurt me.
- 5 God has amazing things in store for me even when other people try to make me feel afraid.
- 6 My glass will never be empty, because God will take care of me.
- 7 God is with me in every move I make. I will live in God's house forever.

Homily

Casting Out of Fears

After each bidding, please respond, Love is stronger!

Passing of the Peace

Celebrant Let love be genuine. Never pay back evil for evil. As far as it lies with you,

live at peace with everyone. May the peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Closing Hymn

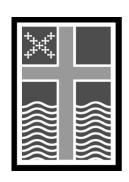
Hymn 711 "Seek ye first the kingdom of God"

Seek ye first

Blessing and Dismissal

Postlude "Overture" from *The Phantom Of The Opera*Sydney Nguyen, Wellesley College '24, organist

Have a safe and Happy Halloween!



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