

All Saints Sunday – November 2, 2025

Communion That Never Ends

Scripture:

- **1 Corinthians 11:23** — “For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you: The Lord Jesus, on the night He was betrayed, took bread.”
- **Revelation 21:1–6** — “Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... ‘Behold, I am making everything new!’”

Sermon Highlights

- There’s something sacred about a table. Around it, stories are told, laughter is shared, and love is remembered.
- The Lord’s Table gathers not only those in this sanctuary, but all who have loved and served Christ across time and space.
- When Paul wrote, “For I received from the Lord what I also passed on to you,” he reminded the church that the Lord’s Supper isn’t just ritual—it’s inheritance.
- On the night He was betrayed, Jesus took bread and wine—ordinary things—and made them eternal.
- In that moment, He transformed a simple meal into a meeting place between heaven and earth.

The Meaning of Communion

- Every time we share this bread and cup, we proclaim Christ’s death until He comes again.
- Communion looks **backward** to the cross and **forward** to the kingdom.
- It is both **remembrance** and **anticipation**—a foretaste of the feast to come.
- Revelation gives us that glimpse:

“Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth... and I heard a voice saying, ‘Behold, I am making everything new.’”

- God’s promise is not of escape, but of renewal. The old passes away, and the new creation begins.
- When we gather around this table, we are tasting that promise.

Communion reminds us:

- The bread is the food of remembrance *and* anticipation.
- The cup is the symbol of sacrifice *and* celebration.
- At this table, time folds in on itself—the cross and the kingdom meet in one act of grace.

All Saints and the Table

- All Saints Day is not a day of ghosts or shadows—it’s a day of light.
- We remember the “great cloud of witnesses” who have finished their race and now rest in the presence of God.
- We call their names not to cling to loss, but to affirm life—the life that cannot be taken away.

- John Wesley said, “*I truly love the festival of All Saints; it is a day I delight to spend in praise and thanksgiving.*”
- Wesley saw All Saints as the celebration of unbroken fellowship between:
 - The **Church Militant** (us still on the journey)
 - The **Church Triumphant** (those already at home)
- When we come to the Lord’s Table, we are not dining alone—our loved ones are already at the feast.

“God Himself will be with them and be their God.
 He will wipe every tear from their eyes.
 There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain.”
 (Revelation 21:3–4)

At Communion:

- The veil between heaven and earth grows thin.
- We catch the sound of another table—the one where our loved ones now sit.
- The same Savior who welcomed them welcomes us.
- The same bread that sustains us has already satisfied them.
- The same grace that forgave them now forgives us.

The Feast That Never Ends

- Communion isn’t a funeral meal—it’s a wedding rehearsal.
- Revelation calls it the *marriage supper of the Lamb*.
- The host is Christ Himself, and every saint—from Abraham to the newest believer—has a seat at His table.
- That eternal feast begins right here, right now.
- The same Jesus who will make all things new is already making us new.
- The Spirit who fills heaven’s worship fills this sanctuary today.
- Heaven isn’t just a destination—it’s a presence we encounter every time we share this meal.

Our Response

- On All Saints Day, we live in two realities:
 - We grieve, because love always grieves when it’s separated.
 - We rejoice, because love in Christ is never truly lost.
- The table brings those truths together—where **tears and thanksgiving meet**.
- God takes the smallest things—bread, cup, memory—and fills them with eternity.
- Communion strengthens us to keep believing, loving, and hoping.
- We may not yet sit at the great table of the Lamb, but we’ve already received the invitation.

Key Truths to Remember

- **Christ’s love is stronger than death.**
- **His presence is nearer than we know.**
- **His promise—“I am making everything new”—is already unfolding.**
- **Communion joins heaven and earth in one unbroken song of grace.**