

The wisdom of God for the people of God. *Thanks be to God.*

SERMON
ASCRPTION OF PRAISE

Interconnected

Rev. Michele Goff

— *Response* —

***HYMN #306**

Blest Be the Tie That Binds

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Adapted from the Confession of 1967, 9.10

The risen Christ is the Savior of all people.

Those joined to him by faith are set right with God
and commissioned to serve as God’s reconciling community.
Christ is head of this community, the church,
which began with the apostles
and continues through all generations.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Our shepherd satisfies our needs; in faith,
let us pray to the Lord, saying:
In faith, O God, *we seek your grace.*

...Loving shepherd, lead and guide us—in green pastures and by still waters,
in right paths and through dark valleys,
until we feast with you in glory and dwell in your house forever;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. **Amen.**

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*Serving God,  
Honoring Creation,  
Embracing Differences*



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**FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**  
**HENDERSON, TX**  
**23rd Sunday after Pentecost**  
**All Saints Celebration**  
**November 5, 2023**

"The Table" by Crossroads Church & Ministry Prayer Pastor Helen Glover

(\*) Please rise in body or in spirit  
Bold Italic Letters indicate congregational response

— Gathering —

**This is the Feast of Victory**

PRELUDE

WELCOME

\*LITANY FOR ALL SAINTS

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

**Hear us, O God.**

You loved us before the world was made.

You rescued the people of your promise.

You spoke through your prophets.

You gave your only Son for the life of the world.

**Hear us, O God.**

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven

and was born of the virgin Mary;

who by his cross and suffering redeemed the world

and has washed us from our sins;

who on the third day rose from the dead

and has given us the victory;

who ascended on high

and intercedes for us at the right hand of God.

**Great is your love.**

For the gift of the Holy Spirit.

For the one holy catholic and apostolic church.

For the great cloud of witnesses

into which we are baptized.

**Thanks be to God.**

Be gracious to us; deliver your people.

**Hear us, O God.**

Give new life to your servants by the grace of baptism.

Strengthen all who bear the sign of the cross.

Clothe us in compassion and love.

Bring us with all your saints to the river of life.

**Hear us, O God.**

God of all the faithful, we rejoice

that nothing in all creation

can separate us from your love.

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Liturgist: Kathy Porter

Work out your good purpose in us

and help us in our weakness

as we await, with eager longing,

the redemption of all things;

through Jesus Christ our Lord,

who lives and reigns with you

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, forever and ever. Amen.

\*PRAYER OF THE DAY

\*HYMN #505 **The Feast is Ready (The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing)**

CONFESSION

It is hard to believe that a day will come when there will be no more hunger or thirst,  
no more tears or death.

As we remember our loved ones, we cannot help but doubt.

God is big enough to handle that doubt, so let us pray, together:

**God of eternal life, we gather in gratitude**

**for all the saints of the ages and our lives.**

**We also confess our sorrow as we ache from their absence.**

**We hear you call us blessed when we mourn,**

**but we do not find the comfort you promise.**

**Be with us in our remembrance**

**and strengthen us until the day we join them,**

**singing your praises in the great multitude.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

See what love our Creator has given us: **we are children of God.**

Our heavenly Parent loves us, forgives us, **and is with us through every trial.**

\*GLORIA PATRI #581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;**

**as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

**Amen.**

— Word —

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST SCRIPTURE READING

Revelation 7:9-17

Bible p. 235, LG p. 303

God has given us the Spirit of wisdom and revelation. Hear the word of the Lord.

SECOND SCRIPTURE READING

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Bible p. 480-481, LG p. 625

Hear God's word for us.

This is the word of truth, the gospel of our salvation. **Thanks be to God.**

GOSPEL

Matthew 5:1-12

Bible p. 4, LG p. 4-5

Hear God's wisdom for us.