

Afternoons at All Souls

September 27, 2020 | 2:00pm

Invited In

Call to Worship | Psalm 40:1–3; 107:1–2

Hymn | All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!

Invocation

Cleaned Off

Call to Confession | Psalm 27:14; 62:5

Confession of Sin

Father, we do not like to wait. Our hearts are impatient, demanding, needy. We want what we want, and we want it now. When we do wait, it is not in silence, but noisily, with loud complaining. We do not hope in you, so we do not wait. We do not trust you, so we do not wait in silence. Our unbelief comes out through our mouths. We grumble, as if to say, "How dare you, God? I deserve better."

Father, we thank you for Jesus, who came into this world to suffer and wait. He waited in a manger for his exaltation. He waited thirty years for his formal, public ministry to begin. He waited three years for betrayal and death. He waited on the cross for his crown. He waited in the grave for his resurrection. And you did not disappoint. Thank you for raising Jesus, the proof that you will bless those who wait on you.

Because of Jesus, you promise to bless those who wait on you by faith in Jesus. He suffered for us and he rose for us that we who suffer in faith might rise with him. Teach us to walk by faith. Teach us to wait. Teach us to trust. Teach us to know that you will care for your people, you will bring us through, you will right all wrongs and wipe away every tear. Teach us to wait—yes, long—for that day. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Made New

Assurance of Grace | Isaiah 40:27–31

Hymn | The Power of the Cross

Confession of Faith | Westminster Shorter Catechism, Q&A 37

Q. What benefits do believers receive from Christ at death?

A. The souls of believers are at their death made perfect in holiness, and do immediately pass into glory; and their bodies, being still united to Christ, do rest in their graves till the resurrection.

Drawn Near

Proclamation of the Word

Offering in Prayer

Hymn | It Is Well with My Soul

Sent Out

Commission & Benediction | Hebrews 4:14–16; Galatians 1:3

Life of Worship