

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

Revelation 7:2-17 | 1 John 3:1-3 | Matthew 5:1-12 | LSB 677

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READ. REFLECT. RESPOND. REMEMBER.

For All the Saints is one of my favorite hymns. I love singing it. There's something grand about it – a story being told about this life in Jesus leading to the resurrection and the life everlasting. I really enjoy this hymn. If you have a chance, listen to it after the sermon – what changed in your perception of it? What is hard to hear, or easy? How does it help to shape your hearing of the Word today?

Reflect:

So often, our conflicts or battles seem to be framed in what we must fight for to make a kingdom of Jesus happen. How does this hymn, and these readings, and things like Luther in the Catechism who says that the kingdom of God comes without our prayers, inform the way we think about God's kingdom? Who *makes* it happen?

Why does the church often find itself in conflict?

What does this hymn speak to about our rest?

Remember:

*But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to God, the Son, and Holy Ghost:
Alleluia, Alleluia!*