

VASHON LUTHERAN CHURCH



**All Saints Sunday
Nov. 5, 2023
10:30 AM Worship**

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PRELUDE

Dinah Helgeson

All Saints celebrates the baptized people of God, living and dead, who are the body of Christ. As November heralds the dying of the landscape in many northern regions, the readings and liturgy call us to remember all who have died in Christ and whose baptism is complete. At the Lord's table we gather with the faithful of every time and place, trusting that the promises of God will be fulfilled and that all tears will be wiped away in the new Jerusalem.

CANDLELIGHTING

GREETING/ANNOUNCEMENTS

Jack Kirkman, Lay Leader

Congregation stands as able

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS:

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved.

C: Amen.

Silence is kept for reflection.

P: Holy One,

C: we confess that we are not awake for you. We are not faithful in using your gifts. We forget the least of our siblings. We do not see your beautiful image in one another. We are infected by sin that divides your beloved community. Open our hearts to your coming, open our eyes to see you in our neighbor, open our hands to serve your creation. Amen.

P: Beloved, we are God's children, and Jesus, our Beloved, opens the door to us. Through ✚ Jesus you are forgiven, by Jesus you are welcome, in Jesus you are called to rejoice! Let us live in the promises prepared for us from the foundation of the world.

C: Amen.

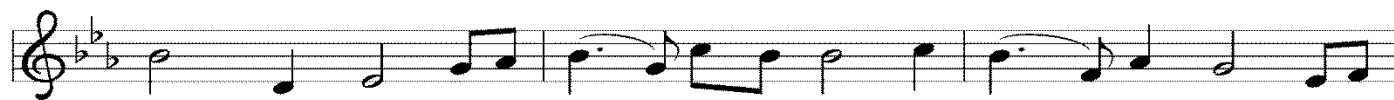
Gathering Hymn (next page):

ELW, #425

Behold the Host Arrayed in White



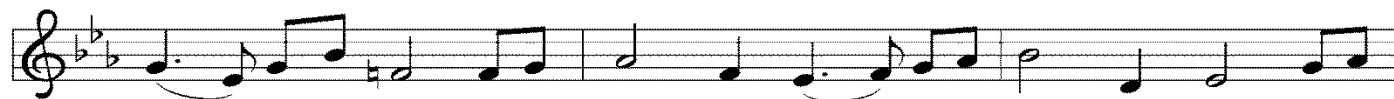
1 Be - hold the host ar - rayed in white like thou - sand snow - clad
 2 On earth their work was not thought wise, but see them now in
 3 O bless - ed saints, now take your rest; a thou - sand times shall



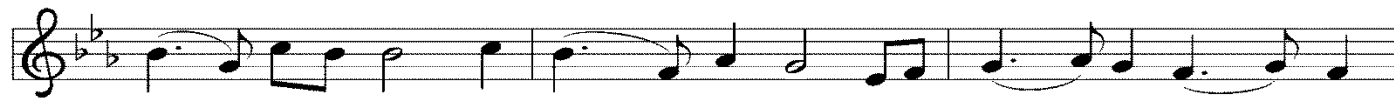
moun - tains bright, that stands with palms and sings its psalms be -
 heav - en's eyes; be - fore God's throne of pre - cious stone they
 you be blest for keep - ing faith firm un - to death and



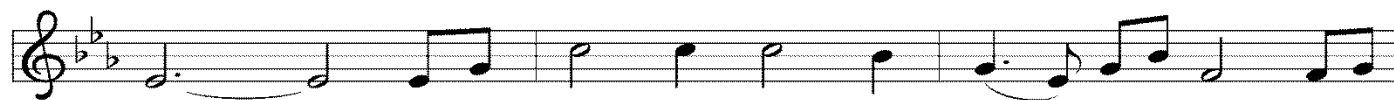
fore the throne of light! These are the saints who
 shout their vic - t'ry cries. On earth they wept through
 scorn - ing world - ly trust. For now you live at



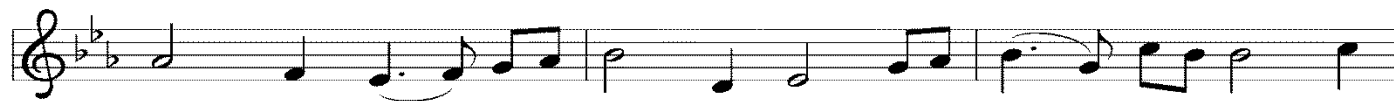
kept God's word; they are the hon - ored of the Lord. He
 bit - ter years; now God has wiped a - way their tears, trans -
 home with God and har - vest seeds once cast a - broad in



is their prince who drowned their sins, so they were cleansed, re -
 formed their strife to heav'n - ly life, and freed them from their
 tears and sighs. See with new eyes the pat - tern in the



stored. They now serve God both day and night; they
 fears. For now they have the best at last; they
 seed. The myr - iad an - gels raise their song. O



sing their songs in end - less light. Their an - thems ring when
 keep their sweet e - ter - nal feast. At God's right hand our
 saints, sing with that hap - py throng; lift up one voice; let



they all sing with an - gels shin - ing bright.
 Lord com - mands; he is both host and guest.
 heav'n re - joice in our re - deem - er's song!

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

KYRIE:

ACS, p. 31

Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.
Chris - te e - lei - son. Christ, have mer - cy.
Ky - ri - e e - lei - son. Lord, have mer - cy.

Song of Praise:

ACS, p. 31

1 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
2 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
3 Glo - ry to you, God, for yours is the earth;
yours is the ho - san - nas, the bless - ing, the birth.
yours the a - noint - ing, the dy - ing, re - birth.
yours the ra - di - ant worth.
Ours the re - joic - ing for Word giv - en frame;
Ours the re - joic - ing for na - ture re - claimed;
Ours the re - joic - ing for spir - its a - flame;
ours the thanks - giv - ing to your ho - ly name.
Ours be the tell - ing of deeds great - ly done;
yours be the glo - ry, O God, yours a - lone.

PRAYER OF THE DAY:

P: Let us pray. Almighty God, gracious Lord, we thank you that your Holy Spirit renews the church in every age. Pour out your Holy Spirit on your faithful people. Keep them steadfast in your word, protect and comfort them in times of trial, defend them against all enemies of the gospel, and bestow on the church your saving peace, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

Congregation sits

FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17

Martha Gebhard, Lector (L)

Lector: A reading from Revelation, Chapter 7.

L: After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

“Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!”

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen.” Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” I said to him, “Sir, you are the one that knows.” Then he said to me, “These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM: Psalm 34:1-10, 22

Roger Gebhard, Cantor



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I will bless the LORD¹ at all times; *the praise of God shall ever be¹ in my mouth.

I will glory¹ in the LORD; *let the lowly hear¹ and rejoice.

Proclaim with me the greatness¹ of the LORD; *let us exalt God's¹ name together.

I sought the LORD, who¹ answered me *and delivered me from¹ all my terrors.

Look upon the LORD¹ and be radiant, *and let not your faces¹ be ashamed.

I called in my affliction, and¹ the LORD heard me *and saved me from¹ all my troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who¹ fear the LORD *and de-¹livers them.

Taste and see that the¹ LORD is good; *happy are they who take ref-¹uge in God!

Fear the LORD, you saints¹ of the LORD, *for those who fear the¹ LORD lack nothing.

The lions are in want and¹ suffer hunger,

***but those who seek the LORD lack nothing¹ that is good.**

O LORD, you redeem the life^l of your servants,
*and those who put their trust in you will^l not be punished.

SECOND READING: 1 John 3:1-3

Martha Gebhard, Lector

L: A reading from 1 John, Chapter 3.

L: See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Word of God. Word of Life. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as able

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION:

ACS, P. 14

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya. El Se - ñor re - su - ci - tó.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Christ is ris - en, ris' n in - deed.

GOSPEL: Matthew 5:1-12

Rev. John Michael Barich

P: The Holy Gospel according to Matthew, Chapter 5. **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against

you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O God.**

Congregation sits

MESSAGE:

Rev. John Michael Barich

Congregation stands as able

HYMN OF THE DAY:

ELW, #422, vs. 1, 2, 5 & 7

For All the Saints

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest, who
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou,
Stanzas 3-5 below.
6 But then there breaks a yet more glorious day: the
7 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through
thee by faith before the world confessed, thy
Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight; . . .
saints triumphant rise in bright array; the
gates of pearl streams in the countless host, . . .
name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light.
King of glory passes on his way.
sing - ing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:
Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
3 Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine, we feebly struggle,
4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the
5 The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful
they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are
distant triumph song, and hearts are brave a - gain and arms are
ser - vants com - eth rest; . . . sweet is the calm of par - a - dise the
thine. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!
strong.
blest.

Text: William W. How, 1823-1897

Music: SINE NOMINE, Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1872-1958

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APOSTLES' CREED:

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen. *Please sit*

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION:

Roger Gebhard, Assisting Minister (A)

A: Let us turn our hearts to God, our breath and life, as we pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A: Holy God, the church triumphant gathers around your throne to praise you. We join them in worship and remember your sustaining grace in every generation. Heal our divisions; show us unity in your presence. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy creator, we marvel at your creation revealed in the cycle of seasons, changing landscapes, and the rise and fall of ocean tides. Turn us from selfish consumption and open us to gentle healing of the earth so all creation thrives. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy advocate, we lift grateful hearts for the ability to vote and elect leaders. Grant wisdom to those who will be elected and safety to poll workers. May civic leaders serve the whole community, especially all who are underrepresented or oppressed.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy healer, bless the brokenhearted and all who mourn. Send your compassion to all who grieve, grant wholeness to those who are sick, and accompany the dying. Be near to all who need you. We lift up all those in need, either silently or aloud...

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy comforter, we pray for this congregation, that the promise of your new life may be shared and experienced. We pray for the funeral ministry of this congregation, that families and friends seeking your love find it here. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

A: Holy One, for the saints who now rest in your mercy, we give you thanks. We remember their witness of faithfulness and love. Praise to you for the eternal life they have been given through Jesus Christ. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

P: We offer our spoken prayers and those held in our hearts trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ our Savior and Lord. **C: Amen.**

P: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all. **C: And also with you.**

P: (At the end of passing of the peace) Now is the time for the sharing of our gifts to God.

OFFERING/OFFERTORY RESPONSE:

ELW, #689

Praise and Thanksgiving

1 Praise and thanks-giv-ing, God, we would of-fer for all things
2 God, bless the la-lor we bring to serve you, that with our
3 Fa-ther, pro-vid-ing food for your chil-dren, by Wis-dom's
4 Then will your bless-ing reach ev-'ry peo-ple, free-ly con-

liv-ing, you have made good: har-vest of sown fields, fruits of the
neigh-bor we may be fed. Sow-ing or till-ing, we would work
guid-ing teach us to share one with an-oth-er, so that, re-
fess-ing your gra-cious hand. Where you are reign-ing, no one will

or-chard, hay from the mown fields, blos-som and wood.
with you, har-vest-ing, mill-ing for dai-ly bread.
joic-ing with us, all oth-ers may know your care.
hun-ger; your love sus-tain-ing show-ers the land.

Text: Albert F. Bayly, 1901–1984, alt.
Music: BUNESSAN, Gaelic tune; arr. hymnal version
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OFFERING PRAYER:

P: Let us pray. God of all goodness, generations have turned to you, gathered around your table, and shared your abundant blessings. Number us among them that, as we gather these gifts from your abundance, and give thanks for your rich blessings, we may feast upon your very self and care for all that you have made, through Jesus Christ, our Sovereign and Servant. Amen.

Congregation stands as able

GREAT THANKSGIVING:

P: The Lord be with you. C: And also with you.

P: Lift up your hearts. C: We lift them to the Lord.

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE:

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all place give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ By the witness of your saints you show us the hope of our calling and strengthen us to run the race set before us, that we may delight in your mercy and rejoice with them in glory. And so, with all the saints, with the choirs of angels and all the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and
God of might, heav - en and earth are full of your
glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION/LORD'S PRAYER/COMMUNION:

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me. Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

P: **Invitation to Communion:** This is the table, not of this church, but of Jesus Christ. It is made ready for those who love him and those who want to love him more. So come, you who have much faith, and you who have little; come, you who have been here often and you who have not been here in a long time. Come, you who have never been before; come, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed. Come, not because the church invites you; this is Christ, and he invites you to meet him right here.

Congregation Sits

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Be known to us, Lord Je - sus, in the break - ing of the bread.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

1 Je - ru - sa - lem, my hap - py home, when shall I come to thee?
 2 O hap - py har - bor of the saints, O sweet and pleas - ant soil!
 3 Thy gar - dens and thy gal - lant walks con - tin - ual - ly are green;
 4 There trees for - ev - er - more bear fruit and ev - er - more do spring;
 5 Je - ru - sa - lem, Je - ru - sa - lem, God grant that I may see

When shall my sor - rows have an end? Thy joys when shall I see?
 In thee no sor - row may be found, no grief, no care, no toil.
 there grow such sweet and pleas - ant flow'rs as no - where else are seen.
 there ev - er - more the an - gels sit and ev - er - more do sing.
 thine end - less joy, and of the same par - tak - er ev - er be!

Text: F. B. P., 16th cent.
 Music: LAND OF REST, North American traditional; arr. hymnal version
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P: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us, now and forever. **C: Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION:

P: Let us pray. Lord Jesus, in this simple meal you have set a banquet. Sustain us on the journey, strengthen us to care for the least of your beloved children and give us glad and generous hearts as we meet you on the way. **C: Amen.**

BLESSING:

P: May the God of all creation, in whose image we are made, who claims us and calls us beloved, who strengthens us for service, give you reason to rejoice and be glad! The blessing of God, Sovereign ✠ Savior, and Spirit, be with you today and always. **C: Amen**

Sending Song:

ACS, 950

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In

1 Oh, when the saints go march - ing in, oh, when the
 2 Oh, when the Lord in glo - ry comes, oh, when the
 3 Oh, when the new world is re - vealed, oh, when the
 4 Oh, when they gath - er round the throne, oh, when they
 5 And on that hal - le - lu - jah day, and on that

saints go march - ing in, O Lord, I want to be in that
 Lord in glo - ry comes, O Lord, I want to be in that
 new world is re - vealed, O Lord, I want to be in that
 gath - er round the throne, O Lord, I want to be in that
 hal - le - lu - jah day, O Lord, I want to be in that

num - ber when the saints go march - ing in.
 num - ber when the Lord in glo - ry comes.
 num - ber when the new world is re - vealed.
 num - ber when they gath - er round the throne.
 num - ber on that hal - le - lu - jah day.

Text: African American spiritual
 Music: WHEN THE SAINTS, African American spiritual; arr. hymnal version
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DISMISSAL:

P: Beloved of God, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE:

Dinah Helgeson

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Worship Assistants Today:

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assisting Minister – Roger Gebhard
Lector – Martha Gebhard
Communion Assistant – Gail Larson
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Dinah Helgeson
Cantor – Roger Gebhard
Communion Set Up – Gail Larson

Worship Assistants next week (11/12/23):

Care Pastor – Rev. John Michael Barich
Assistant Minister – TBA
Lector – TBA
Communion Assistant – TBA
Usher – Jim Dam
Musician – Marita Ericksen
Cantor – Roger Gebhard
Communion Set Up – TBA

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thank you, Rev. John Michael Barich for your participation in worship today at VLC! Everyone is invited to a reception after worship in the Fellowship Hall to celebrate with Rev. Barich, our new Care Pastor!

Contact Gail Larson (206/567-4779) with your prayer requests.

IFCH Dinner Program: VLC provides hand out meals at Vashon Presbyterian Church at 5:00 PM the fourth Thurs. of the month. Contact Patte Wagner: pattewags@aol.com to help.

The Care Closet, Medical Equipment/Supplies – 206-473-8715. Vashon Care Network – 206-604-3253. Email: contact@vashoncarenetwork.org; website: www.vashoncarenetwork.org

Prayer & Healing Service – Rev. Jeff Larson PhD is offering a prayer & healing service on the first Weds. of the month at 6:30 PM, in the sanctuary. All are welcome!

VCN FAMILY CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP - Vashon Care Network invites you to join other family caregivers in a safe, supportive space to share the experience of caregiving. Support circles are Thursdays, 6:30–7:30 PM at Vashon Lutheran. If you need someone to stay with your loved one so you can participate, please let us know. Join us for coffee, tea, cookies & community. ?? Contact Kathy Shafel, kshafel@comcast.net, cell: 206.718-1458 or Tory Hayes, victoriansmith@comcast.net, 206.304-4544

OUR FAITH IN ACTION

SUNDAY

1st
10:30 AM
6:30 – 8:30 PM

Food Bank Sunday
Worship
AA Group

MONDAY

10:00 AM
4th, 6:00 – 8:00 PM

Intercessory Prayer Group
VCN Board Meeting

TUESDAY

2nd, 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM
3rd, 10:00 AM – noon

Quilt Sewers Group
Vashon Quilting Group

WEDNESDAY

1st, 9:00 AM – noon
1st, 6:30 PM
3rd, 7:00 PM

Lutheran Quilters Group
Prayer & Healing Service
VLC Council Meeting

THURSDAY

6:30-7:30 PM
4th, 5:00 PM

VCN Family Caregivers Support Group at VLC
IFCH Dinner prepared by VLC, served at VPC

FRIDAY
7:00 – 8:30 PM

AA Group for Men



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Hymns for Nov. 5, 2023

ELW, 425

Behold the Host Arrayed in White

ELW, 729, v. 1, 2, 5 & 7 For All the Saints

ELW, 689

Praise and Thanksgiving

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Be Known to Us, Lord

ELW, 628

Jerusalem, My Happy Home

ACS, 950

Oh, When the Saints Go Marching In