Sermon :: 02-Nov-2026 Feast of All Souls', All Years

"Wedded in oneness of all "
A reflection for All Souls' Day

Thē ... for ${\it us}$... ${\it silent}$ symphony

Unsung hymn

The inward, eternal and all-filling chorus of

"Glory and thanks, honor and praise"

Not sounding ... yet (still) **spilling** ... from the lips of ... ALL SOULS ... ALL THE SOULS

Who are

Feasting ... resting ... delighting *Re*-lighting, having been

Re-lighted

(In mortal death)

With the heavenly flame of love
The boundless brightness of grace
The singular brilliance of sainthood

Now,

Unalloyed and unconstrained,

Upon the distant,

Yet ever-nearing, ever-inviting

Plane of salvation:

Eternal in

Eternity ...

Exalted in

Exulting the

Father Who once made them—live and vibrant

Complete and so-sound—

And now sustains them, forever—perfect and joyful

At-ease and unbound; the

Christ Who receives them—ransomed and forgiven

Redeemed

and fore'er-

And now hosts and keeps them—at-one and at-home

In peace and no-care; the

Spirit Who abides them—full-knowing and full-known

All-loved and all-light—

And now, in glory, befriends them—ether_eal and weightless,

All-thanks and **all-sight**:

All-sight ... now

Seeing the WAS: the truth and the pain

The beauty, the fear

All-sight ... now

Seeing the IS: apart and together

The longing, the dear

All-sight ... now

Seeing the WILL (BE): the sureness, the passion

The union and clear

Clear promise, of Christ—to us and to them—of more ...

Still more light-ness and more love-ness

Still *more* health-ness and *more* peace-ness

Still *more* home-ing-ness and laugh-ing-ness

More enjoy-ing-ness and embrace-ing-ness

Than ever engraced *this* life

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Or dared be envisioned of the next
       The joinder ... the union ... the melding together
                                                      of
                       Now hearts
                                              and
                       THEN memories
                                              and
                       Soon dreams
                                                                             of
                                              They
                                                             and we
                                              Here
                                                             and there
                                              Yester'
                                                             and 'morrow
                                                                            of
                                              Absent
                                                             and present
                                                             and full
                                              Empty
                                                             and plea
                                              Prayer
                                                                            of
                                                             and rejoicing
                                              Mourning
                                              Accepting
                                                             and resisting
                                              Releasing
                                                             and reaching
       To BE,
                       as once, however imperfectly, did attempt WAS
               To BE no longer two (or many) ... but one:
                       One, in each other
                       One one, in the One, Who
                              Will wed us in oneness of all:
                                      of each and every
                                      time and total
For...
       the MORE they now have ... and sing
                                              To us
       The PERFECT they now know ... and rejoice (in)
       The ONE they now live ... and hold out, and open
                                              For us
                       Bridging every dimension, divided
                              Unifying every time, trapped
                                      Peace-ing every heart, hurt
                                              Inhabiting every dream, day-ed
       Past-s every pain ... présent-s every hope .... future-s every love ... in
               Life ... Eternal ... in Christ
                       Together, one-by-one and
                                      All-in-the-All:
       Nestled ... nuzzling ... in the divine hand that did make us
               Now līves us
                                      and will.
                              In e'er-searching mercy ... and never-resting love, dead us—so as
               To bring us ... at the last—the beginning—the forever ... to the home
                       We've ever known ... yet ever sought ... and, still more,
                       Ever had ...
                              Wedded and webbèd and woven
                                      In the ONE BODY
                                      ONE, in the BODY
                                      The BODY of the ONE:
                                                      Of the Christ.
                                                             Of the All—Soul—Savior—Lord.
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AMEN.