ALL SAINTS

(Standing)

Behold, a great multitude, which no one can number, out of every nation and of all tribes, and peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, with palm branches in their hands,

And they cry with a loud voice saying, “Salvation belongs to our God, who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb.”

LYONS

Salvation to God, who sits on the throne! Let all cry a-

Then let us adore and give him his right, all glory and
loud and honor or the Son, the praises of Jesus the

pow’r and wisdom and might, all honor and blessing, with

angels proclaim, fall down on their faces and worship the Lamb.

angels above, and thanks never ceasing for infinite love.

These are the ones of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and the holes in the ground. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were slain with the sword, they were burned at the stake, they were killed by an assassin’s bullet. They were destitute, persecuted, tormented. These are the ones who have come out of great tribulation; they have washed their robes and cleansed them in the blood of the Lamb.

Therefore they are before the throne of God, and they worship day and night in the temple.
They shall hunger no more, neither thirst anymore; the sun shall not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and will guide them to springs of living water.

And God shall wipe away every tear from their eyes.

Almighty God, Redeemer and Sustainer, we offer you thanks and praise for the holy lives of all your servants — the prophets, apostles, and martyrs — who have shone forth as lights in the world and sacrificed their lives in testimony of their faith.

We thank you for calling your servant John Hus to be an instrument of reformation and renewal in your church, and for keeping him faithful even unto a martyr’s death.

We thank you for the triumphant fellowship of all the saints in glory. We remember before you all who have been called to the more immediate presence of the Savior, and especially those most dear to us and our congregation. We rejoice in our present fellowship with them, in our continuing hope, and in the promise of eternal joy. Let the great cloud of witnesses, the innumerable company of those who have gone before and entered into rest, be to us an example of godly life. May we run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith; and may we obtain entrance into your eternal kingdom, and with the glorious assembly of the saints, worship and adore you.
In the name of Jesus. Amen.

[Standing]

Apostles, prophets, martyrs, and all the sacred throng

who wear the spotless raiment, who raise the ceaseless song;

for those passed on before us, our Savior, we adore,

and walking in their footsteps, would serve you more and more.

Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake,

For theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
ALL SAINTS

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. If God is for us, who can be against us!

Hear the words of the Amen, the Faithful and True Witness, who was dead and is alive again: Be faithful until death, and I will give you the crown of life.

To him who loves us and washed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests to God, to him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

("Ten Thousand Times Ten Thousand," Hymn 394, may be used in place of the following to conclude the liturgy.)

GOUDEMEL (205 A)

O exalt and praise the Lord, sing to Christ forevermore,
Let us call to mind with joy those who have before us gone,

gratefully with one accord with the angels now adore,
who obtained the victory through the blood of Christ alone,

thank him for the faithfulness whereby his witness,
that we all may zealously imitate their constancy,

who in heav’n are perfected, through great tribulation led.
till we too the prize receive and with them in glory live.