## SEEKING GOD TOGETHER

**PRELUDE** Psalm 149 (All Saints' Day) (E.M. Diemer)

## WELCOME & CONGREGATIONAL LIFE **PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP**

Lighting of the Christ Candle

Acknowledgment of Territory/Every Child Matters Peter & Andrea Drost

**INTROIT** Let me not be put to shame (For I Take Refuge in You) (Deborah Park) TLUS sampler

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

Who are God's saints?

The people from whom God's love shines through. People of all ages and all genders? The people from whom God's love shines through.

People around the earth?

The people from whom God's love shines through. Ones who have died, ones who now live, and ones who are yet to be born?

The people from whom God's love shines through.

Who are the saints of God?

All God's people.

All around the world.

Yesterday, today, forever.

The people from whom God's love shines through! With God's love shining through us, We too are saints who worship God!

#### Alleluia!

(Richard Bott, Vancouver, B.C. adapted)

we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

and our remembering. Thanks be to God!

SUNG RESPONSE Celtic Alleluia Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

## FINDING GOD TOGETHER

**RESPONSIVE READING** Psalm 34 insert p.7 (Taste and see that God is good.) Bob McRoberts

**ANTHEM** High Flight (Off. J.G. Magee Jr./Mark W.Ruhnke) (In loving memory of Bruce Arthur Tanner) (1984-1988)

GOSPEL Matthew 22:34-40 *p.25 Pew Bible* (Love God: love your neighbour as yourself.)

*Come to the quiet...a time for reflection* 

#### **SERMON** Saínts All

At the conclusion of today's reflection, you will be invited to come forward to light a candle for the saints in your life... for those who have gone before us and for those who are with us still.

**INTERLUDE** Blue Angel (Stephen Chatman) Sunshower (Martha Hill Duncan)

HYMN Three Things I Promise (Wren/Damon) MV 176

Three things I promise, Holy God, in age and youth, in life and death: to bless your name and cling to Christ, and listen for the Spirit's breath.

Your love unfolded time and space, and life, and all that life became, and so, with thankful heart and voice, through good and ill, I bless your Name.

I follow, serve, and cling to Christ amid our culture's tides and trends, for here your Name is most revealed: Majestic Love, and Best of Friends.

Enlivened as the Spirit moves to cleanse, awaken, and renew, I pray that justice, peace, and truth, may seed and grow in all I do.

If I should live when vigour fades, and family and friends are gone, three acts of loving faith remain when days are slow, and work is done.

Revive and guide me, Living God, as day by day, until my death, I bless your Name, and cling to Christ, and listen for the Spirit's breath.

\**HYMN* For All the Saints insert **p.8** 

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We are inspired by the saints who have gone before us

touch the world with your care, but often withdraw in

anxiety and self-concern. We would live with integrity

We would warm the lives of others with our love, but we

not easily see ourselves in their company. We would

and stand for truth, but are torn with uncertainties.

hesitate, wondering if they will love us in return. You

call us into community, Loving God, and we gather,

hope-filled, praying together for renewed vision and

Relationship. God in Community-Holy in One,

Our God walks with us in all aspects of our living

and who live among us, and yet acknowledge that we do

**PRAYER FOR RENEWAL** 

WORDS OF GRACE

#### SHARING GOD'S LOVE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD OFFERTORY Be Thou My Vision (C.Mocklebust) Bellissimo Handbell Ensemble

\*DEDICATION Giver and Gift (B.Wren) Tune: VU 217 Praise God the Giver and the Gift, hearts, minds and voices now uplift: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Breath of glad surprise, freeing, uplifting, opening eyes, Three-in-Oneness, Love Communing: Alleluia! Alleluia!

OFFERTORY PRAYER PRAYER SHAWL BLESSING

**PRAYER PRELUDE** We Call to You O God (*P.Mayberry*) We call to You O God, in faith and with open heart, hear our prayer. We call to You O God, in faith and with open heart, hear, hear our prayer. Hear, hear our prayer.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & LORD'S PRAYER VU p.910

\*HYMN Let Us With a Gladsome Mind insert p.8

#### \*COMMISSIONING

In the power that we name and experience as God, **Creator, Christ and Spirit,** we leave this place as saints of God, **to dance the dance of faith in the world.**  **\*SUNG BLESSING** 

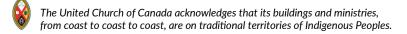
May the Peace of God Be Your Peace (N.McLaren) MV222 May the peace of God be your peace. May the love of God be the love you show. May the joy of God be the joy you know, and may the world that God would see be found in you.

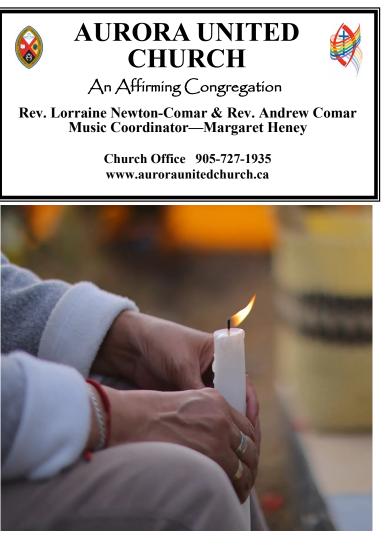
**POSTLUDE** Built on a Rock (Gilbert M. Martin)

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Remembrance Sunday–November 5th Members of the congregation are invited to bring wartime memorabilia for the worship table—photos medals, uniforms, etc for display.





# ALL SAINTS SUNDAY October 29, 2023 11:00 AM

Those who have died live in their friends and families, those who have died live in you, those who have died live in me. Living and dying we are part of each other, touched by eternity, circled in love. Ruth Burgess

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#### Responsive Reading: Psalm 34

#### **R** Taste and see, taste and see the goodness of our God.

I will bless God at all times, God's praise will continually be in my mouth.

**My soul will glory in God, the humble will hear and be glad.** O magnify God with me, let us exalt God's name together.

**I sought God, who answered me, and freed me from all my fears.** Look to the Most Hight, and let your light shine, and your faces will not be ashamed.

**This poor soul cried out and God heard, and saved me from all my troubles. R** Your angel, O God, keeps guard over those who fear you and delivers them.

**Taste and see that our God is good. Happy are those who take refuge in God.** Fear God, you who are the saints, for those who fear God lack nothing.

Strong lions suffer want and go hungry, but those who seek God lack no good thing. R

Come, my children, and listen to me, I will teach you the fear of God.

Which of you delights in life, and desires many days to enjoy prosperity? Keep your tongue from evil, your lips from speaking lies. Turn away from evil and do good, seek peace and pursue it.

**God's eyes are upon the righteous, God's ears open to their cry.** God's face is set against evil-doers, to blot out their remembrance from the earth.

The righteous cry out and god hears them, and rescues them from all their troubles.

God is near to the broken-hearted, and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

Many are the afflictions of the righteous, but God sets them free from every sorrow.

God guards every bone in their body; not one of them will be broken.

Evil brings death to the wicked; those who hate the righteous will be condemned.

But you, God, redeem the life of your servants;

none who take refuge in you are condemned. R

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#### For All the Saints

For all the saints, who from their labours rest, all who by faith before the world confessed, your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

You were their rock, their fortress, and their might: you were their captain in the well-fought fight; you, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one within your great design. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest; sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day the saints triumphant rise in bright array: as God to glory calls them all away. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast, through gates of pearl streams in the countless host, singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Hallelujah, hallelujah!

#### Let Us With a Gladsome Mind

Let us with a gladsome mind praise God forever kind; whose great mercies still endure,

#### ever faithful, ever sure.

God, with all-commanding might, filled the newmade world with light; for God's mercies still endure, **R** 

God has with a gracious eye looked upon our misery; for God's mercies still endure,  ${\bf R}$ 

All things living God does feed, with full measure meets their need; for God's mercies still endure,  $\mathbf{R}$ 

Let us then with gladsome mind, praise our God, forever kind; whose great mercies still endure,  $\mathbf{R}$