

ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY WORSHIP

October 29, 2023 (10:00 am)

♪↑ Rise to sing, as you are able

♪+ Remain seated to sing

WE GATHER IN COMMUNITY

Prelude: "Partita on St. Anne"

David Lasky

Welcome

Lighting the Christ Candle and Opening the Bible

Call to Worship

Come and meet our welcoming God. Let's come together bringing our true selves, daring to show who we really are, knowing that God loves us, each and every one. Come and experience God as we worship and as we join with the communion of saints and God who is our guide and strength.

Opening Prayer

For all the saints who went before us who have spoken to our hearts and touched us with your fire, **we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beside us whose weaknesses and strengths are woven with our own, **we praise you, O God.**

For all the saints who live beyond us, who challenge us to change us and to change the world with them, **we praise you, O God.**

♪↑ **Hymn:** "For the Faithful Who Have Answered"

VU 707

Prayer of Hope (*together*)

God of justice and liberation, we humbly come before you admitting that we have not always been agents of your truth and reconciliation. We ask that you grant us courage, wisdom and will to follow you as so many have who have gone before us and journey with us. Through the power of your Spirit, we ask that we might become people who bring good news and light into the brokenness and darkness of our world. Help us to celebrate life, love, hope and wonder and to be counted amongst the Saints as we march together! Yes, Holy One, "O when the Saints go marching in,

O when the Saints go marching in, Lord we want to be in those numbers, when the Saints Go Marching In". In Jesus name we pray. Amen

Time of Silent Reflection and Confession

Words of Assurance

Names Read Out and Candle Lighting

Mildred Dudlets

Lois Jackson

Bob Norton

Betty Armstrong

David Godin

Betsy Morrow

♪↑ **Hymn of Response:** "For All the Saints"

VU 705

WE ENGAGE THE STORY

♪+ **Hymn of Illumination:** "Open Our Hearts"

MV 21

**Open our hearts, open our minds,
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts, open our minds,
open our lives to you O loving God.
Open our hearts.**

Scripture Readings: Gospel – Matthew 5: 1-12

ONE: Hear what the Scripture is saying to the church.

ALL: **Thanks be to God**

Anthem: "I Prepare a Place"

Words/Music: Diane Hannibal

Arr.: Roger Thornhill

Reflection: 'Living the Life of the Saints'

Meditative Music: "Miniature for Organ #5"

Herbert Howells

WE RESPOND IN FAITH

Dedication of Pledges

"We will be a fresh shoot from a seemingly dead tree trunk."

♪↑ **Offering Hymn:** "Your Work, O God, Needs Many Hands" VU 537

Prayer of Dedication

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

♪+ **The Lord's Prayer** (*sung*) VU 960

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come, thy will be done
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them
that trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil:
for thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory,
forever and ever. Amen.

♪↑ **Hymn:** "We Are Marching (Siyahamba)" VU 646

WE GO FORTH

Commissioning and Benediction

♪↑ **Benediction Response:** "Walk with Me" (Chorus x2) VU 649

Walk with me, I will walk with you
and build the land that God has planned
where love shines through. (*repeat*)

♪↑ **Closing:** "Threefold Amen" VU 967

Amen, amen, amen.

Postlude: "Caprice"

Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Worship Leaders:

Presider & Preacher: Rev. Diane Halkett

Scripture Reader: Anne Earthy

Music Director: Colleen Coulter

Organist: Madelene Klassen

Pianist: Patrick Zhu

Ministry of Music: Knox Choir

Usher/Greeters: Dave Cass, Marg Derksen

Livestream Recording: Kevin Wong

Webminder: Debra Danny

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Title: 'Living the Life of the Saints'

Text: Matthew 5: 1-12

Synopsis: The Beatitudes outline that we do not have to wait for eternity to experience the kingdom and that we can experience it in the here and now. We live with one foot in this world and one foot in the kingdom right where we live. The choice we have to make is which foot we are leaning on the most. We just have to look to Jesus to see a model to follow on how to be 'saints' in our world. The Beatitude life and living the life of the saints are the same thing.



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Mission: "We exist to love God and love our neighbours" (Matthew 22: 36-40)

Vision: "We aspire to engage our neighbours through the arts, building a community without loneliness."

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