

Sunday November 1st, 2020 - All Saints Day

Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship (based on Psalm 34)

One: Let us bless God every chance we get

**All: We bless the God of our Salvation.**

One: Magnify the Lord.

**All: We lift up God's name in praise.**

One: O taste and see that God is good.

**All: Those who make their home in God are filled with joy.**

One: Magnify the Lord.

**All: Lift God's name in praise.**

The Lighting of the Christ Candle

Hymn: VU 705 "For All The Saints"

Prayer of Approach (said together)

**Blessed are you, God of our Salvation. As we turn to you in prayer, be with us and reveal to us your ways.**

**From your self-revelation in Jesus, teach us how to live in ways that honour you: by humbling ourselves; by being content with what we have, rather than striving for more; by caring and cooperating rather than competing in unhealthy ways.**

**Teach us, giver of all goodness, to be strong in your strength for the sake of the gospel. Help us honour your prodigal grace, by living as doers of peace in this world that you love. Amen.**

Good News Time

The Lord's Prayer

Hymn: VU 266 "Amazing Grace"

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 34: 1-10

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

Prayer of Reflection (said together)

One: Holy God, we so often fail to remember how profoundly you love us.

**All: You bless us even when we are at our wit's end.**

One: You created us, and you love us as we are, even as you inspire our desire to be better through your Holy Spirit.

**All: Forgive us when we fail to remember that we are the body of Christ.**

One: Empower us to begin anew, encouraged by the stories of those who live in your eternal presence.

**All: In the name of Jesus, and for the sake of the gospel, we pray. Amen.**

*Time of Reflection*

Words of Assurance

One: Beloved, we are the children of God. Don't fear failure. It is part of our human nature. Learn from our mistakes and cherish the forgiving grace of God.

**All: We give thanks for all that we are, and we go forward in faith, knowing that God is faithful. Amen.**

Anthem: MercyMe – *“I Can Only Imagine”*

Message: For All Our Saints

Hymn: VU 333 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

The Offering

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise him, all creatures here below;  
Praise him above, ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Hymn: VU 664 “What A Friend We Have In Jesus”

The Blessing and Benediction

Go now in peace, never be afraid;  
God will go with you each hour of every day;  
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true;  
Know He will guide you in all you do.  
Go now in love, and show you believe;  
Reach out to others so all the world can see.  
God will be there, watching from above!  
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.  
Amen. Amen. Amen.

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Postlude: Simon Khorolskiy – *“A New Heaven and a New Earth”*