

**FRIDAY GATHERING
WELCOME**

CELEBRATING ALL THE SAINTS

*(Place a black cloth over a table in the centre of worship
with a lit candle; candles are added through the service and
all light votives at the end.)*



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The custom of commemorating all the martyrs of the Church on a single day goes back at least to the third century. All Saints' Day (Nov. 1) celebrates not only the martyrs and saints, but all the people of God, living and dead, who together form the mystical body of Christ.

Below are the names of students and faculty who have died since 2017. We remember them in our prayers today, and we give thanks for their lives. We remember and find strength in their faith and the faith of all the saints both known to us and known only to God.

REMEMBERING ALL THE SAINTS

Praise the Lord, all you saints.

Praise the Lord, all you heavenly hosts.

Let us praise the Lord:

Each name is read and a bell is rung -

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CALL TO WORSHIP

You call us into the darkness:

Face us with your truth.

You tell us not to worry:

Fill us with your peace.

You encourage us to face our fears:

Surround us with your love.

You call us onto new paths:

Remind us of your promise.

TELLING THE STORY

Reading: *Luke 6:20-22*

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: “Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. “Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. “Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man.

Light a Candle

PRAYER

God who loves us all and sends us into the world to love each other,
we thank you today for all those saints who have stood by our side,
holding us in times of joy or sadness, listening to us when we needed to speak,
speaking out for us when we couldn’t speak.

In this quiet moment, we remember their names with a smile in our hearts...

(bell is rung)

Holy God, within us and among us,

HELP US SHARE OUR GIFTS IN JESUS’ NAME.

SONG *For All the Saints*

TFWS #2283 (words on screen)

Reading: *Luke 6:23-26*

Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. “But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. “Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. “Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

Light a Candle

PRAYER

God of compassion, we thank you for those saints who have challenged us to grow,
dared us to dream, and invited us to try new things or follow new paths.

In this quiet moment, we remember the names of our teachers, our parents and
grandparents, all those people who have been a window to the world for us...

(bell is rung)

Holy God, within us and among us,

HELP US SHARE OUR GIFTS IN JESUS’ NAME.

SONG *Joy in the Morning*

TFWS #2284 (words on screen)

Reading: *Luke 6:27-31*

“But I say to you that listen, love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

Light a Candle

PRAYER

God of justice, we thank you today for all those saints who show us how to love each other, who touch those in trouble with their time and tenderness, caring for the sick, cheering the lonely, helping the poor.

In this quiet moment, we remember the names of people around us who are in trouble, and those who are sick and lonely, those who are poor, and anyone who needs a helping hand...

(bell is rung)

Holy God, within us and among us,

HELP US SHARE OUR GIFTS IN JESUS' NAME.

SONG

I'll Fly Away

TFWS #2282 (words on screen)

Lighting candles for all the saints we have known – You may go to one of the candle stations and light a votive in remembrance.

A PRAYER FOR ALL SAINTS

As we remember loved ones who have died,

Be near to us ever-living God, and bring to us your comfort.

You know our grief and understand all we feel.

Walk with us as we learn to live with loss;

Help us to comfort and support one another.

May your compassion surround us, may your strength sustain us,

that in the days to come we may see not only our sorrow

but the dawning of hope in the Christ who died, yet lives again. Amen.

Dismissal/Sending Forth to Class

Some Resources:

"A Liturgy of Death and New Life", in Winter: Liturgical resources of November, December and January (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2016).

"Saints Alive! An all-age service", in Wild Goose Big Book of Liturgies (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2017).

Bell, John L., He Was in the World: Meditations for public worship (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2006).

<http://www.liturgybytlw.com/Pentecost/AllSts.html>

<http://www.beswick.info/rcresources/31C9598OS.html>

<https://www.ministrymatters.com>

WHO ARE THE SAINTS OF GOD?

CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God –

Let us, in wonder, rejoice together at God's creation.

SCRIPTURE READING (Responsive) Psalm 8

UMH Psalter p 743

PRAYER

God, the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit,

We bless you that the life of Jesus Christ is not given to us to show up our weakness and failures, but to remedy them to be life-giving for the world.

Through you we are called to be saints, made so by grace, confirmed and empowered in faith through all the ups and downs of life.

We adore and bless you who bless us to live day-by-day into this calling. Amen.

SONG

How Can I Keep From Singing

Chris Tomlin (on screen)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4oKd7HBMIMo>

PRAYER

Lord God, where would we be without those who have gone before?

They carved out paths for us to follow. They endured, as Jesus did, giving God the glory, wrestling in prayer, to find your will.

Give us the power in our calling, guided by the Holy Spirit, and worthy of your name. Amen.

Dismissal/Sending Forth

Resources

"The Saints of God are Down Our Street," in Wild Goose Big Book of Liturgies (Glasgow, UK: Wild Goose Publications, 2017).

**SERVICE OF WORD & TABLE
FOR ALL SAINTS DAY**

All Saints' Day (November 1) is a universal festival of the Church. This festival day directs our attention to the richness of Christian history and the varied experiences of the grace of God by lifting up the lives of the saints.

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**GATHERING
GREETING**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

The risen Christ is with us.

Praise the Lord!

***HYMN of PRAISE**

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

UMH #139

***OPENING PRAYER**

Almighty God, we bless your holy name, for all your servants who, having finished their course, now rest from their labors.

Give us grace to follow the example of their faithfulness, to your honor and glory; through Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING

Ephesians 1:15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

MEDITATION

"practicing to be saints"

ANTHEM
COSSO CHOIR

You Are My King (Amazing Love) by Billy J. Foote
Music Director, Lori Douglas Weaver, MMEd
CCLI #1371938, Song #2456623

INVITATION

For those who walk with others,
For those lead the way,
For those who touch and linger with the living,
For those in the shadows and behind the door,
This is the invitation: all are welcome at this table.

CONFESSION & PARDON

Forgive us, Lord, for our failure to live with integrity.
We want to sing your praises, O God.
We want to show with our lives our love for you. But we forget. Forgive us, Lord.
Be assured, God cares for us and has already forgiven what needs to be forgiven.

GREAT THANKSGIVING FOR ALL SAINTS DAY

(from UMC Book of Worship, p 74)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. God of heaven and earth, God of Abraham and Sarah, God of Mary and Joseph, God of our mothers and fathers, God of all generations. And so, with your people on earth and all the company of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

(prayer continues...)

And so, in remembrance of these your mighty acts in Jesus Christ, we offer ourselves in praise and thanksgiving as a holy and living sacrifice, in union with Christ's offering for us, as we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.

Pour out your Holy Spirit on us gathered here, and on these gifts of bread and wine. Make them be for us the body and blood of Christ, that we may be for the world the body of Christ, redeemed by his blood.

Renew our communion with all your saints, especially those whom we name before you, COSSO students, staff, and faculty who have died 2017-2019...

(bell is rung after each name)

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And all those whom we name in our hearts...

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, strengthen us to run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus as the Perfecter of our faith. By your Spirit make us one with Christ, one with each other, and one in ministry to all the world, until Christ comes in final victory, and we feast at his heavenly banquet. Through your Son Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit in your holy Church, all honor and glory is yours, almighty God, now and for ever.

Amen.

And now, with confidence let us pray,

OUR FATHER...

The Breaking the Bread

The Sharing the Bread and Cup

Distribution

Prayer after Communion

God of All Saints, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of heaven. Strengthen us in our life together, that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***SONG**

Lord, I Want to Be a Christian

UMH #402

***BLESSING**

Resources

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UMC Book of Worship

<https://www.umcdiscipleship.org>