

ALL SAINTS DAY

SUNDAY, November 1, 2020 – 10:00 AM

Congregational responses are in **bold** type.

WE PREPARE FOR WORSHIP

The Prelude

Announcements

Joys and Concerns

PRAISE

Call to Worship

Leader: We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;

All: We come to celebrate God's presence among us!

Leader: We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to New Life;

All: We come with joy, knowing in Christ we have eternal life!

Leader: We come to listen to the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;

All: May we enter this worship knowing the Spirit is alive among us! Amen!

Confession

Healing God, we confess that we live in unhealthy ways. We put our own desires above the needs of others in the world, even above our own needs. We consume more resources than we need; we save up enough for ourselves into the future but fail to see the daily hunger and homelessness around us. Forgive us for our selfish ways, and help us to seek You in our daily lives, so that we might serve You in the world around us, every moment,

and love our brothers and sisters as we love ourselves. In the name of Christ, who calls us into restoration, we pray. Amen.

Assurance

You are not broken, not to the point that you cannot be made whole. God works through all of us, and God is working in you, to bring healing and wholeness. Restoration is always possible. Renewal is always possible. Forgiveness is always available. Love always is present. Live with this Good News.

Hymn: *For All the Saints* #299, vs. 1, 2 & 3

1 For all the saints who from their labors rest,
who to the world their steadfast faith confessed,
Your Name, O Jesus, be forever blest:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2 You were their rock, their refuge and their might;
You, Christ, the hope that put their fears to flight;
'mid gloom and doubt, you were their one true Light:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3 Still may your people, faithful, true and bold,
Live as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And share with a glorious crown of gold:
Alleluia, Alleluia!

WE LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5.1-12

The Beatitudes

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. **2** Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. **12** Rejoice

and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Message

Pastor Don Francois

"Remembering the Saints"

Silent Prayer

Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer (sins)

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come. Thy will be done, on earth as it is heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin 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. Amen.

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

(As the pastor prays the words of consecration, you are invited to hold the elements in your hands. Together we will receive first the bread and then the cup. All who profess Jesus as Lord and Savior are welcome to receive. You may also choose not to receive if that is your preference.)

WE PREPARE TO GO TO THE WORLD

Closing Hymn: *O for a World* #403, vs. 1, 2 & 3

1 O for a world where everyone
respects each other's ways,
where love is lived and all is done
with justice and with praise.

2 O for a world where goods are shared
and misery relieved,
where truth is spoken, children spared,
equality achieved.

3 We welcome one world family
and struggle with each choice
that opens us to unity
and gives our vision voice.

Benediction

Postlude