



All Saints Sunday
November 1, 2020

Welcome & Announcements ~ Jan Richardson

Introit: *Shall We Gather at the River #710 VU* (*verses 1 & 3 and choruses*)

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Candle Lighting & Centering...

Meditation and Honoring of our Beloved Deceased

At this darkening time of the year, our thoughts turn to things past, to life retreating, to those who are no longer with us. Images come to our minds; of dear companions, who once graced our lives, loved ones whom we miss, persons whose lives made an impact on our lives; of all those who were here, contributing, caring, and are now gone.

Our memories bring both joy and sadness; let us not push these feelings away. For our recollections attest to the enduring importance of these friends, this love, our memories.

May these brave and lovely spirits live again in our tender thoughts and prove that death and distance are powerless to sever the bonds that connect truly loving hearts.

<http://www.uua.org/worshipweb/affirmations/robinsonc-ritual01.html>

Opening Prayer (*responsively*)

In a world full of pain and confusion,

we come seeking your healing and clarity.

In a world overwhelmed with information and ideas,

we come seeking guidance about which to choose and listen to.

In a world of diversity and confusion,

we come wanting to celebrate your exuberance

yet needing your wisdom to understand each other fully.

In a world where creation itself moans for new life,

we come hoping to be guided toward renewal.

Like the multitudes who gathered to listen to Jesus,

we gather to listen to you, Loving God.

Like the thousands hungry for salvation and wholeness,

we hunger for meaning and purpose as well.

Like lost sheep in need of direction,

we have come to worship for your guiding love.

Show us the way, we pray. Amen.

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Hymn: *What a Friend We Have in Jesus #664 VU*

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Congregational Theme/Story Time ~ Magnify God (based on Psalm 34:1-10, 22, with a video as prepared by McKenzie Family)

A Paraphrase of Matthew 5:1-12 ~ Teaching on the Mountain

Jesus presents for the people the character of God who calls them into a liberated and justice-oriented way of living that is in direct opposition to the controlling, oppressive ways established by Roman rule.

Song Sharing ~ Salt of the Earth, composed, sung & recorded by W. Paul Rumbolt
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(Chorus) You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world.
Called to be children of God; each man, woman, boy and girl
A city built upon a hill, will shine a light for all to see
You are the salt of the earth. You are the light of the world

(1) Jesus told them, their gifts and love were needed
and he gave them example, and blessing, to see them through

(Chorus)

(2) Jesus tells us, our gifts and love are needed
and he calls us to service, with blessing, to see us through

(Chorus)

Minister's Message/Reflection

Prayers of the Gathered Community

We hold in our hearts all those who have died.

We hold in our hearts all those who grieve the loss of loved ones, friends, colleagues.

We hold in our hearts all those whose lives have been torn by grief.

We invoke the spirit of compassion.

In mystery we are born, in mystery we live and in mystery we die.

If we remember and are remembered,

Life endures, meaning reigns, hope perseveres.

http://www.uupuertorico.org/Examples_eng/A-Memorial-Service.htm

The Prayer Jesus Taught, sung version #959 VU

***Commissioning:**

Let us go forth to join the procession of saints in our world,

loving our God with heart and soul, mind and strength!

Recessional: *When The Saints Go Marching In*, video version is sung & recorded by Mahalia Jackson https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=arD16FSCsOI&ab_channel=GreenAppleEntertainment



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