

Take Home Worship – Sunday Nov 1, 2020

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Greetings to everyone who reads this. My prayer is that you will feel some connection to your church family of Inlet United Church.

This Sunday is All Saints Day. The Day we remember those who have gone before us. Saints are someone who helps us connect to the holy...helps us know of God...and God's love in the world expressed through them. We will feel hopeful and lifted up when we are around "a saint." We will feel like we can offer this good energy to others.

Reflection & Remembrance

We remember people who have died some time ago, but continue to inform and inspire us. We also remember those who have died this past year at Inlet United Church: Evelyn Wetmore, Helen Moore, Jeannie Adams, and Charlie Young. I invite you to light a candle or sound a chime as you read the words below and name and remember the Saints in your life and the people our church family has lost this past year.

We remember our forbearers in faith, who,
through times of both joy and of challenge,
learned to know and trust God.

We remember God's faithfulness to meet them where they were
and to call them into love and purpose.

(Chime and/or Candle)

We give thanks for those who lovingly challenged our actions and our attitudes;
those who helped us hear the story of God and God's people
and the power that story has to touch our lives.

We give thanks for those who kept the faith in dark times...

(Chime and/ or Candle)

We remember in God's presence this morning,
this great company of generations past, joined with us today –
the Communion of Saints, present in spirit now...

most of whom lived their faith in small, everyday,
often unseen acts of faithfulness to God and love of others.

And in so doing, made a difference in their world.

(Chime and/or Candle)

Scripture: Matthew 5: 1-12 (NRSV)

We close this time of reflection with the words from the Gospel of Matthew known as the beatitudes.

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

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

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

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

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

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

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

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

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

Closing Prayer

Loving God,

We give thanks for the people that have gone before us
and continue to inspire us.

Help us to grieve, knowing in our morning we will be comforted.

Help us to live open to your Spirit

connecting and knowing you through our relationships
with others...past, present and future.

Help us to live well now

Knowing our lives make a difference

Knowing we are loved, accepted and set free.

Amen.