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All Saints Sunday

THIS WEEK AT BRECHIN

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Centring and Land Acknowledgement and Lighting the Christ Candle

Centring Hymn: TLUS 72 "Oh Let Us Breathe"

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1. Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be together,
breathe and be together, together now.
Oh, let us breathe, breathe and be together,
breathe and be together, as if we knew how.

2. Oh, let us sing, sing by heart together,
sing by heart together, together now.
Oh, let us sing, sing by heart together,
sing by heart together, as if we knew how.

3. Oh, let us arise, arise and shine together,
arise and shine together, together now.
Oh, let us arise, arise and shine together,
arise and shine together, as if we knew how.

4. Oh, let us pray, pray for peace together,
pray for peace together, together now.
Oh, let us pray, pray for peace together,
pray for peace together, as if we knew how.

5. Oh, let us live, live in love together,
live in love together, together now.
Oh, let us live, live in love together,
live in love together, as if we knew how.

Call to Worship

One: It is the season of hobgoblins and foul fiends.
In among the trick or treat and lengthening darkness
it is the season for us of bread and wine.

All: So let us come with all that frightens us,
with our hurts that need more time than an extra hour to heal;
let us come with all the disguises we wear
and dare step into this place
where brightness shimmers across wine
and bread reveals the light.

One: Come let us gather in God
and leave the ghosts to the lengthening nights.
Let us worship.

Affirming statement:

All: As an Affirming Ministry we boldly declare that we fully welcome and include the full participation of all people in the life and work of Ministry as we journey together, regardless of sexual orientation, gender identity, ethnicity, age, marital status, mental or physical ability, beliefs, cultural backgrounds, or economic circumstance. We are dedicated to being good stewards of God's world, working and living towards justice and wholeness for all God's people.

Hymn: MV 1 "Let Us Build a House"

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1. **Let us build a house where love can dwell**
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children
tell how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Refrain: **All are welcome, all are welcome,**
all are welcome in this place.

2. **Let us build a house where prophets speak,**
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus: **R**

3. **Let us build a house where love is found**
in water, wine and wheat;
a banquet hall on holy ground,
where peace and justice meet.
Here the love of God, through Jesus,
is revealed in time and space;
as we share in Christ the feast that frees us: R

4. **Let us build a house where hands will reach**
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger: R

5. **Let us build a house where all are named,**
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace;
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter: R

Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17, Matthew 5:1-12

Response:
One: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
All: Thanks be to God

Sermon: Thin Places Rev Katherine Brittain

Hymn: VU 705 "For All the Saints"

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1. **For all the saints, who from their labours rest,**
all who by faith before the world confessed,
your name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2. **You were their rock, their fortress, and their might;**
you were their captain in the well-fought fight;
you, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3. **O blest communion, fellowship divine!**
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one within your great design. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4. **The golden evening brightens in the west;**
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

5. **But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day**
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
as God to glory calls them all away. Hallelujah, hallelujah!

6. **From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,**
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost: Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Affirmation of faith

We are not alone,
we live in God's world.
We believe in God:
who has created and is creating,
who has come in Jesus,
the Word made flesh,
to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others
by the Spirit.
We trust in God.
We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.
In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Invitation to Offering

Offering Hymn: VU 701 What Does the Lord Require of You?

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1. **What does the Lord require of you?**
What does the Lord require of you?

2. **Justice, kindness,**
walk humbly with your God

3. To seek justice, and love kindness,
And walk humbly with your God.

Offering Prayer

TLUS 28 "I'm Gonna Eat at the Welcome Table"

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1. I'm gonna eat at the welcome table;
I'm gonna eat at the welcome table, alleluia. (R)

2. I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus;
I'm gonna eat and drink with my Jesus, alleluia. (R)

3. I'm gonna join with all God's children;
I'm gonna join with all God's children, alleluia. (R)

4. Here all the world will find a welcome;
Here all the world will find a welcome, alleluia. (R)

5. We're gonna feast on milk and honey;
We're gonna feast on milk and honey, alleluia. (R)

Celebrating the Sacrament of Communion

One: The saints have gathered around this Table week after week for thousands of years because this simple meal of bread and wine brings us together as only our Holy Parent can, across space and time, one family of faith, existing in the eternity of God's grace.

This meal is for you. Whether this is your first time or your thousandth, you are welcome at this Table because it is Christ himself who invites you. Come break bread with us and experience the community God formed us to be Come. Not because you must, but because you can. Come to the family meal. The saints are saving you a seat. The Peace of Christ be with you

All: And also with you.

Sharing the Peace of Christ

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

One: Lift up your hearts

All: We lift up our hearts to God.

One: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

One: Holy Creator, you fashioned us with a heart like yours: expansive and made to love deeply. We hold so many people in our hearts this day—those who have passed and those left behind, those who have laid a foundation for our faith and those who will build on the foundation we have laid, those who are grieving the loss of a loved one and those who are celebrating a new life entering this world.

All: In your wisdom beyond our understanding, you have placed a veil around this life. We don't know what was before; we don't know what's after.

One: All we know is the passing from one to the next and the holy in-between in which we live all of our days. Our lives are only a brief glimmer in your eternal glory, one flickering candle with a borrowed flame.

All: We pray that you would keep our flames strong. Give us a fire that burns for justice, warms cold hearts, and comforts those living in an endless night. Let our brief flames ignite and inspire others, passing on what we have received from the saints you have placed in our lives.

One: And as our lights dim, grant us the peace of rest in your holy darkness and your eternal glory. May we then come to fully understand the mystery of our faith:

All (Sung) *TLUS 17*

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again. (Repeat 2X)

One: With gratitude for your love and a hunger for community, we stand on the strong foundation of faith built by communion of saints and all who have gone before, joining Christians around the world, and angels and archangels, singing together:

All (Sung): *TLUS 16*

Holy, holy, holy, sing holy!
Source of all wonder, by you we are blessed!
Heaven and earth are full of your glory
Hosanna in the highest! **(Repeat)**

Blessed is the One who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest!
Hosanna in the highest!

One: Come to our time, O grace.
Come and touch with the hand of heaven.
Come to our world, O peace.
Come and embrace with the breath of heaven.
Come to our place, O life.
Come and bless with the taste of heaven.
Come to our souls, O light.
Come and enfold with the mystery of heaven.
Come to our living, O Word. Come and engage
with the voice of heaven.

All (Sung) *TLUS 18* **Amen, amen, amen! Amen! Amen! (Repeat 2X)**

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Sharing the Gifts of God with the People of God

Prayer after Communion

One: As we prepare to leave this place, may we go with the memories of this holy meal clinging to us. May we remember what it felt like to be welcomed to your Table, and may we welcome others with that same warmth.

All: May we remember what it felt like to have a meal where all were fed, and may we work for a world where none are hungry.

One: May we remember what it felt like to draw closer to you, and may we continually seek you out with all that we do. Feeding God, week after week we look for you. Week after week, you meet us here. Thank you. May we never be the same. Amen.

Announcements: Life and Work of the Church

BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES:
Happy birthday to you, Happy Anniversary to you
May God bless and keep you the coming year through.

Hymn: VU 716 "My Life Flows On"

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1. **My life flows on in endless song,**
   above earth's lamentation.
   I hear the sweet, though far off hymn
   that hails a new creation.
   Through all the tumult and the strife,
   I hear the music ringing:
   It finds an echo in my soul—
   how can I keep from singing?

2. **What though my joys and comforts die?**
   My Saviour still is living.
   What though the shadows gather 'round?
   A new song Christ is giving.
   No storm can shake my inmost calm,
   while to that Rock I'm clinging:
   since Love commands both heaven and earth,
   how can I keep from singing?

3. **When tyrants tremble, sick with fear,**
   and hear their death knells ringing:
   when friends rejoice both far and near,
   how can I keep from singing?
   In prison cell and dungeon vile
   our thoughts to them are winging:
   when friends by shame are undefiled,
   how can I keep from singing?

4. **I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin,**
   I see the blue above it;
   and day by day this pathway smooths,
   since first I learned to love it.
   The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart,
   a fountain ever springing:
   all things are mine since I am Christ's—
   how can I keep from singing?

Commissioning and Benediction