

*We acknowledge that the land on which we gather is the traditional territory of the Huron-Wendat, Haudenosaunee, and Anishinabek Nations, and the Mississaugas of the New Credit First Nation. This territory was the subject of the Dish With One Spoon Wampum Belt Covenant, an agreement between the Iroquois Confederacy and the Ojibwe and allied nations to peaceably share and care for the resources around the Great Lakes.*

*This territory is also covered by the Toronto Purchase, Treaty 13 of 1805, and the Williams Treaties of 1923. Today, our community is home to many Indigenous people from across Turtle Island. We gather by these territorial lands and waters to worship, listen, learn, share, and heal together in the name of our Creator, the Holy One of Blessing.*



*All Saints' Day 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.*

*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.*

**WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**PRELUDE**

## **GATHERING**

**HYMN ELW # 847 COME LET US JOIN OUR CHEERFUL SONGS**

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs**

**With angels round the throne;**

**Ten thousand thousand are their tongues,**

**But all their joys are one.**

**“Worthy the Lamb that died,” they cry,**

**“To be exalted thus!”**

**“Worthy the Lamb,” our hearts reply,**

**“For He was slain for us!”**

**Jesus is worthy to receive  
Honour and pow'r divine;  
And blessings more than we can give  
Be, Lord, forever Thine.**

**The whole creation joins in one,  
To bless the sacred name  
Of God who sits upon the throne,  
And to adore the Lamb.**

#### GREETING

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **And also with you.**

#### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, you have knit your people together in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you, through Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

#### WORD

##### **REVELATION 7:9-17**

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will

not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the center of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.”

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

#### PSALM 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;

**the praise of God shall ever be in my mouth.**

I will glory in the Lord;

**let the lowly hear and rejoice.**

Proclaim with me the greatness of the Lord;

**let us exalt God's name together.**

I sought the Lord, who answered me,

**and delivered me from all my terrors.**

Look upon the Lord and be radiant;

**and let not your faces be ashamed.**

I called in my affliction and the Lord heard me

**and saved me from all my troubles.**

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear the Lord

**and delivers them.**

Taste and see that the Lord is good;

**happy are they who take refuge in God.**

Fear the Lord, you saints of the Lord,

**for those who fear the Lord lack nothing.**

The lions are in want and suffer hunger,

**but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

O Lord, you redeem the life of your servants;

**and those who put their trust in you will not be punished.**

#### 1 JOHN 3:1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us

is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now;

what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this:

when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia. **Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

*Speak Lord, your servant is listening.*

*You have the words of everlasting life.*

**Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

MATTHEW 5:1-12

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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## SERMON

### **HYMN ELW # 426 SING WITH ALL THE SAINTS IN GLORY**

**Sing with all the saints in glory,**

**sing the resurrection song!**

**Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,**

**to the former days belong.**

**All around the clouds are breaking,**

**soon the storms of time shall cease;**

**in God's likeness we, awaken,**

**knowing everlasting peace.**

O what glory, far exceeding  
all that eye has yet perceived!  
Holiest hearts, for ages pleading,  
never that full joy conceived.  
God has promised, Christ prepares it,  
there on high our welcome waits.  
Every humble spirit shares it;  
Christ has passed th'eternal gates.

Life eternal! heaven rejoices;  
Jesus lives, who once was dead.  
Shout with joy, O deathless voices!  
Child of God, lift up your head!  
Life eternal! O what wonders  
crowd on faith; what joy unknown,  
when, amidst earth's closing thunders,  
saints shall stand before the throne!

#### **APOSTLES' CREED**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.  
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died and was buried; he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.

#### **A CELEBRATION OF LIFE AND MEMORY**

*A tone sounds from the Singing Bowl*

#### **THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM**

For all the saints joined to Christ in the waters of baptism,  
clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness,  
Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.

Holy God, fountain of living water,  
source of mercy, tender and mighty,  
You are clothed with majesty and splendour.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

Your love flows through water, satisfying the thirst of all living things,  
sustaining life in this community, nourishing and delighting us.

We bless you for this gift of water.

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through water, a sign of your saving power:

Noah and the animals survive the flood

Hagar discovers your well

The Israelites escape through the sea

And they drink from your gushing rock.

Naman washed his leprosy away

And the Samaritan woman will never be thirsty again

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

Your love flows through the waters of baptism

Joined to your life-giving word

Your well of mercy and cleansing flood,

Your sea of deliverance from death into life

Your healing river washing sin away

Your living water springing up to eternal life

Your steadfast love fills the earth.

**Your steadfast love fills the earth.**

*A tone sounds from the Singing Bowl*

*A brief Silence.....*

SAINTS OF THE COMMUNITY

We remember lives lost this year including those in large wildfires, and numerous hurricanes and floods, in acts of violence and conflict.

As Remembrance Day approaches we give thanks for lives sacrificed for freedom. Our community remembers all who have died in the COVID-19 pandemic, and these family and friends we name before you.

## SAINTS NAMED BY ST. PAUL'S

Sidney Blakeman, Madelaine Hare, Muriel Stewart, Shirley Klees, Joseph Sisson, Sylvia Limpert, Klaas "Clarence" Beuving, Inge Giesbrecht, Bruno Roloff, Johanna Kampf, Matthieus Wenzl, Paula Bashford, Ellis Bashford, and those of our synod family: Sister Anne Keffer, Rev. Paul Bosch, Rev. Dr. William Huras, Rev. Neil Thomsen, Rev. Paul Yap, and all we name before you.....

### *A Brief Silence.....*

For this assembly, for all who have shared their lives and faith among us.

For family and friends whose lives are intertwined with ours.

For all who have done good works in this congregation.

For our Church Council in their servant leadership.

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For those who teach and those who learn, for those who serve and share the gospel. For those who are still to come, that faithfulness and service may abound,

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need.

That peace and justice fill our hearts and the nations of the world.

For the hungry, the lonely and the sick. Give the comfort of blessing to Ingrid, Bryan, Tom, and all we name in our hearts.....

let us pray to the Lord. **Lord, have mercy.**

Rejoicing in the communion of all the saints,

Let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our Lord.

**To you, O Lord.**

O God, remember your church throughout the world. Make all its members grow in love for you and for one another. As you have received our siblings who have gone to their rest in the hope of the resurrection to eternal life, bring us at last with them into the light of your presence, that in union with all your saints we may give you glory forever; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### *A tone sounds from the Singing Bowl*

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

*The offering will now be received and may God bless the gifts of your life.*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Blessed are you, Maker of all things. As you have entrusted us with all you have created, now gather our gifts, nourish us with this sacrament, and send us to those who hunger and thirst, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Blessed are you, O God of the universe.

Your mercy is everlasting and your faithfulness endures from age to age.

Praise to you for creating the heavens and the earth.

Praise to you for saving the earth from the waters of the flood.

Praise to you for bringing the Israelites safely through the sea.

Praise to you for leading your people through the wilderness to the land of milk and honey.

Praise to you for the words and deeds of Jesus, your anointed one.

Praise to you for the death and resurrection of Christ.

Praise to you for your Spirit poured out on all nations.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

O God of resurrection and new life: Pour out your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine. Bless this feast. Grace our table with your presence.

We pray, ***Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.***



Reveal yourself to us in the breaking of the bread. Raise us up as the body of Christ for the world. Breathe new life into us. Send us forth, burning with justice, peace, and love.

We pray, ***Come, Holy Spirit. Come, Holy Spirit.***

With your holy ones of all times and places, with the earth and all its creatures, with sun and moon and stars, we praise you, O God, blessed and holy Trinity, now and forever. **Amen.**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.....

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name,  
thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.**

**Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us.  
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever and ever.  
Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Christ spreads a table before you. Gather here with all the saints.  
**Thanks be to God.**

HOLY COMMUNION

*you are invited to eat your bread and drink your wine as you hear the words*  
*"the body of Christ given for you"      "the blood of Christ shed for you"*

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Saviour Jesus the Christ strengthen us and keep us always in his grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We give you thanks, most gracious God, that you have fed us with the bread of heaven and given us a foretaste of Paradise. Enliven us to be your body in the world and to serve those who are in need; through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

**SENDING**

BLESSING

The God of peace, who creates all things and calls them good, who makes us alive in Jesus, and who breathes on us the Spirit of hope, + bless you now and forever. **Amen.**

**HYMN ELW # 414 HOLY GOD, WE PRAISE YOUR NAME**

**Holy God, we praise Your name;  
Lord of all, we bow before You;  
All on earth Your scepter claim,  
All in heav'n above adore You.  
Infinite Your vast domain,  
Everlasting is Your reign.**

**Hark, the loud celestial hymn  
Angel choirs above are raising;  
Cherubim and seraphim  
In unceasing chorus praising,  
Fill the heav'ns with sweet accord:  
"Holy, holy, holy Lord."**

**Lo! the apostolic train  
Join Your sacred name to hallow;  
Prophets swell the glad refrain,  
And the white-robed martyrs follow;  
And from morn to set of sun,  
Through the church the song goes on.**

**Holy Father, Holy Son,  
Holy Spirit, Three we name You;  
Though in essence only One,  
Undivided God we claim You,  
And adoring bend the knee,  
While we own the mystery.**

**DISMISSAL**

**Go in peace, with Christ beside you. Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**