

A Three Day Festival

Halloween (from All Hallows' Evening or Eve), falls on October 31, the day before **All Saints' Day**. We are reminded that *hallowed* simply means *holy*; *hallows* are those considered *holy* or, indeed, the saints of the church. As such, Halloween begins a three-day celebration of everlasting life and is centered on gestures and words of hospitality. Strangers, even fearful figures, are welcomed and traditionally offered food. The jack-o'-lanterns, often prepared for this night, are meant to burn for three days, warding off the most fearful visitors, while being a welcome light to the stranger, a reminder of the lights of the lives of the saints, and a reminder of the perpetual light of Christ which shines on those who have died.

All Saints is an ecumenical feast celebrated throughout the world on November 1. On this day, Christians offer thanks to God for the lives of the saints. Each year we are invited to remember a litany of saints from biblical times onwards from whose lives we gain faith, strength and courage. In North America, the autumn days offer a reminder that, as the days cool, the leaves fall, and the land slowly dies, re-birth is never far away and we can trust in God's promises.

The feast of **All Souls** is celebrated on November 2. On this day, many Christians around the world remember their beloved dead and offer symbols of their lives. Different traditions include lighting candles, decorating gravesites, placing crosses made of fresh greens, displaying photographs, or decorating with bouquets of marigolds or chrysanthemums. Christians in Latin America, especially Mexico, have taught us that the "Day of the Dead" is a time for bright colours, festivity and even the eating of candy skeletons—poking fun at death, reminding us that death is never the end of the story.

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"In his holy flirtation with the world, God occasionally drops a handkerchief.
Those handkerchiefs are called saints."

"To be a saint is to know joy.
Not happiness that comes and goes with the moments that occasion it,
but joy that is always there like an underground spring
no matter how dark and terrible the night.

To be a saint is to live a life that is always giving itself away,
and yet is always full...
Beneath all our yearning for whatever glitters brightest in
this world lies our yearning for this kind of life..."

Frederick Buechner

ALL SOULS AND ALL SAINTS

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

Come, for all things are now ready.

(All are invited to receive communion by coming forward down the central aisles beginning from the front of the church, and proceeding to one of the stations. Bread will be received first; you are then invited to dip the bread in the cup. An appropriate response to receiving both the bread and juice is "Amen." Healing stations are available in both the east and west transepts and, if you wish, you may go there for prayer and anointing with oil after having received the elements. Please return to your seats via the side aisles.)

MUSIC AT COMMUNION Amazing Grace

J. Schrader

Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind but now I see. 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed! Through many dangers, toils, and snares I have already come; 'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home. When we've been there thousand times ten thousand years, shining bright, bright as the sun, we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we first begun. Amazing Grace! How sweet the sound.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray:

**Life-giving God,
may we who share Christ's body, live his risen life;
we, who drink his cup, bring new life to others;
we, whom the Spirit inspires, share inspiration with the world.
Strengthen us in the ministries we all share,
that we may offer a rainbow of hope to our uncertain world,
through Jesus, the Christ. Amen.**

OPENING DOORS

HYMN 236

Now thank we all our God

Nun Danket

BLESSING AND SENDING FORTH

POSTLUDE

Toccata on SINE NOMINE

D. Bédard

A REMEMBRANCE OF ALL SOULS

INTRODUCTION

READING OF THE NAMES OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

*During the reading of the names, a candle will be lit for those whose funerals or memorial services were conducted by ESG ministers since the last celebration of All Saints' and All Souls' Day and been named below (marked with an *). As well, names of others, known to the congregation will be read, and remembered in prayer and with the lighting of candles. We remember them all with love and commend them to God's keeping in the company of the saints.*

June Ashikawa	Terry Taejin Deyong	Ernest Long
Michi Ashikawa	Gaylen Duncan Sr.	Donald MacCandlish
Anne M. Baillie*	Gaylen Duncan Jr.	John E. Macdonald*
Benjamin Walker Ball	Edna Emerson	Doreen MacLeod
Margot Ball	John Emerson	Ewart Malcolm
Ernest Best	Ted Emerson	Irene Malcolm
Judy Capes	Bill Eplett	Kathy McCourt
Walter Capes	Judy Gordon	Barbara McCrindle*
Sylvia Best Carrieri	John Harrison	Carolyn McCuaig
Annie Chia	Sybil Horton	James W. McCutcheon*
Evelyn Chia	Rodney Hull	Marcelle Anne-Marie McGibbon*
Joyce Chia	Bernice Evelyn Jackson*	Catharine McGregor*
Doris Clark	Ethel Jeavons	Donald McKee
Ralph Clark	Percy Jeavons	Helen McKee
George Clark	Faye Kipp	Joyce Patricia McKenzie*
Nellie Elizabeth Clark	Bob Law	Jean McLeod*
Doris Cochrane	Ina Law	Leslie Jean Russell McNairn*
Ethel Cochrane	Buford Leech	Arthur Moore
Joe Cochrane	Kok Leong	Margaret Moore
Robert Alexander Coke*	Glen Leslie	Marjorie Newman
Theodore Cromwell*	Helen Leslie	Ray Newman
Margaret Elizabeth Crowder*	Stanley Leslie	Robert Nicholson
Aileen Edna Dawson*	Patricia Littlejohn	Len Oliphant
Mary Denoon	Dorothy Long	John Palmer

Johnny Palmer
Margo Palmer
George Pastushok
Henry Pastushok
Tekla Pastushok
William Pastushok
Elsie Perigoe
Rae Perigoe
Eleanor Ramsden
Marilyn Redvers
Joanne Richardson*
John Robertson

Patricia Robertson*
Diane Rosenthal
Audrey Slater*
Ann Smith
Marie Smith
Robin Smith
Gordon Stevenson
Betty Stewart
Bill Stewart
Barb Thompson
D'Arcy Thompson
Geoff Thompson

Terry Thompson
John Butler Wadland*
Aaron Michael Wahl
Robert Bruce Wahl
Barry Walker
Jean Margaret Watson*
Aart Wesselius
James Dudley Wilcox*
Hildegard Wilkins
William Wilkins
Eva Wischniewski*
Kok Wai

PRAYER

For all the saints who went before us,
who have spoken to our hearts,
and touched us with your love,
we praise you, faithful God.

For all the saints who live beside us,
whose weaknesses and strengths
are woven with our own,
we praise you, faithful God.

For all the saints who live beyond us,
who challenge us to change the world with them,
we praise you, faithful God. Amen.

HYMN 580

Faith of our fathers

St. Catherine

BLESSING

(Children and youth are invited to go to Church School and Youth Church activities.)

OPENING MINDS

RESPONSIVE PSALM 107: 1-7, 33-37 *(Parts one and four)*

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GOSPEL

Matthew 23: 1-12

The Gospel of Jesus Christ.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sharing in his suffering,

help us to remember all who suffer.

Held in his love,

help us to embrace all whom the world ignores.

Rejoicing in his forgiveness,

help us to forgive all who sin against us.

In the Spirit of Jesus, empower us to be signs of God's life and love for each other, and for the whole family of earth.

Through Christ, with Christ and in Christ,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

all glory is yours, God most holy, now and forever...

Amen, amen, O Holy One! Hosanna and Amen!

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Now as children who turn to a mother who watches over them,
let us pray together in the words of Jesus:

THE 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;

and forgive us our trespasses,

as we forgive those who trespass against us;

and lead us not into temptation;

but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom; the power,

and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

THE BREAD IS BROKEN - THE CUP IS RAISED

The bread which we break

is our sharing in the life of Christ.

In the cup for which we give thanks

we remember the love of God poured out for all.

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

Blessed are you, God of Mother Teresa and Bob McClure;
Martin Luther King and Brother Roger of Taizé;
Blessed are you, God of apostles and martyrs,
God of our own grandmothers and grandfathers;
Blessed are you, God of saints and sinners,
dreamers and activists, the powerful and the poor;
Blessed are you, God, for all those who have gone before us...
With thanksgiving, we now join with all your people in heaven and on earth,
one body, singing your praise:

**O holy, holy, holy God, O God of time and space.
All earth and sea and sky above bear witness to your grace.
Hosanna in the highest heav'n, creation sings your praise.
And blessed is the One who comes and bears your name always!**

Loving God, we are grateful that in Jesus of Nazareth
your love has come alive in our midst.
We do now what Jesus did the night before he died.
He took bread, gave thanks, broke the bread,
and gave it to his friends, and said,
"Take, eat this; remember me."
Then, at the end of supper, he took the cup,
gave thanks to you, and said,
"Take, drink, this is the cup of the new covenant,
the sign of God's love for you.
Do this, remembering me."

In Jesus' death you have destroyed the power of death;
and by raising Christ to new life you have given us life for evermore.
With joy we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!
Sing Christ has died and Christ is risen,
Christ will come again!**

Send, O God, your Holy Spirit upon us.
May these gifts of grain and grape bless our lives
with the presence and the power of the risen Christ.
Knowing our own weakness,
help us to be present for all who stumble.

SERMON Struggling With The Deck Chair

ANTHEM Children bound for Heaven *Mary McDonald*

Children bound for heaven, step out on the streets of gold; singing with the chorus in the sweet by-and-by: hallelujah! Praises to the Lord on high. We'll be gathered at the river where all the angel feet have trod, with the crystal flowing river flowing by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach the shining river and soon our pilgrimage will cease. Soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace. I got shoes, you got shoes, all God's children got shoes. When I get to heaven, gonna put on my shoes an' walk all over God's heaven. Praise to the Lord on high!

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

OPENING HEARTS

INVITATION

THE PEACE OF CHRIST

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.

(We are invited to share signs of Peace with our neighbours.)

OFFERING OUR LIFE, OUR WORK AND OUR GIFTS

OFFERTORY HYMN 707 For the faithful who have answered *Omni Die*

*(The congregation remains seated for the singing of this hymn,
and then stands as the offering and Communion Gifts are brought forward.)*

GREAT THANKSGIVING *(Please remain standing, as you are able.)*

God be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to God.

Let us offer our thanks to God.
It is good to give our thanks and praise.

With joy and expectation we sing our praise to you, Holy God,
Blessed are you, God of Abraham and Sarah, Miriam and Moses;
Blessed are you, God of Ruth and David, Mary and Joseph;