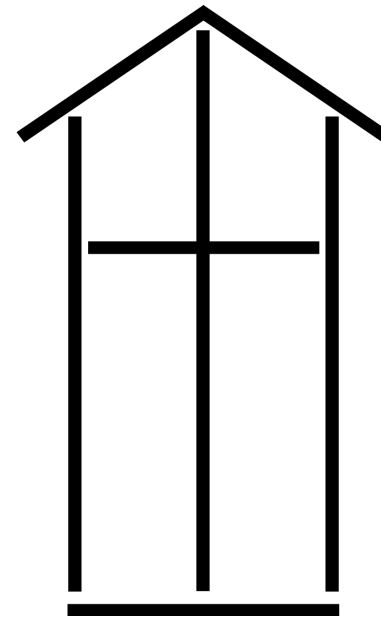


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# The Worship of God on All Saints' Sunday

November 5, 2023

Five-thirty o'clock

## Meditation of Preparation

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of vesper light; and we implore you that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

-Book of Common Prayer

The Prelude "Jerusalem, My Happy Home" Owens

The Gathering and Invocation Scott Dickison

\*The Hymn of Trust, No. 365 "Abide with Me" *EVENTIDE*

The First Lesson Psalm 90:1-4, 9-12 Edward Treadway

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Reading of Names Lesley Ratcliff

\*The Hymn of Hope, No. 78 "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *ST. ANNE*

The Reading of Names Scott Dickison

The Gospel John 11:17-27 Gates Skene

Leader: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

The Meditation Tim Coker

The Reading of Names Major Treadway

\*The Hymn of Commitment, No. 539 *HOUSTON*

"I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light"

\*The Benediction Scott Dickison

I think of "saints" as not only those women and men who have been canonized by the church, but all people whose lives reflect the goodness of God. Saints are not perfect people. They have their faults, idiosyncrasies, and weaknesses. They have their struggles and difficulties. Even the canonized ones are noted to have been difficult to live with because of some of their unique mannerisms. Yet, the saints are people of integrity. They have a central focus at the core of their lives: the love of God. They consistently choose to act out of that central reality, no matter how ordinary or extraordinary their lives may be.

-Joyce Rupp, *Out of the Ordinary*

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Here is a call for the endurance of the saints,  
those who keep the commandments of God and  
hold fast to the faith of Jesus.

And I heard a voice from heaven saying, "Write this:  
Blessed are the dead who from now on die in the Lord."

"Yes," says the spirit, "they will rest from their labors,  
for their deeds follow them."

. . . Revelation 14:12-13