

ALL SAINTS/ALL SOULS/EL DIA DE LOS MUERTOS
REMEMBERING, CELEBRATING

October 31, 2009

Announcements, Prayer Requests

Opening Song: "The Raggedy Band" by Jim Manley

The Raggedy Band is marchin' along,
Folks keepin' rhythm to the beat of the song
That a little boy's playing on a dime kazoo,
Holes in his hand match the holes in his shoes,
Leadin' down the alley with the Raggedy Band
Stretchin' all the way to the Promised Land.

Chorus: Boom ticka ticka ticka
 Boom ticka ticka ticka

Boom ticka ticka ticka Boom (repeat)
Washtub drummer beatin' four to the line,
Chopsticks tickin' on a bottle of wine,
Stand on the corner, you can see them comin',
Tax collector with an old painted woman,
Comin' down the alley with the Raggedy Band
Stretchin' all the way to the Promised Land.

Chorus:

A fisherman, a wino and an ex-politician,
Cop and a robber walkin' side by side,
Judge and a hooker for his blushin' bride,
All joinin' up with the Raggedy Band
Stretchin' all the way to the Promised Land
(And can you see
Where Broadway turns into Calvary
And did you know
That the lead child walkin' doesn't want to go)

Chorus: repeat and fade

Call to Worship:

See how God loves us!

God loves us enough to swallow up death forever.

See how Christ loves us!

Christ loves us enough to share our loss and grief.

See how the Spirit loves us!

The Holy Spirit loves us enough to offer us words of hope we can trust.

A Litany of Saints:

God calls us together into a community that lives here on earth, in this time and this place.

And we are part of a community that transcends the bounds of time and space and history to incorporate those who have gone before and those who are yet to be known to us.

We know those who have gone before us are still part of our community; we are united in the Spirit that is eternal. Thus it is with joy that we voice their names, light a candle for them, and say:

Presente!

Connie McLoughlin **Presente!**

Don Norgard **Presente!**

Trudy Shergalis **Presente!**

Charles Muller **Presente!**

Bernie Muller **Presente!**

Ed Marzec **Presente!**

Darrell Wilson **Presente!**

Amy Shubitz **Presente!**

Cynthia Duncan **Presente!**

Marguerite Reed **Presente!**

Joseph Reed **Presente!**

Rosemary Lynch **Presente!**

Nancy Carroll **Presente!**

And others we may name in this time:

Presente!



Prayer of Thanksgiving

You have blessed us with saints all of our lives, God of the ages: those who put up with us, those who prepared us for discipleship, those who have touched us with their compassion, and those who illumine the way for us. You surround us with saints, even when we don't recognize or appreciate them.

For all the saints of every age, especially ours, we give you our gratitude and praise, God in Community, Holy in One. **Amen!**

First Reading: Rev. 7: 9-14 (from The Message)

A Reading of a vision from the early church:

I saw a huge crowd, too huge to count. Everyone was there—all nations and tribes, all races and languages. And they were standing, dressed in white robes and waving palm branches, standing before the Throne and the Lamb and heartily singing:

Salvation to our God on the Throne!

Salvation to the Lamb!

All who were standing around the Throne—Angels, Elders, Animals—fell on their faces before the Throne and worshiped God, singing:

Oh, Yes!

The blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving,

The honor and power and strength,

To our God forever and ever and ever!

Oh, Yes!

Just then one of the Elders addressed me: "Who are these dressed in white robes, and where did they come from?" Taken aback, I said, "O Sir, I have no idea—but you must know."

Then he told me, "These are those who come from the great tribulation, and they've washed their robes, scrubbed them clean in the blood of the Lamb. That's why they're standing before God's Throne. They serve God day and night in the Temple. The One on the Throne will pitch a tent there for them: no more hunger, no more thirst, no more scorching heat. The Lamb on the Throne will guide them, will lead them to spring waters of Life. And God will wipe every last tear from their eyes."

Words of hope for the community of faith. **Thanks be to God!**

Psalm: Psalm 24, #760

Second Reading: 1 John:1-3 (The Message)

A reading from the First Epistle of John:

What marvelous love the Creator has extended to us! Just look at it—we're called children of God! That is who we really are. But that's also why the world doesn't recognize us or take us seriously, because it has no idea who God is or what God's up to.

But friends, that's exactly who we are: children of God. And that's only the beginning. Who knows how we'll end up! What we know is that when Christ is openly revealed, we'll see Christ—and in seeing Christ,

become like Christ. All of us who have this hope stay ready, with the glistening purity of Jesus' life as a model for our own.

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Gospel Acclamation

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12 (Scholar's Version"

God be with you. **And also with you.**

A reading from the Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O God!

Taking note of the crowds, he climbed up the mountain, and when he had sat down, his disciples came to him. He then began to speak, and this is what he would teach them:

"Congratulations to the poor in spirit!

Heaven's domain belongs to them.

Congratulations to those who grieve!

They will be consoled.

Congratulations to the gentle!

They will inherit the earth.

Congratulations to those who hunger and thirst for justice!

They will have a feast.

Congratulations to the merciful!

They will receive mercy.

Congratulations to those with undefiled hearts!

They will see God.

Congratulations to those who work for peace!

They will be known as God's children.

Congratulations to those who have suffered persecution for the sake of justice!

Heaven's domain belongs to them.

Congratulations to you when they denounce you and persecute you and spread malicious gossip about you because of me. Rejoice and be glad!

Your compensation is great in heaven. Recall that this is how they persecuted the prophets who preceded you."

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Glory and Praise!

Silent Reflection and Discussion

Intercessions

We unite our prayers with those of all the saints who have gone before us: **God of Peace, we ask your presence.**

With those working to bring peace and reconciliation to the world, we pray:

With those who work for justice, we pray:

With those persecuted for preaching the good news of Jesus, we pray:

With the persecuted, tortured, abused, and neglected, we pray:

With those lost and forgotten in prisons, we pray:

With migrants crossing our desert, we pray:

With those who are ill, for those near death, and for the fearful, we pray:

With those who have died alone and forgotten, we pray:

With those who mourn, we pray:

God of Peace, in your mercy you have blessed us with your presence.

Strengthen us as we seek to do your will. We pray through Christ our brother and redeemer. **Amen.**

Bread-breaking Prayer

May the God of all saints be with you!

And also with you!

Lift your hearts to God, all you who seek God's face.

We offer them to the One whose heart weeps with ours.

Lift up your heads, O people, singing glad songs of praise to God.
**With joy in our hearts, with words of truth and life on our lips, we
give thanks to our God.**

With a simple Word,
with a gentle Breath of life,
Wondrous God of glory,
you shrouded chaos with your imagination,
earth spinning and whirling through space
the seas teeming with new life.
All that is in creation is yours,
all that lives in it is your gift.
You shaped us in your image,
gathering us in your garden of joy.
You would show us the way,
filling us with hope's promise,
through the gifts of those saints
we call the prophets,
but we were deaf to their words.
So, deeply moved by our helplessness,
you sent Jesus into our presence,
the One we waited for
that we might be saved.
So, with that community of faith
from every place and time -
with saints and sinners, with apostles and angels,
with those who know how deeply you love us,
we forever sing to the glory of your name:



**Santo, santo, santo es el Señor
Hosana en las Alturas!
Bendito es el que viene en nombre del Señor!**

Gracious are you, Creator of suns and saints,
and blessed is Jesus Christ, Sharer in our lives.

With clean hands and a pure heart
he came from your holy side,
coming to wipe away our tears,
to remove the disgrace of our sin,
to walk with those who seek your face,
to stand with us at grief's doorstep.

With scarred hands and a shattered heart,
he descended into the grip of the grave,
taking off the swaddling clothes of death,
leaving them behind as you called
to him to come out of the tomb.

As we wait to come to this gracious feast,
as we remember the spirit in which Jesus
lived, served, died, and was raised,
we speak of that mystery we call faith.

In Christ, the shroud of death has been destroyed.

In Christ, all creation is given new life.

In Christ, we will be God's people forever.

Pour out your Spirit
upon these gifts of the Table
and on your children in this sacred space.
With a simple cup filled with hope,
with bread broken in love,
you make a feast for those
who are with this band of believers.

As we open our hands
to receive grace's brokenness,
may we go forth to dirty them
in service to all around us.

As we swallow the
well-aged hope of your Spirit,
may we discover our hearts
to be as broken as yours
by the injustices of our world.

And when all things become new,
as we are gathered in the New Jerusalem
with our sisters and brothers of every age,
we will join our voices together,
singing before your throne of grace,
God in Community, Holy in One,
even as we pray together, singing,
Our Creator . . . Amen.

Sharing of Bread and Song: "You are Mine" #475

Silent Reflection

Closing Prayer and Blessing

Holy One, we give you thanks for nourishing us at your table and for bringing us into this community of love, for granting us communion with you, with each other, with all your saints. Since we are surrounded by this great cloud of witnesses, brothers and sisters all, we endeavor with them to lay aside every impediment, every sin that clings to us, in order to run the race that is set before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, who both began and finished the race we are in. With Jesus and with each other we will seek the peace and justice, the love and compassion that is your passion for this world. May your Spirit be in and with us always.

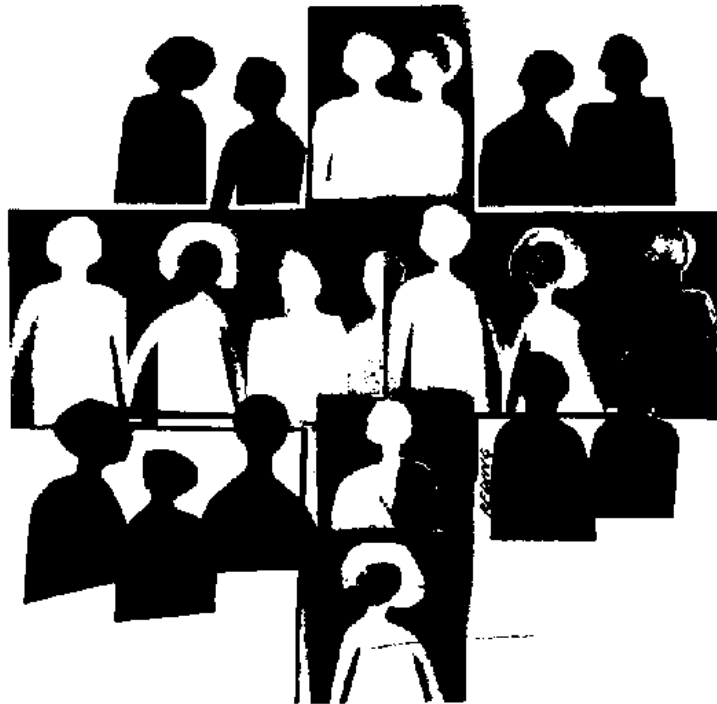
Amen! May God bless us and keep us. May God's face shine upon us. May God be gracious to us and grant to us, and to all our broken world, peace. May the blessing of Almighty God, the

Creator, Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit, come upon us and remain with us forever. Amen!

Closing Song: "Blest Are They" #619

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, REN!

THE PEACE OF CHRIST BE WITH ALL!



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