

**Central Queens Pastoral Charge  
United Church of Canada**

**November 1, 2020**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Twenty Second Sunday After Pentecost**

**(All Saints Day)**

**Central Queens Mission Statement**

**Central Queens United Church is a loving and living community called to support the life stages of all people; celebrating joy and sharing in pain. Through faith and fellowship we are united by God's love to live and serve as Disciples of Christ.**

**Gathering for Worship**

**Prelude**

**Greeting**

In the name of the Creator, the Christ and the Holy Spirit -  
welcome! All are welcome here. Amen.

**Welcome & Announcements**

**Birthdays & Special Occasions**

**Birthdays:**

**Kenny MacKenzie**

**Robert Rackham**

**Kody Vos**

**Anniversaries:**

## Lighting of the Christ Candle

Once there was a person who said such amazing things and did such wonderful things that people began to follow him. But they didn't know who he was. So one day they simply had to ask him. "Who are you?" and he said, "I am the light."

## Quiet Preparation for Worship

### Bible Presentation

### Introit

### Call to Worship

Let us praise God with all our heart.

**We will praise God, remembering what God is done.**

Let us who are helpless, listen and be glad.

**Proclaim God's greatness and celebrate God's name.**

Keep your eyes upon God! You will shine like the sun and never blush with shame.

**Those who seek, will discover that God is kind.**

Let us praise God with all our heart.

### Hymn

"For All the Saints"

VU #705

### Prayer of Approach

**We come before you, O God, remembering those who have gone before us, our ancestors in faith. Like them, we hear your call to be witnesses in every part of our lives. Teach us to walk humbly in the light of your presence. Inspire and strengthen us through this time of worship that we may live faithfully and joyously in our own day.**

*We share in the ancient prayer Jesus prayed ...*

### **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.**

**Psalm 34:1-10,22**

VU #761

**Hymn**

**"This Little Light of Mine"**

Video Presentation

### **All God's Children**

### **Lighting of Memorial Candles**

We light a candle for each person named, knowing that although we may need light now to remind us, in that final day when all are in God's realm, we will need no light - for God will be the light. There will be no darkness, no tears, no pain, no death. These former things will have passed away.

### **Prayer**

Compassionate God, we remember. Holy One, we give thanks.  
Eternal God, we give ourselves to you. Amen.

## **Presentation of Our Gifts**

### **Offertory Invitation**

God calls us: to respond in faith, to be stewards of great resources, to live responsibly, and to share in love and grace.

**So let us present our offering this day including the offerings of our hands, hearts, and lives. We give as we are able, we give as we are called. <sup>i</sup>**

### **Offertory**

“What Can I Do?”

MV #191

### **Presentation of Offering**

### **Offertory Prayer**

**Great healer of body and Soul, we experience freedom as we share our abundance. Receive the fullness of our offering. Increase the joy of our serving. Welcome our expressions of the good news. Set free the love of doing your work. In the name of our Sustainer, we pray. Amen. <sup>ii</sup>**

## **Listening for the Word**

### **Sacred Reading<sup>iii</sup>**

#### **Revelation 7:9-17**

After that, I saw before me an immense crowd without number, from every nation, tribe, people and language. They stood in

front of the throne and the Lamb, dressed in long white robes and holding palm branches. And they cried out in a loud voice, "Salvation is our God, who sits on the throne, and of the lamb!" All the Angels who were encircling the throne, as well as the elders and the four living creatures, prostrated themselves before the throne. They worshiped God with these words: "Amen! Praise and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and strength be to our God forever and ever! Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "These people in white robes -- who are they, and where do they come from?" I answered, "You are the one who knows." Then the elder said to me, "These are the ones who survived the great period of testing; they have washed their robes in the blood of the lamb and made them white. That's why they stand before God's throne and the One they serve day and night in the temple; the One who sits on the throne will shelter them forever. Never again will they be hungry or thirsty; the sun and its scorching heat will never beat down on them, for the lamb, who is at the centre of the throne, will be their Shepherd and will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every last tear from their eyes.

### **Matthew 5:1-12**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on the mountainside, and after he sat down and the disciples had gathered round, Jesus began to teach them: "Blessed are those who are poor in spirit: the Kingdom of Heaven is there. Blessed are those who are mourning: they will be consoled. Blessed are those who are gentle: they will inherit the land. Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice: they will have their full. Blessed are those who show mercy to others: they will be shown mercy. Blessed are

those whose hearts are clean: they will see God. Blessed are those who work for peace: they will be called children of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of their struggle for justice: the Kingdom of Heaven is theirs."

"You are fortunate when others insult you and persecute you, and utter every kind of slander against you because of me. Be glad and rejoice, for your reward in heaven is great; they persecuted the prophets before you in the very same way."

## **Anthem**

## **Sermon**

## **Pastoral Prayer**

God of all people, all places and all situations,  
we come seeking your strength, your peace, and your direction,  
to know the comfort of your presence and the energy of your Spirit.  
You have called us to work towards reconciliation in the world.  
Help us to live out the ways of your kingdom in your church and in our lives.  
God, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Jesus, you said, "Blessed are the poor." We pray for those who find themselves on the margins of the economy, suffering the anxiety and restriction of low income and the insecurity it brings. Challenge us in our stewardship so that this world will more and more reflect your kingdom, where there is enough for all, and everyone can enjoy the blessings of your creation.  
God, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Jesus, you said, "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst." We pray for people and communities facing famine and drought, as well as the pandemic.  
Give strength to people and agencies dedicated to alleviating misery. Move us to share what we have with those who have so much less.

God, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Christ, you blessed the peacemakers. We pray for those who work for peace and reconciliation in a divided world. Protect those who face violence, persecution and chaos in their homes, workplaces or communities. Transform the day-to-day struggles of those living in danger or discord. Move us to serve as mediators and models of forgiveness in our relationships.

God, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

Jesus, you blessed those who weep. We pray for those around the world and in our community who are dying, and for those who weep for their loved ones who have died.

We name in silence those on our hearts this day, including those saints who have blessed us in days and years gone by:

*(Silence.)*

Keep us united in love with all who rest from life in this world but live with you. God, in your mercy,  
*Hear our prayer.*

### **Responding to the Word**

#### **Hymn**

#### **“O When the Saints”**

#### **Insert**

Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the drums begin to bang  
Oh, when the drums begin to bang  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the stars fall from the sky  
Oh, when the stars fall from the sky  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the moon turns red with blood  
Oh, when the moon turns red with blood  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call  
Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the horsemen begin to ride  
Oh, when the horsemen begin to ride  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, brother Charles you are my friend  
Oh, brother Charles you are my friend  
Yea, you gonna be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh, when the saints go marching in  
Oh Lord I want to be in that number  
When the saints go marching in.

### **\*Blessing**

Go forth and walk each day in communion with your God and the Saints. No matter where you go or what you do remember that you belong to God and allow God's light to shine through you. And may the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer be with us all now and always. Amen.

### **\*Extinguishing of the Candle**

I'm going to change the light so it is not just in one place any more. It can be in many places all at once. Watch.

### **Choral Benediction**



# Postlude

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<sup>i</sup> Written by Beth W. Johnston, Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2020, Pge 42. Used with permission.

<sup>ii</sup> Written by Laura Turnbull, Gathering, Pentecost 2, 2020, Pge 51. Used with permission.

<sup>iii</sup> Scripture readings taken from The Inclusive Bible -- The first Egalitarian Translation.