

ALL SAINTS | 23RD SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

# MEDITATION PRAYERS BEFORE WORSHIP

God of the generations, when we set our hands to labor, thinking we work alone, remind us that we carry on our lips the words of prophets, in our veins the blood of martyrs, in our eyes the mystics' visions, in our hands the strength of thousands. Help us remember those who have helped us become who we are, who have reminded us of our place as children of God. But most of all Lord, help us remember that you never forget them or us and hold us all safely in your hands. Amen.

### PASTORAL WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

# THOUGHTS FOR THE DAY:

- \* "The time is ripe for looking back over the day, the week, the year, and trying to figure out where we have come from and where we are going to, for sifting through the things we have done and the things we have left undone for a clue to who we are and who, for better or worse, we are becoming. But again and again we avoid the long thoughts....We cling to the present out of wariness of the past. And why not, after all? We get confused. We need such escape as we can find. But there is a deeper need yet, I think, and that is the need—not all the time, surely, but from time to time—to enter that still room within us all where the past lives on as a part of the present, where the dead are alive again, where we are most alive ourselves to turnings and to where our journeys have brought us. The name of the room is Remember—the room where with patience, with charity, with quietness of heart, we remember consciously to remember the lives we have lived."

   Frederick Buechner, A Room Called Remember: Uncollected Pieces
- \* "When someone you love becomes a memory, the memory becomes a treasure."

- Unknown

# **CALL TO WORSHIP:**

- L: Today we stand beside saints in the making.
- C: Yesterday we stood by those who now live as saints in light.
- L: Tomorrow may be our turn to take our place among them.
- C: While we live, we live to the Lord.
- L: When we die, we die to the Lord.
- C: So then, whether we live or whether we die,
- All: We are the Lord's.

# PRAISE SONG: "For Those Who've Gone Before Us" (music at end of bulletin)

# **OUR CONFESSION:**

All: Lord, the saints have shown us that there is so much to live up to: You want us to be kind, humble, meek and patient, and most days we struggle, at best. We are to forgive, love and let peace rule our hearts, yet the focus is often on me, not on others' needs. Studying your Word has not become a priority for us. There is so much work to do - so we recommit our lives to you with the promise that this will be a fresh start. Help us to remember and follow the example of the saints who have gone before us. Help us to give others a glimpse of your kingdom that is to come in all we say and do. And help us know that you never forget us. Amen.

Leader: Believe it or not we are saints, set free by God to live as the people of God. Let us live lives worthy of the Gospel.

CONFESSION RESPONSE: "Death Be Never Last" (music at end of bulletin)

# THE LESSONS: Isaiah 49: 14-16

Here is a comforting message to Israel, identified as Zion (another name for Jerusalem), about the care of God for them despite their feeling of being abandoned by Him.

But Zion said, 'The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.' Can a woman forget her nursing-child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

# Revelation 21:1-7

This is a vision, from the last book of the Bible, of the New Jerusalem and God dwelling victoriously with His people providing a message of comfort for them. It is often read at funerals.

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. God will dwell with them; they will be God's peoples, and God will be with them; God will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also they said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then they said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life. Those who conquer will inherit these things, and I will be their God and they will be my children.

# THE GOSPEL:

# Luke 23:39-43

As Luke tells the story of Jesus life, this is of a conversation Jesus had with the two criminals while they all were dying on their crosses. Jesus shares a message of comfort.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

MESSAGE: "Remember Me" - Pastor David Schoob

MESSAGE RESPONSE: "We Will Remember" (music at end of bulletin)

### LIGHTING CANDLES AND REMEMBERING SAINTS

Ann "Billie" Anderson
Ruby Bever
Jean Conde
Ward Conde
Tony Curreri
Cayden Nicholas Dwyer
Eileen Marcella Ecker
Michelle Faehling
Ralph Gengler
Richard Carl Gerhardt
Aaron Gaboury Gorges
Harold "Butch" Grube

Max Hartong
Dona Hinzpeter
Art Hinzpeter
Kenneth Robert Juedes
Judy Langton
Mark Larson
Edward Lund
James Markgraf
Gladys Mildbrandt
Mark Monty
"Grandma Pat" Murphy
John Nielsen
Teresa Margaret Otto

Joyan Viola Pagel
Grace Sansoucy
Charles Schmallenberg
Gerald W Schrankler
Doris Sprague
Mary J Vore
Joseph "Geoff" Washa
Jimmy Weber
Esther Wendt
Gayle Wicke
Noreta Wiedmeyer
Charles "Chuck" Wilfer

# THE PRAYERS

#### THE LORD'S PRAYER:

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us today our daily bread and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are Yours now and forever. Amen.

#### THE SENDING OUT:

L: O God, let us remember all the saints who shared your light with us. Let Your light shine through us and help us follow in Your way, until we too, join You in the feast which has no end. **Amen!** 

THE SENDING SONG: "God of the Movements and Martyrs" (verses 1, 3) (music at end of bulletin)

# THE DISMISSAL:

Leader: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



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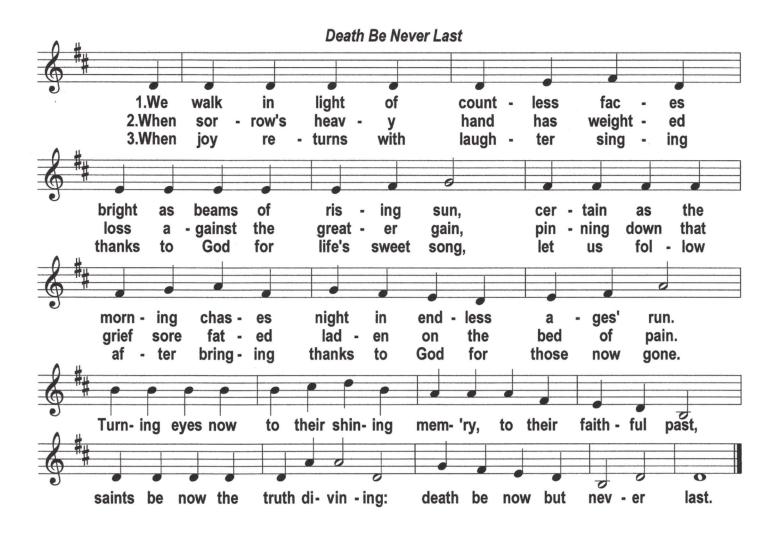
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