

**Mary Mother of Jesus Inclusive Catholic Community  
October 29, 2022**



**THEME: IN COMMUNION WITH ALL THE SAINTS**

**Presiders: Dotty Shugrue and Joan Pesce**  
**Readers: Suzanne and Jerry Bires**  
**Prayer Leaders: Joan Meehan; Mary Montavon and Jack  
McKillip, Maryal Gagnon**  
**IT: Peg Bowen; Cheryl Brandi**

**Welcome to all who join us today for the Celebration of All Saints  
Day here at Mary Mother of Jesus, our inclusive catholic community.**

**Whoever you are,  
Wherever you are,  
Just as you are,  
You are welcome at this table.**

**This liturgy theme is a celebration of all Saints. As we recognize the  
saints within our tradition, let us also call to mind all those women  
and men in our personal lives who have influenced us.**

**Be sure you have ordinary bread and a cup of wine on your home table so you can fully participate in the sacred moment of Consecration.**

**Opening Song: Every Little Bit – Carrie Newcomer**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9P4zi8ljf8A>

**First Reading: Suzanne Bires**

**Our First Reading today is inspired by the writings of Julian of Norwich. Thomas Merton writes:**

**At the center of our being is a point of nothingness which is untouched by sin and by illusion, a point or spark which belongs entirely to God.**

**This little point of nothingness and of absolute poverty is the pure glory of God in us.**

**It is, so to speak, God's name written in us...**

**It is like a pure diamond, blazing with the invisible light of heaven. It is in everyone...**

**These are the inspired words of Thomas Merton, and the community affirms them by saying:**

**SO BE IT**

**CELTIC ALLELUIA**

<https://youtu.be/o1rc7ojQtJU>

**Gospel: Jerry Bires**

**Our Gospel reading today is from the book of the writer known as Matthew.**

**On seeing the crowds of people, Jesus went up the mountain; and, when he had taken his seat, his disciples came up to him; and he began to teach them, saying,**

**Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the realm of heaven.**

**Blessed are the mourners, for they will be comforted.**

**Blessed are the gentle, for they will inherit the earth.**

**Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for justice, for they will be satisfied.**

**Blessed are the merciful, for they will find mercy.**

**Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.**

**Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.**

**Blessed are those who have been persecuted in the cause of righteousness, for theirs is the realm of heaven.**

**Blessed are you when people insult you, and persecute you, and say all kinds of evil lies about you because of me.**

**Be glad and rejoice, because your reward in heaven will be great; this is the way they persecuted the prophets who lived before you.”**

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**(from the work of Hal Taussig and *A New New Testament: A Bible for the Twenty-first Century.*)**

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**Homily Starter**

**Statement of Faith:**

**Prayer Leader Joan Meehan**

**We believe in the Holy One, a divine mystery beyond all definition and rational understanding, the heart of all that has ever existed, that exists now, or that ever will exist.**

**We believe in Jesus, messenger of the Divine Word, bringer of healing, heart of Divine compassion, bright star in the firmament of the Holy One's prophets, mystics, and saints.**

**We believe that we are called to follow Jesus  
as a vehicle of divine love,  
a source of wisdom and truth,  
and an instrument of peace in the world.**

**We believe in the Spirit of the Holy One,  
the life that is our innermost life,  
the breath moving in our being,  
the depth living in each of us.**

**We believe that the Divine kin-dom is here and now,  
stretched out all around us for those  
with eyes to see it, hearts to receive it,  
and hands to make it happen.**

#### **Prayers of the Community**

***Prayer Leader Maryal Gagnon:***

**As we prepare for the sacred meal, we bring to the table our prayers  
and intentions for all humanity.**

**We bring to the table all those impacted by the devastation of  
hurricane Ian that they may be strengthened in their work to  
recover.**

**We bring to the table the hope and blessing of peace to all borders  
especially Ukraine's.**

**We bring to the table all women who are and will be affected by laws  
that seek to limit women's rights and freedom.**

**We bring to the table indigenous children and their families in both  
Canada and the United States as they continue to mourn children  
lost, and the impact of forced acculturation.**

***Please voice your intentions beginning with the words, "I bring to  
the table"***

**We ask for blessing on all of our spoken and unspoken prayers.**

**SO BE IT**

## Presentation of the Gifts

**Love Large –**

(video by Devan Horne and Mary Theresa Streck)

<https://youtu.be/8ehQRPknqtg>

**Presider: Joan Pesce**

**With open hands let us pray our Eucharistic Prayer together:**

**O Holy One, the first passion of Jesus was his passion for justice so that all may live in peace; so that all may be treated with dignity and respect; so that this broken world would be healed; so that tyranny would be overthrown, and peace and harmony would be born again. We open our hearts in thanksgiving that Jesus set a new direction where harmony and peace would reign. In solidarity with Jesus, and with all the faithful women and men, saints, who have gone before us, we lift up our hearts and sing:**

***Holy, Holy, Holy: Here in this Place by Chris Grundy***

<https://youtu.be/sgkWXOSGmOQ>

**Prayer Leader: Mary Montavon**

**On this Celebration of all Saints, we remember in a special way, those brave women of ARCWP, who willingly and with love challenged the Institutional Church to change their attitudes of power and control and the exclusion of women in leadership.**

**Holy One, we celebrate the life of our brother, Jesus. He lived his life and walked forward to his death knowing that this was his call to show the world that his conviction to the principles of all he taught would not be forgotten. We walk forward in his pathway. We embrace his vision, his courage and his deep concern for others and the world as he stayed faithful to emulating his call to ministry.**

**Prayer Leader Jack McKillip**

**We are standing in the right place with Jesus when we make the beatitudes our own. When we live by the beatitudes as we serve others in humility and truth.**

**We are blessed when we are gentle, nonviolent, courageous, and humble, like your saints. We pray to grow in awareness of our unity with all of creation and co-create with You our earth as a sanctuary of peace.**

**We rejoice, O Holy One, as we join the lineage of Your prophets of justice and peace. We, your daughters, and sons, continue to work with Your grace as we arise and walk forward in the footsteps of our peace-loving brother, Jesus.**

**We remember those women priests who have gone before us since the beginning of our Movement. They are our Saints as they take their place in Divine Presence. We especially remember: Judy Beaumont, Michele Birch-Connery, Sally Ann Brochu, Adele Jones, Tish Rawles, Joan Throm, and Georgia Walker. They now live in the fullness of Divine Life.**

#### **The Blessing of the Bread and Cup**

**Presider: Joan Pesce**

**Please extend your hands over the bread and wine you have placed before you and pray:**

**We call upon you Spirit of life. May this bread and wine be blessed. We recognize your presence in us at this Eucharistic table. We are grateful for the bread and wine that reminds us of our call to be the light of Christ and to witness to the world our personal and continuing commitment to be faithful to the wisdom of the ages.**

**Presider: Dotty Shugrue**

**On the night before he faced betrayal and death, Jesus shared supper with his friends. He reminded them of all that he taught them, and to fix that memory clearly with them, he bent down and washed their feet.**

**When he returned to his place at the table, he lifted the bread, spoke the blessing, broke the bread, and offered it to them saying:**

**Take and eat, this is the Bread of Life.**

**Then he took the cup of the covenant, spoke the grace, and offered it to them saying:**

**Take and drink.  
Whenever you remember me like this,  
I am among you.**

**What we have heard with our ears, we will live with our lives; as we share communion, we will become communion, both Love's nourishment and Love's challenge. Let us share this bread and cup as we proclaim and live the gospel of justice and peace.**

*Please consume your sacred bread and wine.*

**Communion Meditation/Song: "Come Whoever You Are"**

<https://youtu.be/baDDfIuOA88>

**Prayer Leader: Mary Montavon**

**Holy One, we trust you to continue to share with us your own Spirit, the Spirit that filled Jesus, for it is through his life and teaching, his loving and healing that all honor and glory is Yours. Amen.**

**Let us pray as Jesus taught us:**

**Holy One, who is within, around and among us,  
We celebrate your many names.  
Your Wisdom come.  
Your will be done, unfolding from the depths within us,**

**Each day you give us all we need.  
You remind us of our limits, and we let go.**

**You support us in our power, and we act with courage.  
For you are the dwelling place within us,  
the empowerment around us, and the celebration among us,  
now and forever. Amen  
(Miriam Therese Winter)**

**INTRODUCTIONS, THANKSGIVINGS, ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Blessing**

**Presider: Dotty Shugrue**

**To the home of peace,  
to the field of love,  
to the ancestors gone before us, to the saints in our past  
and the saints in our lifetime,  
those who have touched our hearts.**

**We look, O Spirit of Life,  
with hearts breaking for our nation,  
never giving up on its redemption.**

**We look with respect for one another,  
with compassion for all forms of life.**

***Let us raise our hands, join together as we pray a blessing for each other:***

**Open us to visions we have never known,  
strengthen us for self-giving we have never made.  
Delight us with a oneness we could have never imagined:  
that we may truly be born of the Sacred and the Holy,  
that we may be open to the wisdom  
of those who have gone before us, and  
may we recommit ourselves to be reflections of their lives,  
now and forever.**

**Bless us O Holy One as we go forth to serve one another.**

*(In the style of John Philip Newell)*

**Closing Song: All Saints Day by Carrie Newcomer**

**<https://youtu.be/GQefafxbS9E>**

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liturgy at [MaryMotherofJesus.org](http://MaryMotherofJesus.org)

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