



Brookline Community Church
October 30, 2022
Celebrating All Saints' Day

Prelude: [*I Sing a Song of the Saints of God*](#) by Dave Harris

I sing a song of the saints of God,
Patient and brave and true.
Who toiled and fought
And lived and died
For the Lord they loved and knew.

And one was a doctor,
And one was a queen,
And one was shepherdess on the
green
They were all of them saints of God
And I mean, God helping, to be one
too.

They loved their Lord, so dear, so
dear
And his love made them strong.
And they followed the right, for
Jesus' sake
The whole of their good lives long

And one was a soldier,
And one was a priest,
And one was slain by a fierce wild
beast
And there's not any reason, no not
the least,
Why I shouldn't be one too

They lived not only in ages past.
There are hundreds of thousands
still,
The world is bright with the joyous
saints,
Who love to do Jesus' will

You can meet them in school,
Or in lanes, or at sea,
In church or in trains,
Or in shops, or at tea,
For the saints of God are just folk like
me,
And I mean to be one too.

Call To Worship¹

Leader: Come to worship this morning with our mourning –
old or new or delayed –

**All: We come with our celebration of memories,
and our imagination of possibilities
for times yet to come,**

Leader: Come because here we are welcome,
in a weeping, laughing communion of saints,

**All: We come in a weeping, laughing communion
of people just like us.**

Children's Message: What is All Saints' Day?

Hymn: [When the Saints Go Marching In by Spiritual Eldercare](#)

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 they gather

Around the throne,

Oh, when they gather 'round the
throne

Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number

When they gather 'round the throne

Oh, when they crown

Him lord of all

Oh, when they crown Him lord of all

Oh, Lord, I want to be in that number

When they crown him lord of all

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

If you have a favorite hymn you'd like to include in our worship service, just send it along and I'll look for a good place for it.

A Prayer of Joys and Concerns:

[For next week, please feel free to send me your joys & concerns and I'll include them in our prayers: minister@bccnh.org or call/text (857) 259-7269.]

¹ Today's Call to Worship and Prayer to Send Us Back out into the World were inspired by Maren Tirabassi's "Holy Communion Liturgy for All Saints Day, November 1, 2020," Gifts in Open Hands Blog, posted October 23, 2020, <https://giftsinopenhands.wordpress.com/2020/10/23/holy-communion-liturgy-for-all-saints-day-november-1-2020/> (accessed October 26, 2022).

Prayer for the Saints Among Us²

We remember:

Lois Adams	Dave Kinney
Mary Aronofsky	Ed Krom
Elly Austin	Brian Kurtz
Patty Birner	Linda, Amy's aunt
Edith Corey	Carol Austin Matson
Jesse Delrossi	Braedon O'Connor
Doug, Donna's relative	Louise Ponti
Jane Dwyer, Cindy's friend	Bob Rando
Abigail Fitzgerald	Les Reed
Leslie Fyfe	Nancy Richards
Sandy Garvin	Sandy, Donna's cousin
Gary, Amy's uncle	Scott, Sharon Nicholson's brother
Dave Glover	Everett and Merri Stritchfield
June Hoff	Pam Swick
Tom Hoff	Stephen Young
Jane Jukes	

Let us recite Psalm 23 together:

The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul: he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies: thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the LORD for ever.

² The *Prayer for the Saints Among Us* was inspired by Rev. Ashley Renée Johnson, Director of Connectional Ministries offered the UMC's Daily Prayer on January 27, 2022.

Hymn: For All the Saints by the Choir of King's College

For all the saints who from their
labors rest,
who thee by faith before the world
confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress,
and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-
fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one
true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Oh, blest communion, fellowship
divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory
shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are
thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

The golden evening brightens in the
west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors
cometh rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the
blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, yonder breaks a yet more
glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright
array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds, from
ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the
countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Scripture Reading: Daniel 7:1-3, 15-18, p. 724

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another.

As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

RESPONSE: #820 Threefold Amen (Danish)

Reflection on the Scripture:

Hymn: *Sing with All the Saints in Glory by International Liturgy Publications*

Sing with all the saints in glory,
sing the resurrection song!
Death and sorrow, earth's dark story,
to the former days belong.
All around the clouds are breaking;
soon the storms of time shall cease;
in God's likeness man awaking,
knowing everlasting peace.

Oh, what glory, far exceeding
all that eye has yet perceived!
Holiest hearts for ages pleading
never that full joy conceived.
God has promised, Christ prepares
it;
there on high our welcome waits.
Every humble spirit shares it.
Christ has passed the eternal gates.

Life eternal! Heaven rejoices:
Jesus lives Who once was dead.

Join, O man, O deathless voices!
Child of God, lift up your head!
Patriarchs from distant ages, Saints
all longing for their heaven

Prophets, psalmists, seers and
sages
All await the glory given.
Life eternal! O what wonders.
Crowd on faith; what joy unknown,
When amidst earth's closing
thunders

Saints shall stand before the throne!
O to enter that bright portal,
See that glowing firmament;
Know with Thee, O God immortal,
Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent!

Know with Thee, O God immortal,
Jesus Christ whom Thou hast sent!

MINISTRY OF SHARING

***DOXOLOGY: #809 "Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host. Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen."**

***Prayer of Dedication for the Gifts We've Been Given:**

Holy One, all that we have comes from you.
You bless our lives with the companionship of your people,
the freedom that comes from forgiveness of sin,
the joy of thanksgiving for Earth and all its bounty.
Turn us toward those in need,
in the name of the one who gave himself for us,
Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Announcements

A Prayer to Send us Back Out into the World

Leader: Gracious God, by the power of your Holy Spirit, help us to set our hope on Christ and live for the praise of his glory.

All: Pour out your Spirit upon us, as you have poured out your Spirit on generations past, so that our love for all the saints might increase,

Leader: Until that day, until that great and promised day, when we will feast with all the saints in your eternal realm, pour out your Spirit upon us, so that our love for the world you love might increase.

All: We ask this through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, one God forever and ever. Amen.

[CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: # 839 "God Be With You Till We Meet Again; by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again."](#)

Postlude: [Sounds of the Saints by Audio Adrenaline](#)

Here ends our worship, now let our service begin.



PRAYER LIST (10/30/22)

- Friends & family of Braedon O'Connor, Elly Austin, Patty Birner, Jesse Delrossi, Jane Jukes, Edith Corey, Sandy Garvin.
- For the friends & families of those who have died alone
- For Luca, Amy's nephew, whose treatments continue
- For those struggling with thoughts of suicide
- For Polly, John Panto's sister, who will split her time between her home and a memory care facility
- For Mike Esposito, Miracle Mike, friend of Susan and Russell's family, returning to the hospital for more surgery
- For Peter, Rev. Cath's cousin, in the ICU at the Mayo Clinic after complications following cancer surgery
- For the friends and family of Ed Krom, long time member of this church.
- For Carol, Candy's aunt, still going through medical evaluation for something that's just not right
- For Russell and his safe travels to and from Florida
- For Gerry, Jakub's former co-worker, who is being treated for cancer, that she might come safely home and that her husband might be comforted
- For Jerry & Brodie Farwell, that everything goes well on their journey
- For the people of Ukraine, who fight on, even as the world looks elsewhere
- For the people of Taiwan, searching for peace in the face of hostility
- For those who have no one to pray for them, accept our prayers
- Individuals serving in our military & their families

Notes:

Household Prayer: Morning³

God of blessing, thank you for a new day to live for you. In the company of all the saints in heaven and on earth, I rise to sing your praise. Make me a worthy companion of my ancestors in faith, and let me love others as I have been loved. Amen.

Household Prayer: Evening

Creator of the stars of night, thank you for the gift of rest. Forgive what wrong I have done today, and heal any wounds I have caused. Grant me, I pray, a peaceful rest, that I may rise with the sun to serve you with joy. Amen.

Questions for Reflection

Who are the saints that have accompanied you in the life of faith?

Daily Awareness Reflection⁴

At the end of the day, I've been asking myself the following questions. I jot down the answers and ask them again the next evening. I've found it helps me to remain centered as well as increasing my awareness of God in my life. It takes about 10 minutes.

1. Slow down. Stop. Prepare yourself to pray by becoming aware of the love with which God looks on you ...
2. Note the gifts God has given you today. Give thanks to God for them ...
3. Ask God that this be a time of special grace and revelation ...
4. With God, review the day. Look at the stirrings of your heart, your thoughts, and your choices as the day progressed. Which have been of God? Which have not? What does God want to say to you about both? ...
5. Ask for forgiveness for failures/omissions, for healing from their effects ...
6. Look forward to the following day, and plan concretely with God how to live it according to God's desire for your life ...

³ The Morning & Evening Prayer and Question for Reflection are reprinted by permission of Westminster John Knox Press from *Feasting on the Word® Worship Companion*. Copyright 2014.

⁴ Elizabeth Liebert, *The Soul of Discernment* (Louisville, KY: John Knox Press, 2015), 31.

Announcements

The church's financial obligations continue. If you are able, please mail your offering to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

	Actual Income	Actual Expenses	Income vs. Expenses +/-
September	\$65,650	\$67,702	(\$2,052)

Please shop smile.amazon.com and choose Brookline Community Church as your charity to support the church. Thanks!

There are several ways to send your offering.

1. Text "GIVE" to 603-506-4455 for your first time. Click "Sign In" then "Register for an Account"

2. Scan the QR code



3. Mail to: Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline, NH 03033.

The Christmas Raffle committee is looking for donations for the following prizes:

- High Spirits (various bottles of alcohol, like vodka, gin, whiskey, etc),
- Family Time (games, puzzles, books, etc) We have an Uno card game so far,
- Sugar Rush! (Any candy)

Thank you for any contributions! We are off to a great start! Contact Donna Bretschneider for info/questions. (603) 860-5291 or dbret@charter.net.

Senior Luncheon, Turkey Dinner with Apple Crisp, October 29, 11:30am

Our guest speaker will be Angie Dacey, Brookline Welfare Officer. We'd welcome anyone who'd like a good meal in great company!

Are you 60 or older? Do you know of someone who is? Do you like a great meal?

If you do ... BE ON THE BROOKLINE COMMUNITY CHURCH'S SENIOR LUNCHEON LIST. We have lunches periodically on Saturdays throughout the year just for the 60 and older crowd. If you are interested, just let us know how you would like to be contacted for notices of these lunches (email, mail, Facebook ..., etc.) Any questions.... just ask Megan King (kingmegan7@gmail.com) or Amy Razzaboni (arazz3914@gmail.com).

Trunk or Treat on October 29, 2:30-4:00pm

The Library is sponsoring a Trunk-or-Treat at the RMMS parking lot. It's basically Trick or Treat, but the treats all come out of the trunk of your car. It's a great opportunity for the church to be out in the community. If you'd like to volunteer to help, please let Susan Haight know (sdlhaight@gmail.com).

Trick or Treating at the Church on Oct. 31

In addition to the Trunk-or-Treat on October 29, we'd also like to participate in the town's Trick or Treat time from the church scheduled on October 31, probably from 6:00-8:00pm. If you're willing to hand out treats at the church, let Rev. Cath (minister@bccnh.org) know.

November Take Home Meal is Buffalo Mac & Cheese (with add-ons!) Nov. 4

The November Take Home Meal is coming soon, delicious Buffalo Mac & Cheese. The add-ons will let you try dessert or vegetarian egg rolls. So much deliciousness in one place!

Christian Education: Nov. 6 8:30-9:30am: Jesus, Fully Human, Fully Divine

We're beginning our monthly Christian Education program by looking at Jesus of Nazareth, Jesus the Christ, what it means historically and for us, here and now, for Jesus to be both fully human and fully divine. The kids will have their own session, and the adults another. It will be a time for lessons and fellowship and self-reflection. The program is an experiment that we can take in any direction, so please join in and help us figure out what possibilities are richest for us.

Coming up: Dec. 4 (a busy day in the church), Jan. 1 (start the year with Jesus!), Feb. 5, Mar. 5, Mar. 26 (Palm Sunday is Apr. 2, so we'll meet a week early), May 7, Jun. 4.

Serving the church on one of our committees

We have openings on several church committees. We like to have people rotate on and off our committees so everyone has a chance to serve and to rest. Most are three-year terms, but we can certainly be flexible about how the roles are filled. We are looking for folks for Moderator, Assistant Moderator, Clerk, Treasurer, Trustees, Finance Committee, Stewardship, Deacons and Pastoral Relations. If you're interested in learning more, please let Ann (moderator@bccnh.org) or Rev. Cath (minister@bccnh.org) know.

Looking for Toddler Clothes for Local Girl

The grandmother who recently got custody of her granddaughter is looking for fall and winter clothes for her. They need: Size 2T Girl: Long sleeve shirts, Sweatshirts, Pants, Hat, Gloves, Snow pants, Snow boots size 7 (toddler). They usually shop at Target.

Fall Food Drive

Our local food pantries are seeing an unprecedented number of people seeking assistance to help feed their families. The rising costs of fuel, electricity and rents are leading more people to ask for help.

Fall is typically a time of low food donations as most people are thinking ahead to what they can donate at Holiday time, but this year they need help NOW!

Outreach is asking for the following food items to benefit both the Brookline Food Pantry and Share Food Pantry in Milford, NH who also supports the Brookline community.

Cereal

Snacks (peanut butter crackers, granola bars, fruit cups etc)

Chicken & Beef Broths

Baking mixes

Sugar & Flour

Holiday Dinner Items

These items can be brought to the church and placed in the outside bin by the side door, in the basket in the front hall or dropped off during Take Home Meal on Friday, Oct 7th from 1:00-5:00.

If you would like to make a monetary donation you can mail a check to the Brookline Community Church, PO Box 507, Brookline NH 03033 and note the check is for the October Food Drive.

Contact Amy Razzaboni at 603-801-9210 or arazz3914@gmail.com with any questions.

Ploughing for the Winter

If you know of anyone who would be interested in ploughing and sanding the church parking lot this winter, Susan Haight (sdlhaight@gmail.com) would love to speak with them.

Brookline Food Pantry

The Brookline food pantry is open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 10-2:00 for drop-offs [Brookline Food Pantry's Facebook page](#) has updates. And there's now [a long, robust Google doc](#) that shows what they need.

If you know of anyone who could use some help from the Food Pantry, please let Angie or Amy know.

Help Lines

You may know someone who needs some support beyond what you can provide.

- Suicide prevention: 1-800-273-8255 (or 988)
- Sexual assault: 1-800-656-4673
- Domestic violence: 1-800-799-7233