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Saints 'R Us



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Welcome to Burlington Baptist Church today!

* You are invited to stand.

WE APPROACH GOD

For faithful people whose stories are told in the Bible,
we thank and praise you, O God.
For faithful people throughout the long history of the Church,
we thank and praise you, O God.
For faithful people in this congregation,
we thank and praise you, O God.
For your love shown in the lives of all your saints,
past and present, known and unknown,
we give you thanks, O God.
Amen.

Prelude “Prelude and Fugue in B flat major” (Johann Simon 18th century)
“Here I Am, Lord” (Schutte, arr. Mark Hayes c. 2001) Mel

Welcome and Announcements Dave

Prayer and Preparation

WE PRAISE GOD

Invitation to Worship

* **Hymn of Praise** “For All the Saints” 326 – GG

- 1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia! Alleluia!*
- 2. 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!*
- 3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle; they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia! Alleluia!*

5. *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!*

* Prayer of Approach

WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading "Psalm 127 & 128" A paraphrase by Leslie F. Brandt.

LEADER: Humanity's struggle for significance
apart from God's will and purposes is in vain.

PEOPLE: We build homes and institutions;
we acquire property and possessions;
we crowd our cities
with the clutter of questionable achievements;

LEADER: We fill the better part of every day
with self-centred activities;
we push and prod in an anxiety-ridden quest
for some ephemeral treasure;

PEOPLE: And all the while,
worth and value are within us,
or very close to us.
They are the precious gifts of God
that come in some measure to all people.

LEADER: There are visible evidences
of our personal worth:

PEOPLE: The children we beget,
the beloved mate that brings us joy,
the ability to supply our own
and our family's needs
through daily labours.

LEADER: But even beyond this, and long before this,
each person's worth was established by God.

ALL: Amen.

A Gift of Song "The Wayfaring Stranger" Alison
(first published 1858, folk melody, author unknown)

Sunday Morning Friends

Prayers of the People of God

* Offering Hymn "I Sing a Song of the Saints" 730 - GG

1. *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 a shepherdess on the green:
they were all of them saints of God, and I mean,
God helping, to be one too.*
2. *They loved their Lord so dear, so dear,
and God's 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.*
3. *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.*

GOD SPEAKS TO US

The Scriptures

Cheryl

Epistle Lesson: 1 Thessalonians 2: 9 - 13

Gospel Lesson: Mark 12: 38 - 44

Sermon: *“Saints ‘R Us”*

* Communion Hymn “Let Us Break Bread Together” 525 - GG

- 1. Let us break bread together on our knees;
Let us break bread together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*
- 2. Let us drink wine together on our knees;
Let us drink wine together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*
- 3. Let us praise God together on our knees;
Let us praise together on our knees;
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun,
O Lord, have mercy on me.*

Celebration of Communion

“Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee” (St. Agnes. arr. Robert Lau c. 2007)

GOD SENDS US FORTH

* Hymn of “As Stars Adorn” [Tune: DUKE STREET #265]
(Words: Carl P. Daw Jr.)

- 1. As stars adorn the night-veiled sky,
arrayed like jewels rare and bright,
so shine God's saints in every age
to give the world new hope, new light.*

2. *The light saints bear is not their own
but shines through them as gift and sign:
to show how God can use and bless
frail human means for ends divine.*
3. *Through saints we glimpse the light of Christ,
the Morning Star that crowns the night,
whose rising heralds God's new day,
the promised dawn of life and light.*
4. *That light is ours to claim and share,
not merely praise or gaze upon:
for all who are baptized become
light-bearers through the Risen One.*
5. *The saints inspire and challenge us
our holy calling to embrace:
to bear Christ's light in our own day,
to be the vessels of God's grace.*

* **Benediction**

Postlude “Trumpet Tune in D major” (Gordon Young c. 1991)