



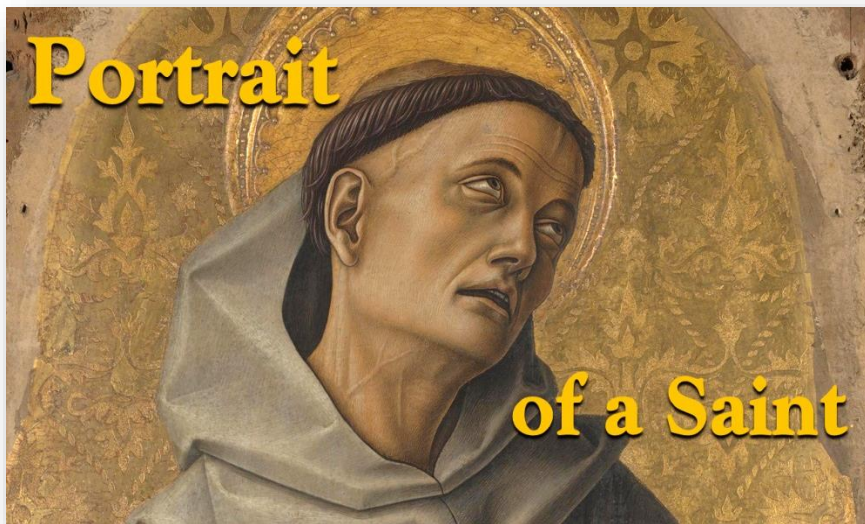
# Burlington

## Baptist Church

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*All Saints*

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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 the news today;  
and 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                      “Ode to Joy”                      (Beethoven)                      Cameron

Welcome and Announcements                      Dave

Prayer and Preparation

## **WE PRAISE GOD**

Invitation to Worship

\* Hymn of Praise      “For the Faithful Who Have Answered”      [Tune @ #81]

- 1. For the faithful who have answered  
when they heard your call to serve,  
for the many ways you led them  
testing will and stretching nerve,  
for their work and for their witness  
as they strove against the odds,  
for their courage and obedience  
we give thanks and praise, O God.*

2. *Many eyes have glimpsed the promise,  
many hearts have yearned to see.  
Many ears have heard you calling us to greater liberty.  
Some have fallen in the struggle,  
others still are fighting on.  
You are not ashamed to own us.  
We give thanks and praise, O God.*
3. *For this cloud of faithful witness,  
for the common life we share,  
for the work of peace and justice,  
for the gospel that we bear,  
for the vision that our homeland  
is your love - deep, high, and broad -  
for the different roads we travel  
we give thanks and praise, O God.*

\* Prayer of Approach

## WE GIVE OURSELVES TO GOD

Responsive Reading "Psalm 65" - a paraphrase by James Taylor

LEADER: We can't put it off any longer, O God.  
We come crawling to you,  
because we have all fallen short of your expectations.  
We have all missed the mark.

PEOPLE: But you have not held our failures against us.  
We stumbled, and you picked us up;  
we were sinking, and you helped us swim.

LEADER: You treat us with honour and respect.  
You make us welcome. It is more than we dare ask,  
more than we could ever expect.

**PEOPLE:** We have no right to such kindness.  
You are the Creator of the world.  
You push mountains into ranges;  
you calm the raging oceans;  
you spin the earth on its axis.

**LEADER:** Before you, we are as insignificant as ants,  
parading our puny armies.  
If you stamp your feet, we will be squashed.

**PEOPLE:** We boast of our science and technology, but by  
ourselves we cannot make a single seed sprout;  
we cannot shape a single raindrop.

**LEADER:** We destroy, but only you create life.  
Through the cycle of the seasons, with reckless  
generosity, you share the wealth of the earth.

**PEOPLE:** As drops of dew gather into rushing streams,  
so our small thoughts gather  
into a gush of gratitude.  
The whole world celebrates your goodness.

**LEADER:** Like dolphins dancing through the waves,  
like antelope prancing through long grass,  
the whole earth leaps in exuberant gratitude.

**ALL:** And together we raise our voices  
in thanksgiving and praise!

**A Gift of Music**

“Renew Us”

The BBC Singers and Bev, flute

(Words by Herb Frombach; Music by David Lantz III)

**Sunday Morning Friends**

**Prayers of the People of God**

**Offering Invitation**

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, on 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

Epistle Lesson: 2 Timothy 4: 6 - 8

Gospel Lesson: Luke 18: 9 - 14

Sermon: “Portrait of a Saint”

1. *For everyone born, a place at the table,  
for everyone born, clean water and bread,  
a shelter, a space, a safe place for growing,  
for everyone born, a star overhead,*

*REFRAIN: and God will delight when we are creators of justice,  
and j-o-o-oy, compassion and peace:  
yes, God will delight when we are creators of justice...  
justice and joy!*

3. *For young and for old, a place at the table,  
a voice to be heard, a part in the song,  
the hands of a child in hands that are wrinkled,  
for young and for old, the right to belong,*

*REFRAIN:*

5. *For everyone born, a place at the table,  
to live without fear, and simply to be,  
to work, to speak out, to witness and worship,  
for everyone born, the right to be free,*

*REFRAIN:*

## Celebration of Communion

### GOD SENDS US FORTH

\* **Hymn of Response** “Rejoice in God's Saints” [Tune@ #299] 732 - GG

1. *Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.*
2. *Some march with events to turn them God's way;  
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;  
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:  
our world is their parish; their purpose is God*

3. *Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,  
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own;  
they share our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
what patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!*
  
4. *Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true:  
their way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.*

\* **Benediction**

**Postlude**

“Jesus Loves Me“

Bev and Cameron

(Tune by William Bradbury; arr. Gary Lanier)

