

1 November 2020

All Saints' Day

To all members of the St James Traditional Services

A Weekly Word of Encouragement: Come, let us worship

The psalm appointed for All Saint's Day is Psalm 33:1-5 – read it reflectively

Why was this portion of Psalm 33 chosen for today? Because it is a picture of the Church – God's people gathered in the presence of God to focus on God and respond to Him.

(The complete expression of the Church is recorded in Hebrews 12:22-24)

Notice what God's people are doing in Psalm 33

- They are focused on God: praising Him. Praise is fitting (v.1) – fitting for Him because God is worthy, and fitting for us for we are created for Him.
- God is faithful, just and righteous, unfailing in His love
 - His character revealed truthfully and faithfully in His Word and experienced by His people.
- When God captivates our hearts, our worship is fresh and full of fervor: joy, singing, shouting, music skillfully played.

Note: whenever we gain a glimpse of Heaven, there is music, singing, shouting as God's people and the angels worship God (Revelation 4, 5, 7, 14, 15, 19)

- the God who is Creator, Redeemer, Victorious Saviour: the God who is worthy of our whole-hearted worship.

The Communion of Saints which we confess in the Apostles' Creed is the fellowship of God's people, living and departed: the Church as it is revealed in Hebrews 12:22-24. The gathering of God's people on earth should reflect the heavenly gathering of God's people.

Come and join us as we gather in St James: Wednesday at 10am or Sunday at 9am and 11am. Pre-register at the office, we would love to see you as we gather as God's people.

Prayer

We praise you, Heavenly Father, that you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord; give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect for All Saints' Day

Remember

- keep praying daily
- keep reading God's Word
- keep in touch with one another. I am only a phone call away if you need my assistance: 0438 455 493.

With Christian love,

Robert