

Prayer/Litany of Remembrance and Celebration

Memorial Sunday Service – October 31, 2021

Leader: Grace unto you and peace from God, who was and who is and who is to come.

People: And from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, ruler above all rulers of the earth.

Leader: In love Jesus Christ suffered death to free us from our sins and show us the way to live,

People: making all who confess Christ a nation of priests set aside for God's glory.

All: To Jesus Christ be glory and power forever and ever!

Leader: The Lord is our light and our salvation

People: whom shall we fear?

Leader: The Lord is the stronghold of our lives

People: of whom will we be afraid?

Leader: Almighty God, we lift up the saints in our midst who have gone before us.

People: Creator God, we lift up those who have chosen to become attached to your Son's vine.

Leader: Holy Spirit, you breathe life into all creatures, you make us into living temples, and you sustain us in our sorrows.

People: Praise to you Jesus Christ for your wondrous works in our lives, your forgiveness of sins, and for offering us eternal life.

Leader: We lift up to you now those of us who have died over the last year. We trust them to your loving hands and thank you for comforting us.

People: We thank you for the lives they lived and how they represented you to us.

All: We believe that to live is Christ and to die is gain. Death has been swallowed up in the victory of the power of God.

Leader: We celebrate the lives of the saints who have gone before us.

Bob McLaren (Sept. 3, 1925-Oct. 18, 2020)

Isaac Driediger (Jan. 14, 1926-Nov. 1, 2020)

Belle Mullet (Oct. 5, 1927-Jan. 6, 2021)

Mary Schmidt (Apr. 30, 1925-Jan. 12, 2021)

Bill Ewert (June 19, 1943-Apr. 1, 2021)

Michel Lauzon (d. Aug. 30, 2021)

Sam Bouphaphan (d. Feb. 24, 2021)

Phyllis & Stan Kreutzer (d. Mar. 11 & Mar. 22, 2021)

You are invited to name others and light a candle for them.
(A candle will be lit in each person's honour)

Leader: We also light a candle for those around the world who have died because of war, violence, natural tragedies, sin, accidents, the absence of justice, greed, and selfishness.

People: We pray they and their loved ones have found peace.
Help the survivors discover and live Jesus' holy way.

Leader: Jesus taught us: I am the resurrection and the life.
Those who believe in me will live, even though they die.

People: Jesus, you are called the Prince of Peace because only in you do we find real peace.

Leader: Bless those who are now at peace in your loving arms.

People: But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

All: O Lord, you have searched us and know us. We ask your continued guidance and blessing as we meet together to worship and declare our faith in you.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.