

Carlisle/Kilbride Pastoral Charge
November 1, 2026 – All Saints Sunday
Kilbride 9:30 am; Carlisle 11:00 am

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WE GATHER AS GOD'S PEOPLE

Welcome & Acknowledgement of the Land

We begin this time of worship by acknowledging that we are meeting on the land of the
(*Kilbride: Huron-Wendat, Petun, Seneca, Neutral, Anishinaabe, and most recently the Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation*),
(*Carlisle: the Neutral, Haudenosaunee, Anishinabek, and Mississaugas of the Credit First Nation*),
who continue to cry out for justice. As treaty people, we commit to listen, learn, and work to right the wrongs of the past and present.

The Life and Work of the Church

Lighting the Christ Candle:

(All My Relations, *United Church of Canada, 2022*)

We light this candle. May its light guide us to truth talking and to travelling good paths.
May we in turn share the light with those we meet until it spreads to all peoples worldwide.

Centring Music: MV 12 (v. 1) – Come Touch Our Hearts

Words & Music: Gordon Light 2002; arr. Andrew Donaldson 2002

The music team from Peninsula United in Surrey, BC, perform Gordon Light's 2002 hymn. Light is ordained in the Anglican Church of Canada and is a founding member of the Common Cup Company. This singing and songwriting bishop also accompanies himself on guitar.

COME TOUCH OUR HEARTS MV 12 (VERSES 1-5)

- 1 Come touch our hearts
 that we may know compassion,
 from failing embers build a blazing fire;
 love strong enough to overturn injustice,
 to seek a world more gracious,

come touch and bless our hearts.

Call to Worship:

(Thom M. Shuman, Greenhills Community Church, used with permission [adapted])

Come let us worship God who is more loving than our hearts dare imagine,
who gives us more grace than we ever realize,
who is wiser than we will ever know,
and teaches us all we need to become God's children.

Opening Prayer:

(Thom M. Shuman, Greenhills Community Church, used with permission [adapted])

**Ever-present God, this day enfolds us and surrounds us: be in our speaking
and in our thinking; be in our life and on our lips; be in our hearts and in
our souls, today and forever. We offer this and all our prayers this day in
the name of Jesus.**

Hymn: MV 12 (vv. 2-4) – Come Touch Our Hearts

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[COME TOUCH OUR HEARTS MV 12 \(VERSES 1-5\)](#)

- 2 Come touch our souls
 that we may know and love you,
 your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
 create a space for spirit to grow in us,
 let life and beauty fill us,
 come touch and bless our souls.
- 3 Come touch our minds
 and teach us how to reason,
 set free our thoughts to wonder and to dream;
 help us to open doors of understanding,
 to welcome truth and wisdom,
 come touch and bless our minds.
- 4 Come touch us in
 the moments we are fragile,
 and in our weakness your great strength reveal;
 that we may rise to follow and to serve,
 steady now our nerve,
 come touch and bless our wills.

Prayer for Grace:

(Thom M. Shuman, Greenhills Community Church, used with permission [adapted])

We admit, Ever-with-us God, that we are so easily confused by or we forget the stories of
faith we learned as children.

And it is true that we can become so fearful of tomorrow, we are not aware of your Spirit with us today.

Too often, we are so busy wondering, 'what if?' or 'suppose?', that we cannot hear the promises you whisper to our hearts.

So once again we ask, Gracious God, have mercy on us.

You know our hearts so well –

touch them with your grace.

You see our deepest fears –

heal them with your peace.

You hear our secret longings –

speak to them of your hope.

This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Christ.

(silence for personal reflection)

Assurance of Grace:

(Thom M. Shuman, Greenhills Community Church, used with permission [adapted])

The One who searches our broken hearts has found the way to mend them and make us new people. The good news is that everything God has done in Christ is for us, that we might be made whole.

With kindness, and justice, God makes us new people. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Response: MV 12 (v. 1) – Come Touch Our Hearts

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love strong enough to overturn injustice,
to seek a world more gracious,
come touch and bless our hearts.

Prayer for Illumination:

Holy and Loving God, may these words passed through the centuries, and translated faithfully, stir our hearts and our minds that we may catch a glimpse of your presence and a sense of your word for us this day. Amen.

Readings from Our Christian Tradition

Epistle: 1 John 3:1-3 *We are God's children*

3:1 See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God, and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him.

3:2 Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

3:3 And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12 *The teaching of Christ: Beatitudes*

5:1 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain, and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.

5:2 And he began to speak and taught them, saying:

5:3 "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:4 "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5:5 "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

5:6 "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

5:7 "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

5:8 "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

5:9 "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

5:10 "Blessed are those who are persecuted for the sake of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

5:11 "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

5:12 "Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you."

Response:

The Word of God spoken among us.

Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn: VU 271 (vv. 1, 2, 4, & 5) – There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

Words: Frederick William Faber 1854, alt.; Music: Johann Ludwig Steiner 1723

A quick search on [hymnary.org](https://www.hymnary.org) reveals that Frederick Faber's text has been published with 68 different tunes in various hymnals recognized in the site's database. While *Voices United* sets it to Johann Steiner's GOTT WILL'S MACHEN, the following recording utilizes CORVEDALE by Maurice Bevan (1921-2006), a British bass-baritone and composer who sang with the Deller Consort, St Paul's Cathedral in London, and the BBC. The hymn is performed by Harmonious Chorale Ghana for their new *Seven Words on the Cross* album (2026).

[There's A Wideness in God's Mercy by Maurice Bevan | Conducted by Dr. James Varrick Armaah](#)

- 1 There's a wideness in God's mercy
 like the wideness of the sea;
 there's a kindness in God's justice
 which is more than liberty.
- 2 There is no place where earth's sorrows
 are more felt than up in heaven;

there is no place where earth's failings
have such gracious judgement given.

4 Troubled souls, why will you scatter
like a crowd of frightened sheep?
Foolish hearts, why will you wander
from a love so true and deep?

5 For the love of God is broader
than the measures of the mind,
and the heart of the Eternal
is most wonderfully kind.

Offertory: VU 540 – Grant Us, God, the Grace of Giving

Words: anon.; Music: attrib. Christian F. Will, Psalmodia Sacra 1715, adapt. Henry John Gauntlett 1861

Anna Zaidman, a Canadian-based pianist and teacher, provides piano accompaniment for this familiar offertory.

[Grant Us, God, the Grace Piano Accompaniment, Piano Cover, Piano Arrangement](#)

Grant us, God, the grace of giving,
with a spirit large and free,
that ourselves and all our living
we may offer faithfully.

Dedication of the Offering:

God of Love: by your generosity we have received all that
we have and all that we are. Grant that we may so use
the things you have entrusted to our care, that we
may become more and more your children in spirit and
in truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of the People:

Sing into prayer: VU 361 (v. 3) – Come to My Heart

Words & Music: Joe Pinson 1979

Thank you to the Praise Singers of Windsor Park United for their music ministry.

[“Come to My Heart”](#)

Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
teach me to walk in your way.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;
answer my prayer today.
Give me the peace and joy
that only you can bring.
Answer my prayer, Lord Jesus;

give me a song to sing.

Lord's Prayer: (*Matthew 6:9-13*)

⁹ Our Father in heaven!

May your Name be kept holy.

¹⁰ May your Kingdom come,

your will be done on earth as in heaven.

¹¹ Give us the food we need today.

¹² Forgive us what we have done wrong,

as we too have forgiven those who have wronged us.

¹³ And do not lead us into hard testing,

but keep us safe from the Evil One.

For kingship, power and glory are yours forever.

[Carlisle] Communion Hymn: MV 12 (vv. 2 & 5) – Come Touch Our Hearts

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that we may know and love you,
your quiet presence all our fears dispel;
create a space for spirit to grow in us,
let life and beauty fill us,
come touch and bless our souls.

5 Come touch us now,
this people who are gathered,
to break the bread and share the cup of peace;
that we may love you with our heart, our soul,
our mind, our strength, our all,
come touch us with your grace.

[Carlisle] Service of Communion: (see insert)

Hymn: VU 706 – Give Thanks for Life

Words: Shirley Erena Murray 1986; Music: Ralph Vaughan Williams 1906

The 30-voice choir of Trinity-St Paul's United on Bloor Street West performs this life-affirming hymn of thanksgiving. Ralph Vaughan Williams (1872-1958) was an important figure in 20th-century English and church music as a composer, conductor, music editor, and teacher. His compositions cover a wide variety of genres, from symphonies to chamber and choral music, and include hymn tunes such as the SINE NOMINE used here as a setting for Shirley Erena Murray's text.

Give Thanks for Life (Ralph Vaughn Williams / Shirley Erena Murray)

1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days,

mortal, we pass through beauty that decays,
yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light
caught from the Christ-flame, bursting through the night,
who touched the truth, who burned for what is right,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

3 And for our own, our living and our dead,
thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
a love not changed by time or death or dread,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
lying in darkness does its life retain
in resurrection to grow green again,
Hallelujah, hallelujah!

Commissioning & Benediction

Online Postlude: When the Saints Go Marching In

All Saints always makes me think of the spiritual-turned-jazz-standard "When the Saints Go Marching In" – and who performs it better than the great Louis Armstrong?! This particular performance by Louis and his All Stars was recorded live at BBC Studios in 1968. I love how individual band members are acknowledged and have their own moments to shine during solos.

[Louis Armstrong - When The Saints Go Marching In \(Live At The BBC\)](#)