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Welcome and Prayer for the Evening

Anne Hough

This space is prepared for you;
the light of a candle,
 enough to chase away the darkness and light your way;
the vibrant colors of the stained-glass window,
 sufficient to brighten your duldest thoughts;
the gentle music that lingers in the heart,
 floats in the mind and soothes your worried brow;
the words and images that tease and probe,
 ease and encourage our journey in faith.
This moment and place are touched with the wonder of God.
Taste and see the blessings of God.

Prelude

How Can I Keep from Singing?

Lowry

Call to Worship

Taehwan Roh

Saints have gone before us and saints are with us now.
Ordinary people with generous hearts and listening ears.
Tough people with perceptive questions and passion for truth.
Holy ones who radiate love and embody compassion.
Saints before us and saints around us.
Let us worship and thank God
 for the ones who reflect holy light on our path.

Prayers of the People

Taehwan Roh

God of history and hope, how good you have been to us. You have given us great leaders and examples of faith and commitment. We thank you for the witness of our mothers and fathers in faith, past and present.

In every time and place, you have raised up women and men whose devotion and integrity have inspired others to follow you. We remember the great named saints in holy scripture, and those down through the ages, who have led and guided your people.

We thank you for those millions of disciples whose names are known only to you, who led their children, their neighbors, and their friends to follow you in faith. We especially thank you for the saints who have been our personal guides and encouragers on our own faith journeys.

Lord God, give us the desire and steadfast faith to be your willing witnesses and your helping hands in the places where we live and work. Continue the great heritage of faith through us, and our church, so many may come to know the power of your love.

We pray through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and all the saints in light. Amen.

Musical Response

Scripture Reading

Acts 8:26-38

Anne Hough

Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, "Get up and go toward the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza." (This is a wilderness road.) So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. Then the Spirit said to Philip, "Go over to this chariot and join it." So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, "Do you understand what you are reading?" He replied, "How can I, unless someone guides me?" And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him.

Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this:

"Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter,
and like a lamb silent before its shearer,
so he does not open his mouth.
In his humiliation justice was denied him.
Who can describe his generation?
For his life is taken away from the earth."

The eunuch asked Philip, "About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?" Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, "Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?" He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him.

Music for Meditation

I Sing a Song of the Saints of God

Hopkins

Message

Companions Along the Way

Anne Hough

Music for Reflection

For All the Saints

Trad. English

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Reading*For All the Saints***Taehwan Roh**

For all the saints who've shone your love
In how they live and where they move,
For mindful women, caring men,
Accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
Whose faith increased the Savior's fame,
Who sang your songs and shared your word,
Accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
And showed the kingdom coming still
Through selfless protest, prayer and praise,
Accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
Reflects the grace of heaven above,
Though unacclaimed by earthly powers,
Your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

Blessing**Anne Hough**

Let your lives witness to Christ's love,
Let your words bring reconciliation,
Let your thoughts be of peace,
Let your touch bring healing,
Let your actions count for justice,
Be a sign of hope and a beacon of joy,
Go and may God's blessing go with you.
Amen.

Postlude*You've Got a Friend***King**

Scripture quotations taken from The Holy Bible, New Revised Standard Version.

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