

# Welcome to Worship Sunday November 1, 2020

## All Saints' Day

*All Saints Day occurs on November 1st of each year; it is a significant religious date in the calendar celebrated by Christians in memory of those who have died. In the Methodist tradition All Saints' Day was a day where the church gave God 'solemn thanks' for the lives and deaths of the saints 'famous and obscure'. It is a time when we remember the 'communion of saints' and 'the cloud of witnesses' across the ages.*



All Saints Day 1, Wassily Kandinsky, 1911, Lenbachhaus, Munich



## Parramatta Mission Online Services Leigh Fijian Community

### HOLY COMMUNION

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During March-December 2020, Parramatta Mission is conducting 'live' worship services via Zoom. While we look forward to the day we can be joyfully present together physically, we are mindful of the many people we can best care for by worshipping online and at a 'safe' distance.

11.15am (Leigh Fijian Congregation) <https://uca-nswact.zoom.us/j/5450786355>

[Note - where there are highlighted words, there is no need to read the English.]

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Lali

Introit Keimami Vakamuduo

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Preparation and Acknowledgement    Vakavinavinakataki na Veiciqomi

Eda rokova ka vakananumi ira na wekada nai Taukei ni qele ena vanua eda sa mai tiko kina, kei ira na wekada na Torres Strait Islanders, ko ira era sa liu, era bula tiko ena gauna oqo kei ira era na muri mai.

Eda vakananuma na nodrai talanoa, nai i tovo kei na nodra i vakarau ni bula ko i ira nai taukei ni uma qele eda sa tiko kina oqo.

Eda vakananuma na veika rarawa era lako curuma ena gauna sa oti, ka so se lako curumi tiko ga ena oqo, ka da tu vata kei ira ena vakanuinui ni na ia na veisereki kei na veivakasaututaki.

Me da vakadeitaki keda ena cakacaka vata, me da veivuetai cake, ka vakanuinui ena veisiga vinaka ni mataka.

## Call to Worship

## NA SOQONI NI VAVKOSO

From Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times;  
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.  
<sup>2</sup> My soul makes its boast in the Lord;  
let the humble hear and be glad.  
<sup>3</sup> O magnify the Lord with me,  
and let us exalt his name together.  
<sup>4</sup> I sought the Lord, and he answered me,  
and delivered me from all my fears.;

Candle-lighting: Jesus is the Light of the World!

A candle is lit

## Opening Prayer

## Masi ni Vakacaucau

Jesus said: You are my friends.

God of all time, God of the past, the present, the future  
We gather in this here and now  
To worship you on this day;  
To once again listen for your Word to us;  
To hear again your words of forgiveness  
And your invitation to new life;  
God of this time, God of the past, present, the future  
We gather on-line  
In this strange time of masks, social distancing, constraints  
To once again here the call to live well.  
To be merciful and compassionate;  
To die well and leave this life in hope.  
God of all time. God of the past, present, the future  
We come together on this All Saints Days  
And celebrate the life and witness of those  
Who have gone before us.  
We worship you, God of Jesus Christ,  
In spirit and in truth, Amen.

God is Good

ALL THE TIME

All the Time

GOD IS GOOD

## Words from Scripture

Maciu (Matthew) 5:3-5

3 "Sa kalouvinaka o ira sa yalomalumumu ni sa nodra na matanitu vakalomalagi.

4 Sa kalouvinaka o ira sa dautagi, ni ra na vakacegui.

5 Sa kalouvinaka o ira sa yalomalua, ni ra na taukena na vanua.

Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted.

Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth.

## Hymn / Sere      Vei Jiova na Turaga

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## Prayer of Confession      Masu ni Vakatumusa:

Leader:      Me da sa masu mada:

Jesus said:      Come unto me all who are heavy laden.

Jesus said:      Do not let your hearts be troubled.

Jesus said:      Whatever you did to one of the least of these, you did to me.

Jesus said:      Follow me.

Jesus said:      No one who puts a hand to the plough and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.

All:      Christ Jesus, have mercy upon us.  
Forgive us for those times  
we turn our face away from you.  
Through your Spirit restore us.

## Assurance of Pardon      Na vakatusai ni sa bokoci na I valavala ca

Leader:      Receive this, the good news:

6 Sa kalouvinaka o ira sa via kania ka via gunuva nai valavala dodonu, ni ra na vakamamautaki.

7 Sa kalouvinaka o ira sa dauyalololoma, ni ra na lomani.

8 Sa kalouvinaka o ira sa savasava na yalodra, ni ra na raica na Kalou.

Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled.  
Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. (Matthew 5:6-8)

Jesus Christ came into the world,  
bringing the blessings of God for all touched by sin and pain.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.

All: Thanks be to God.

Passing of the Peace      NA VAKACEGU

Peace of the Christ be with you!  
**And also with you!**

Hymn / Sere      Halle, halle, hallelujah

Nodra Gauna na Gone      Learning Together

Who wants to be a saint?

GAUNA NI VEIWASEI [Sharing]

Bible Readings      NA WILIKI NI LESONI MAI NA I VOLA TABU

Meli and Vuli Donu

1 John 3:1-3  
Revelation 7:9-17

The word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

Oqori na vosa ni Turaga.  
Me vakavinavinakataki na Kalou.

Reflection      On Matthew 5:1-12 Emosi Rogoimuri

Sermon      SOLI VUNAU      Rev Dr Amelia Koh-Butler

'Rejoice and be glad, for yours is the kingdom of Heaven'

## A Creed

We are not alone, we live in God's world.  
We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating,  
who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,  
to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the Church:  
to celebrate God's presence,  
to live with respect in Creation,  
to love and serve others,  
to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone.  
Thanks be to God.

(from the United Church of Canada)

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## Offering SOLI KEI NA MASULAKI NI SOLI

An offering of our lives and the gifts for the work of the Christ  
Who bids us 'to go and do likewise'

## Prayers of the People Mele Dovibua

## Song for a time of Covid 19 (Michael Earl)

*We remember the fresh waves of virus in the Northern Hemisphere  
As the weather turns cooler for them*

### **In Gentle Witness**

1. In gentle witness, quiet hope,  
in myriad pilgrims yearning,  
the scattered church, her hymns subdued,  
goes on, to God, returning.

*With muffled songs of joy and praise,  
and muted bells still ringing,  
with hearts of faith, and strains of prayer,  
the voice of Christ is singing.*

2. In human cries, in darkened hours,  
in grief and lamentation,  
the Spirit's power draws ever near,  
to break the isolation.

*With muffled songs of joy and praise,  
and muted bells still ringing,  
with hearts of faith, and strains of prayer,  
the voice of Christ is singing.*

3. In wards of mercy, gowns of grace,  
a company of healing,  
the weak, with tender touch, attends,  
God's holy face revealing.

*With muffled songs of joy and praise,  
and muted bells still ringing,  
with hearts of faith, and strains of prayer,  
the voice of Christ is singing.*

4. In all the struggle, and the strife,  
as all the world's in hiding,  
the love of God makes no retreat,  
but ever is abiding.

*With muffled songs of joy and praise,  
and muted bells still ringing,  
with hearts of faith, and strains of prayer,  
the voice of Christ is singing.*

### Communion

The Lord be with you.

*And also with you*

VEI KEMUNI TALEGA

Lift up your hearts.

*We lift them to the Lord*

KEIMAMI SA LAVETA CAKE

YANI VEI KEMUNI

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

E DODONU MO NI ROKOVI KA KILIKILI MO NI DOKAI

We offer thanksgiving and adoration  
God the Creator of all.

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Blessed are you, Ruler of the Universe.

We see the sun and stars, the oceans and dry lands, the fish of the seas and the birds  
of the air. We hear music and hear poetry and we give thanks.

You created the people who have gone before us, those who shaped us and cared for  
us, those who taught us and walked before us, those who left us legacies of prophecy  
and culture and knowledge and story.

You authored the story and then entered into it as a human, living our life with us,  
teaching us the way and dying our death for us. Overcoming death, you made possi-  
ble a mystery - a promise - a hope - that nothing can prevent us from singing with the  
saints:

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord,

Donu, Donu, Donu,

God of power and might. oi kemuni na Kalou,

Heaven and earth Kalou kaukauwa duabau,

are full of your glory.

Sa sinai e lomalagi kei vuravura  
ena nomuni serau,

Hosanna in the highest!

Osana ki cake sara!

Blessed is the One who comes Sa kalougata ko koya sa lako

in the name of the Lord!

mai ena yaca ni Turaga!

Hosanna in the highest!

Osana ki cake sara!

And at Jesus' last meal with the disciples,

Our Lord took bread, blessed it and broke it.  
passed it among them saying:

Then he

This is my body, broken for you.  
Take and eat, and do this to remember me.

The bread is broken in the sight of the people.

Our Lord took the cup of wine and blessed it.  
passed it among them saying:

Then he

This is my blood shed for you.  
Take and drink, and do this to remember me.

The cup of wine is held up in the sight of the people.

And now we share from all of our tables, with those who feast with God in heaven, praying that one day we may be one and whole.

Spirit of God, bless us here, in our homes and among our families and friends, so that this bread and wine may become for us a sharing in Christ's body and blood.

Transform us into Christ's body on earth, so we may continue your work in the world until our time comes to return home to you. Amen.

The Sacrament is shared

Bread and wine: the gifts of God for the people of God.

Na madrai kei na waini: nai solisoli ni Kalou vei keda na tamata ni Kalou

### Prayer after Communion

We give thanks that this meal is a promise of heaven...

Kemuni na Kalou, vinaka vakalevu na nomuni vakavoui keimami tale e na nomuni i kanakana. E na nomuni loloma soli wale, ko ni sa vakani keimami e nai serau nei Karisito, na madrai ni bula, me rawa kina ni keimami wasea vata na bula.

### Sending out MASU KEI NA MASU NI VEIVAKALOU GATATAKI

For all Christ's friends whose lives this world have blessed,  
Who by their faith and action Christ confessed.  
We praise you Lord, the source of graciousness, Alleluia.

You were their hope their comfort, their delight;  
You helped them grow in wisdom and in might.  
In joy and pain you were there one true light. Alleluia

Like them may we have Christ-like caring ways,  
Lives lived with wonder, tenderness and praise,  
That we may live for others all our days. Alleluia. (Bill Wallace)

Surrounded as we are by so great a cloud of witnesses,  
We go forth in the love of God, the peace of Christ  
Ad the joy of the holy Spirit. Amen

Sere: FHB 238 238: Ni Raici Ira Mada Mai

[https://www.smule.com/recording/fijian-hymn-fhb-238-ni-raici-ira-mada-mai/2408437702\\_3679525462?fbclid=IwAR3Wq72tAvr5L3pl8A4WomO-oQvS6lzZq\\_TMPWOoP7vEWumPpZECI8ZMA-rw](https://www.smule.com/recording/fijian-hymn-fhb-238-ni-raici-ira-mada-mai/2408437702_3679525462?fbclid=IwAR3Wq72tAvr5L3pl8A4WomO-oQvS6lzZq_TMPWOoP7vEWumPpZECI8ZMA-rw)