

**A Service of Celebration & Remembrance**  
**Upper New York Annual Conference 2021**  
**June 18, 2021, 7:00 p.m.**

**Opening Litany**

based on Matthew 5:1-12, Written by Theresa Eggleston

“Blessed are the lacking in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are those who have lost someone during the pandemic, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the humble health workers, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for Justice, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are those who show love in the face of hate, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are those who do not seek manipulative motives, for they will see God.

“Blessed are those who seek to know why, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for others sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven,

for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

**Opening Music, Sing With All the Saints in Glory**

*Verse 1*

Sing with all the saints in glory

Sing the resurrection song

Death and sorrow earth's dark story

To the former days belong

All around the clouds are breaking

Soon the storms of time shall cease

In God's likeness we awaking

Know the everlasting peace

*Verse 2*

O what glory far exceeding

All that eye has yet perceived

Holiest hearts for ages pleading

Never that full joy conceived

God has promised Christ prepares it

There on high our welcome waits

Every humble spirit shares it

Christ has passed th'eternal gates

*Verse 3*

Life eternal heaven rejoices

Jesus lives who once was dead

Join we now the deathless voices

Child of God lift up your head

Patriarchs from the distant ages

Saints all longing for their heaven

Prophets psalmists seers and sages

All await the glory given

*Verse 4*

Life eternal O what wonders crowd on faith  
What joy unknown when  
Amidst earth's closing thunders  
Saints shall stand before the throne  
O to enter that bright portal  
See that glowing firmament  
Know with Thee O God Immortal  
Jesus Christ whom thou has sent

**A Word to the Families**, Bishop Webb

**Presentation of Scripture**, Matthew 5:1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

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

“Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

“Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

“Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

“Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

“Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

“Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.”

**Message**, “Standing in the Receiving Line,” The Rev. Bill Gottschalk-Fielding

**Music Offering**, Hymn of Promise

*Verse 1*

In the bulb there is a flower  
In the seed an apple tree  
In cocoons a hidden promise  
Butterflies will soon be free  
In the cold and snow of winter  
There's a spring that waits to be  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see

*Verse 2*

There's a song in every silence  
Seeking word and melody  
There's a dawn in every darkness  
Bringing hope to you and me  
From the past will come the future  
What it holds a mystery  
Unrevealed until its season

Something God alone can see

*Verse 3*

In our end is our beginning  
In our time infinity  
In our doubt there is believing  
In our life eternity  
In our death a resurrection  
At the last a victory  
Unrevealed until its season  
Something God alone can see

**Naming the Saints**

District Superintendents will read the names of the deceased. Candles are lighted in memory of each person. Family and friends are invited to stand with the reading of the name.

Norman A. Sabin, February 23, 2019  
Joseph E. Babcock, April 30, 2019  
Katherine Jeannine Wolfe, May 4, 2019  
Sandra L. Lasher, May 7, 2019  
Roscoe A. Knapp, May 15, 2019  
Emily Millbyer, June 1, 2019  
Gail L. Fuller, June 6, 2019  
Alice D. Cauvel, June 13, 2019  
Eldon D. Snyder, June 16, 2019  
David Do, June 24, 2019  
James E. Brown, July 5, 2019  
Harry Lloyd Stoll, July 6, 2019  
Donna Jean Young, July 9, 2019  
Judith A. Vogel, July 12, 2019  
Dorothy E. Lundgren, July 18, 2019  
Eunice Harris, August 3, 2019  
Joanne Vineyard, August 8, 2019  
S. Thom Scholten, August 11, 2019  
Elizabeth Priset, August 12, 2019  
Elizabeth Croop, August 20, 2019  
James Dill, September 1, 2019  
Phyllis Lange, September 18, 2019  
Robert S. Keller, October 10, 2019  
Robert A. James, October 30, 2019  
Milton T. Jefferson, November 10, 2019  
Rosemary T. Johnson, November 11, 2019  
Margarete Bishop, November 18, 2019  
Spencer G. Thompson, November 18, 2019  
Neil Lynn Arnold, December 7, 2019  
Virginia Magee, December 15, 2019  
Jeanne French, December 30, 2019  
Gilbert J. Pearson, December 31, 2019  
Calvin Babcock, January 22, 2020  
Lois R. Lum, January 24, 2020  
William Cotant, January 27, 2020

Barbara Jean Silk, January 30, 2020  
Harold A. Beaudry, February 1, 2020  
Eva Beeson, February 8, 2020  
Dylia L. Claydon, February 14, 2020  
Clara Bliss, February 20, 2020  
Terry Sue Wiliford, February 26, 2020  
Franklin Wood, February 26, 2020  
Janet Fitts, February 26, 2020  
Marion Winner, February 28, 2020  
Ruth Betty Shippee, March 9, 2020  
Robert D. Eldred, March 14, 2020  
Margaret Khoury, March 17, 2020  
Eunice Tabor, March 25, 2020  
Christopher R. Rhodes, March 28, 2020  
Ruth A. Rogers, April 11, 2020  
Bruce Fish, April 23, 2020  
Raoul J. Waters, May 2, 2020  
Gailey Carpenter, May 31, 2020  
Marcia C. Hill, June 5, 2020  
Paul Robert Darnell, June 6, 2020  
Herbert F. Hoskins, June 7, 2020  
Richard A. Breuninger, June 13, 2020  
Shirley M. Davidson, June 20, 2020  
Marian Webb, June 22, 2020  
Irwin Reist, June 27, 2020  
Marilyn C. Marks, July 2, 2020  
Duk J. Won, July 14, 2020  
Vivian Summerville, July 16, 2020  
Alice McCune, July 18, 2020  
George F. Miller, Jr. July 27, 2020  
Nancy Gail Wright Parr, August 5, 2020  
R. Brown Naik, August 15, 2020  
Calvin F. Zimmer, Sr., August 21, 2020  
Rodney D. Mileham, August 26, 2020  
Jeanette Kofahl, September 13, 2020  
Marian Lubba, September 14, 2020  
Hazel Lindsay, September 17, 2020  
Alice Goddard, September 29, 2020  
Eleanor Thomas, October 8, 2020  
Phyllis Wright, October 12, 2020  
Osceola Wharton, October 20, 2020  
Betty J. Taylor, October 20, 2020  
Barbara Gifford, October 24, 2020  
Barbara Hurd, October 26, 2020  
Janet Southcott, November 9, 2020  
Charles W. Nonnenberg, November 27, 2020  
Voight Archer, December 1, 2020  
Dora Jeanne Schneider, December 3, 2020  
Joanne Holdridge, December 14, 2020  
Jean M. Van Ornum, December 19, 2020  
Nancy Wilson, December 21, 2020

Lynn Bradley Havens, December 26, 2020  
Doris Smith, December 28, 2020  
Frank MacLaughlin, December 31, 2020  
Eugene Jensen, January 2, 2021  
Elizabeth Scandrol, January 5, 2021  
Paul Cauvel, January 8, 2021  
Gurney Gutekunst, Jr., January 10, 2021  
Lorraine Zimmerman, January 12, 2021  
Shirley H. Filiatreau, January 22, 2021  
Donald A. Easton, January 23, 2021  
Kaye Brown, January 28, 2021  
Norva McCracken, February 1, 2021  
Rose Warner, February 3, 2021  
George Holzhauer, March 6, 2021  
Loise George, March 9, 2021  
Joseph Degroote, March 29, 2021  
David Manly, March 30, 2021  
Donald R. Washburn, April 4, 2021  
Carol Andrae Moyer, April 8, 2021  
Thomas Wickett, April 11, 2021  
Wesley Rehberg, April 19, 2021  
Virginia Snyder, April 20, 2021  
Elaine Cichowski-Doupe, April 23, 2021  
Robert Leach, April 23, 2021

**Music Offering, The Blessing**

The Lord bless and keep you  
Make his face shine upon you and and be gracious to you  
The Lord turn his face toward you  
And give you peace.

May his favor be upon you and a thousand generations  
and your family and your children and their children and their children

May his presence go before you and behind you and beside you  
All around you and within you, He is with you, He is with you

In the morning, in the evening, in your coming and your going,  
In your weeping and rejoicing, he is for you, he is for you.

**Benediction, Bishop Webb**

**Postlude**

Sing With All the Saints in Glory  
(tune: Nedleton)

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Hymn of Promise

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The Blessing

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Nairobi O. Smith, lead; the Rev. Patrick Dupont; the Rev. Brian Lothrige; the Rev. Chad Sayers

Special thanks to anyone who helped with this service in any way.

To honor the difference and diversity in each experience and expression of God, the leadership involved in crafting this worship environment seeks to embody an expansive understanding of God in our language and music. For this reason we seek to use a wide range of images and names for God recognizing that our expression or description of God should not be limited to one image, gender, or culture. May you find yourself in the image of God in this place today.