

saturated age, of we who live and move and have our being in social media, and then, desperate for peace and rest, withdraw into privacy and silence, only to return” (Dr. Alan Jacobs, Distinguished Professor of Humanities, Baylor University). Talk about the contradictions that make you who you are.

Remembering on All Saints

During all saints Christians are called to remember and celebrate the saints who have gone before. We acknowledge that our saints were not always saintly. We don’t deny the fact that our saints were often exceedingly flawed. This, because the only kind of person that God can use is a flawed person. Calling them “saints” is not intended to gloss over the truth but as a confession and celebration of the grace that makes human participation in the mission of God possible. Response? Talk about the relationship between prayer and the mission of God.

Merton on the Contemplative Life

“The true contemplative is not one who prepares his mind for a particular message that he wants or expects to hear, but is one who remains empty because he knows that he can never expect to anticipate the words that will transform his darkness into light. He does not even anticipate a special kind of transformation. He does not demand light instead of darkness. He waits on the Word of God in silence, and, when he is “answered,” it is not so much by a word that bursts into his silence. It is by his silence itself, suddenly, inexplicably revealing itself to him as a word of great power, full of the voice of God.” Response?

Sacraments are Visible Words

Baptism is a sacrament therefore, a visible sign of invisible grace. The sacraments serve the Church as the unspoken voice of God. I told Evie Kratzsch that when she is baptized, if she is listening very carefully under the water, she might hear the voice of God say: “I Love You.” But then I said, she would have to listen with the ears of her heart. When you listen with the ears of your heart to God, what do you hear?

All-Saints Celebration Worship Begins at 10

Chili Cook Off

Sunday November 3 In the Gathering Place

Drinks and Baked Potato Bar provided

Prizes awarded for best Chili dishes

Bring: your prize winning chili (or side or dessert, if you like)

At the Cross Recovery Tonight @ 6:30PM

REMINDER: Church Elections Nov. 24th

Check your Church directory For new faces!

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Order of Worship
03 November 2019
All Saints Sunday

We Gather to Worship God

Prelude Music
Welcome
Call to Worship
Worship Reading

We Listen to the Scriptures

Pastoral Prayer
Offering
Sermon Series: They Teach Us How to Pray
Sermon Seven: Thomas Merton
Scripture Readings: 1 Kings 19.9b-13 and Matthew 3.13-17

We Come to the Table

Passing the Peace of Christ
Song of preparation
Prayer of Consecration
The Lord's Prayer
We Eat and Drink Together
Prayer of Thanksgiving

We Go to Live in the Reign of God

Community Life
Gossiping the Good Stuff
Doxology
Blessing and Sending

***If you are a guest with us today,
Please take time to fill out a
Connection Card as you leave.
Thank You!***

Please visit us on our website,
www.tablelifechurch.org for details of events.

Also you will find, Worship folders, Church Calendar, more about our
ministries and online giving.

COMING SOON

Nov 3 All-Saints Worship Service	10:00AM
Nov 3 All-Saints Chili Cook Off	12:30PM
Nov 3 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM
Nov 5 Church Board and Team Meetings	6:30PM
Nov 9 New Hope Blue Team	9:00AM
Nov 10 Market Street Breakfast Ministry	7:24AM
Nov 10 At the Cross Recovery	6:30PM

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Sermon Reflection Guide

1 Kings 19.9b-13

Then the word of the Lord came to him, saying, "What are you doing here, Elijah?" He answered, "I have been very zealous for the Lord, the God of hosts; for the Israelites have forsaken your covenant, thrown down your altars, and killed your prophets with the sword. I alone am left, and they are seeking my life, to take it away." He said, "Go out and stand on the mountain before the Lord, for the Lord is about to pass by." Now there was a great wind, so strong that it was splitting mountains and breaking rocks in pieces before the Lord, but the Lord was not in the wind; and after the wind an earthquake, but the Lord was not in the earthquake; and after the earthquake a fire, but the Lord was not in the fire; and after the fire a sound of sheer silence. When Elijah heard it, he wrapped his face in his mantle and went out and stood at the entrance of the cave. Then there came a voice to him that said, "What are you doing here, Elijah?"

Matthew 3.13-17

Then Jesus came from Galilee to John at the Jordan, to be baptized by him. John would have prevented him, saying, "I need to be baptized by you, and do you come to me?" But Jesus answered him, "Let it be so now; for it is proper for us in this way to fulfill all righteousness." Then he consented. And when Jesus had been baptized, just as he came up from the water, suddenly the heavens were opened to him and he saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and alighting on him. And a voice from heaven said, "This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased."

Question for Everyone:

(1) Like a duck I love all things aquatic. If a vacation doesn't include significant time in water, it's not a vacation. (10) I am hydrophobic. Like a vampire splashed with holy water, I am repelled by H₂O. Where are you on this "water" range? Ok, more seriously, tell your baptism story or share a fond or funny baptism memory.

Enjoying God

As a young Christian my primary motive for prayer was often about appeasing God so as to avoid hacking God off. This, because I was introduced to a compulsively angry and rather vindictive God as a young boy. Now, my primary motive isn't to appease God but to enjoy God. Prayer is the means through which Christians enjoy God. What would have to change if your praying life was primarily about enjoying God?

Fear

Some resist silence because they are afraid; afraid of what they might hear when face to face with oneself or, even more sobering, afraid that they will hear nothing at all. Response? What silent practices have been most helpful to you for promoting inner stillness so as to hear the Divine?

They Teach Us How to Pray

St. Benedict of Nursia, St. Ignatius of Loyola, St. Teresa of Avila, Brother Lawrence, John Wesley, or George Mueller: Which saint has been most helpful to your formation in prayer? What was it about this ancestor that has been helpful?

Thomas Merton

"Thomas Merton committed most of his adult life to seeking an unqualified, immediate, self-authenticating encounter with God, but, because he never found it, he wrote endlessly about that search—and loved both the writing and the attention that it gave him. He was his contradictions: the person in motion who seeks stillness; the monk who wants to belong to the world; the famous person who wants to be unknown. Merton is perhaps the proper patron saint of our information-