

### Words of Thanks

The *Sanctuary Choir* for your commitment and inspiring singing.

#### *First Met Choral Scholars*

Annalysa Tylor and Amber Dayton

#### *Candlelighters*

Edeana Malcolm, Tony Subtil, Irene Moore and Nathan Homb

#### *First Met Ministerial, Office and Custodial Staff*

Shelagh MacKinnon, Katya Rummyantseva, Bruce Davies and Fiona Weber

#### *Members of the Music Committee*

Mary Byrne (chair), Judith Swanston, Gordon Larsen and Sharon Stennes

#### *Communications Team*

David Bray, Joan Mason, and Ryan Lee

#### *Audio Visual Team*

Trison Nguyen, Ryan Lee and Joan Mason

Joan Mason and Kelly Charlton for Sanctuary Preparation

### NEW ADVENT RECITALS!!!

A series of soul-refreshing short recitals presented by past and current First Met Choral Scholars during the season of Advent. Available soon through our website.

### UPCOMING SPECIAL SERVICES AT FIRST MET

#### **Online Family Service Thurs. 24th December, 4:30 pm**

An online service for the whole family telling the Christmas story through spoken word, music and drama. Compiled from video clips, be inspired by moments of reverence, tenderness, laughter... and even a little chaos.

#### **Carols in the Candlelight Thurs. 24th December, 7:30 pm**

A candlelit service of traditional readings, choral music and congregational carol singing. A great way to bring in Christmas! Plan to watch this virtual presentation, you'll be glad you did.

#### **Christmas Day Message 11:00 am**

"We Have Seen His Glory"

Our Christmas Celebration with  
The Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon

# LET NOT YOUR HEART BE TROUBLED

A SERVICE OF REMEMBRANCE AND CELEBRATION  
DURING THE ALL SAINTS-ALL SOULS SEASON

*Streamed 1st Nov. 11 AM*



*with*

*THE SANCTUARY CHOIR and GUEST MUSICIANS*



*All proceeds benefit  
the  
Music Bursary Fund*

Welcome

Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon

### Lighting the Christ Candle

#### Candlelighting Procedure Explained

For those who have made dedications, please light your candle (at home or wherever you are) at the point where your dedication appears in the program. If you are new to this service and would like to light a candle, please feel free to do so at any point that feels comfortable for you. All are welcome. For ease of flow and appropriate ambiance, this service will proceed unannounced.

Hymn *Put Peace Into Each Others' Hands* Kaan/Klusmeier

#### Prayer

“In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.”  
So we affirm in our creed, and so today, with intention and compassion, we turn our thoughts to those who have influenced our lives, our communities and our world through their living, and whose influence lives on, beyond their dying. As we have been blessed by them, so we take time today to bless them with our gratitude, and our intention to let our light shine in the world, as they have done. As we gather today, we acknowledge the never-ending circle of the joys of birth, life and re-birth to eternal life.  
Amen.

Choir: *Here I Am, Lord* D.L. Schutte

Warm thoughts. Dale Rolston

In loving memory of Penny Denoon, a beloved sister and friend. Missed by so many of us. Jacquie Henderson

In gratitude for my husband, David, and son, Allan. Always loved and never forgotten. Marion Denton

Warm thoughts. Edeana Malcolm

Choir: *Blest Are They* Haas

In memory of my grandmother, Taketu, my dad, Gedlu, my brother, Azanaw, my niece, Rahel and my nephew, Bruk. Hiwot Nigussie

Warm thoughts. Sharron Higgins

In memory of my parents, Art and Irene Charlton, and my older brother, Art Charlton, Jr. Kelly Charlton

Warm thoughts. Ann Maffey

In gratitude for my sister-in-law, Alana, may she find peace in her struggle to cope with her loss. Kelly Charlton

Hymn *Shall We Gather at the River* R.S. Lowry  
Annalysa Tylor, song leader

In memory of my aunt, Dorothy Murdoch, who died in 2016, aged 95. Her only memorial service request for many years prior to her passing (and often mentioned) was to have ‘Shall We Gather at the River’ sung. I still miss her sense of humour. Anne Sikstrom

In memory of Ruth and Cecil Chatfield. A special thank you to our parents for their love, example and support. Donna Vaesen and Shirley Chatfield

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A Word of Blessing Rev. Shelagh MacKinnon

Postlude *Elegy* E. Thiman

**Organ Solo:**        *The Lord's My Shepherd*                      A. Rowley  
                                 Kelly Charlton, organ

In memory of my parents, Douglas and Edythe Marson. Many years have passed but they are still in my heart.                      Marion Denton

In gratitude for the friendship of Jim Oleson. Jim died on 4th August, 2020, finishing his cycle of life. He has left us to continue our part; to mourn the losses, to write the pages, to teach the message, to help the needy, to seek the good, to eat the caramel sundae and enjoy life.                      Earl and Alva Jensen

In memory of Karen Jensen and Jim Oleson; two kind and gentle souls who are greatly missed.                      Moira Nasim

In loving memory of my beloved husband, Mike. Always in my thoughts.                      Irene Moore

In memory of Melville and Alice Jenks, and John and Viola Dambroug, parents, respectively of Leonard and Diana Jenks.                      L and D. Jenks

**Choir:**                *The Peace of the Earth*                      J.L. Bell

In memory of a very special woman and a wonderful friend, Ida Goodreau.                      Carol and Shelagh MacKinnon

In memory of Dr. Tom and Janet Saunders and Dr. Katsumi Matsuo, who nurtured us in love and faith.                      Alan Saunders and Megumi Matsuo Saunders

In memory of Anton, Erika, Joshua and Lennon.                      Joan Mason

#### Prayer

God of the ages,  
**We praise you for all your servants who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with their God.**  
We praise you for all who have sought your new creation, and who, by their steadfast faith have shown discipleship in Jesus Christ.  
**We praise you for those we have known and loved, and pray that we, with them may follow in the way of Christ.**  
And, at the last, dwell in your holy city, sharing the inheritance of the saints in light, through our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

**Piano Solo:**        *Adagio(from Pathétique Sonata)*                      L.van Beethoven  
                                 Amber Dayton, piano

In gratitude for my children and grandchildren.                      Catherine Rubincam

In gratitude for the 50 years of Karen Jensen's life, and the comfort given by her cat, Ginger. Remembering our lovely daughter who died on 21st July, 2019. We miss her loving presence and courageous spirit. Her cat, Ginger, has now joined her.                      Earl and Alva Jensen

In memory of my friend, Doris Steinhold, who died in September, and in gratitude for our friendship and world travel together.                      Pat Davey

In gratitude for my spouse, Gerald, and his support during the pandemic.                      Andrea Dillabough

In memory of Enid Krause - always remembered. The piano was one of her first loves.                      The Krause Clan

In memory of my grandparents, Roy, Mary, Lisa and Richard. My Canadian grandparents taught me to play bridge; my Swiss grandparents introduced me to chocolate.                      Liane Clark

#### Prayer

God of life and death, and life beyond death,  
**Listen to your children praying.**  
In the stories and songs, the tears and laughter,  
**Listen to your children praying.**  
In the deep, calm breaths, in the rapid beats of a fearful heart,  
**Listen to your children praying.**  
In each moment, in every moment,  
**Listen to your children praying.**  
And let us know that you are present, all ways and always.  
**In Jesus' name we ask it. Amen.**

**Choir:**                *They Shall Be Blessed*                      S. Quartel

In memory of Don Duke.                      Larry and Mona McGill

Warm thoughts.                      Marie McKee

## Prayer

Creator God, you have known us forever.  
From before we came to be, through our lives,  
and beyond our deaths, you love us with a never-ending love.  
As we remember your saints who are with you,  
through death, help us to celebrate life, and love, and hope  
and wonder. **In Christ's name. Amen.**

**Vocal Solo:** *At the River* A. Copland  
Annalysa Tylor, soprano  
Kelly Charlton, piano

In memory of our son, Ronald WD Thurbide, and in gratitude  
for his life. Cam and Eileen Thurbide

In memory of our wonderful parents, Bernie and Lorna Porter.  
Brenda and Gloria Porter

**Choir:** *Come To the Water* J. Foley

To all those at First Met who have lost a loved one during the pandemic,  
and have been unable to hold a public Celebration of Life, and to sing  
together with family and friends. Prayer Connections Team

In memory of my nephew, David Freeman, who died on October 29, 2019,  
aged 50. He lived life to the full. Anne Sikstrom

In memory of John Smillie, a brother and uncle. Caryl and Stephanie Oja

In memory of my brother, John Smillie, who died in January.  
Pat Davey  
In memory of Dave Armstrong, a loving husband, father, son, uncle  
and friend. Deeply loved and missed. Diane Armstrong

For all the saints and great souls past, and to all those we miss during  
these pandemic times. David Bray

## Prayer

God of the bright light, God of the warm dark,  
**God of the places in between.**  
Thank you for holding us close in our celebrations  
**And in our commemorations.**  
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Open us to your cloud of witnesses.  
**Open us to your saints.**  
Open us to the people who pour your love  
into this hurting world.  
**Open us to those who hold us close in faith. Amen.**

## The Saints We Celebrate

**Flute Solo:** *Meditation from Thais* Massenet  
Mary Byrne, flute  
Kelly Charlton, piano

Warm thoughts. Linden Holmen

In memory of my beloved parents, Richard Cobb Jett and Linda Lou Soto.  
I miss you so much! Mary Byrne

**Choir:** *Far Beyond* Liam Lawton

In memory of Danny Schupbach, cherished grandson of Larry and  
Mona McGill. Larry and Mona McGill

In loving memory of our parents. Jim and Shelia Anderson

## Prayer

Each of us lives a life. Sometimes that life is short in years.  
Sometimes that life spans many decades.  
**But long or short, each life is filled with moments.**  
Moments of wonder. **Moments of hope.**  
Moments of laughter. **Moments of peace.**  
Moments of love. **Moments of God.**  
We are gathered today to remember the moments, and the  
people who lived them. **Our ancestors, ourselves.**  
That great cloud of witnesses, all God's saints.  
**With our remembering, with our songs, let us praise God.**