

Welcome

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COME IN. SIT DOWN. RELAX.

BREATHE SLOWER.

PLAY A GAME.

COLOR A PICTURE.

LIGHT SOME CANDLES.

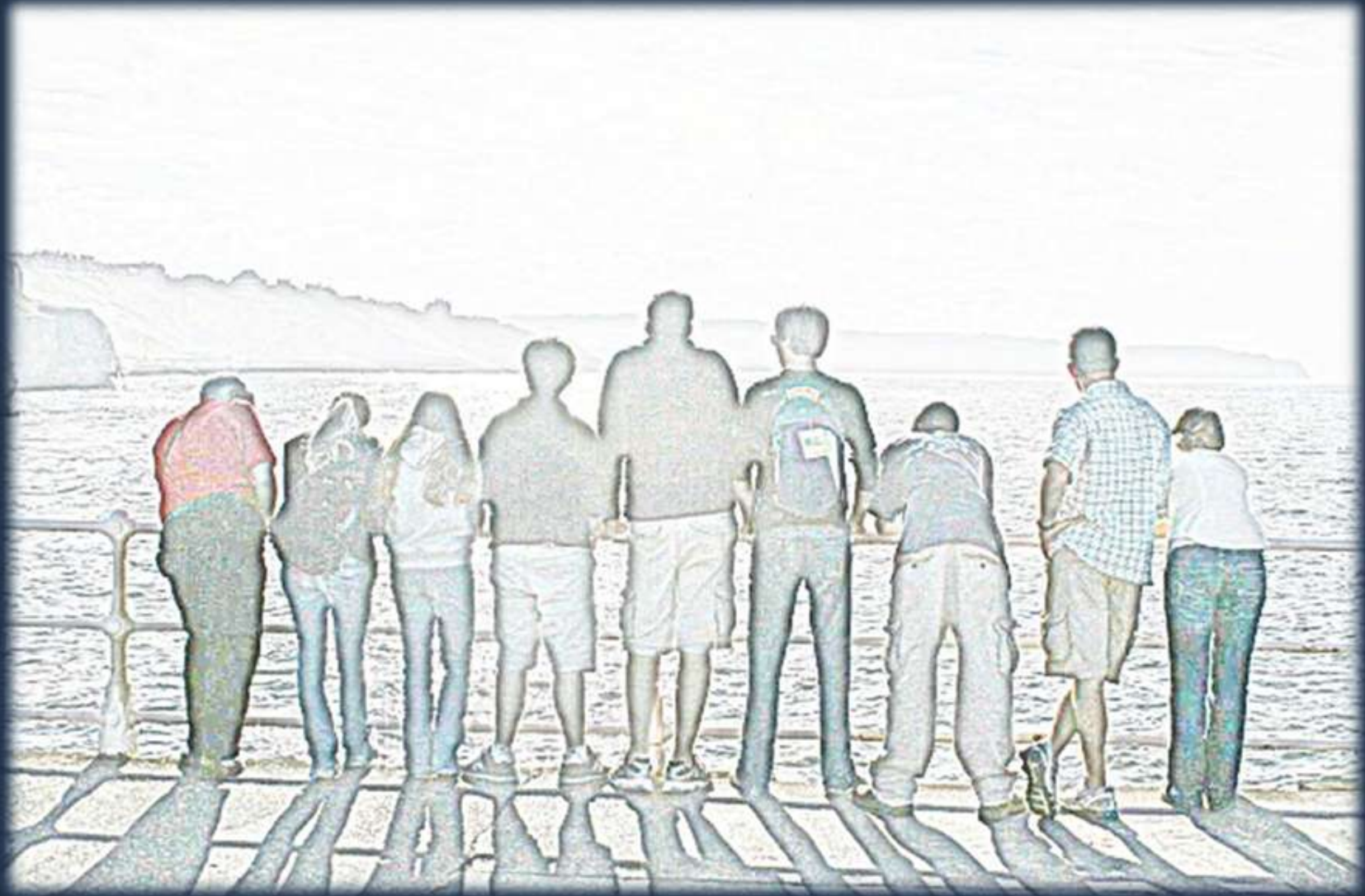
PLAY SOME 9 SQUARE.

HANG ON THE COUCH.

YOU'RE HERE. THIS IS GOOD.

THIS IS YOUR HOLY PAUSE.

Living on the Edge of Heaven and Earth.



We are a community of seekers trying *live life with God* in this world
Through unlocking the gates of Heaven.

The Invitatory

all Saints day feast.
BECAUSE WE ALL HAVE



And we're all called to be one.



Grace and Peace and Light...

God is here in this place.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.



*All that I am, Lord,
I place into your hands.

*All that I do, Lord,
I place into your hands.

*Everything I work for,
I place into your hands.

*Everything I hope for,
I place into your hands.



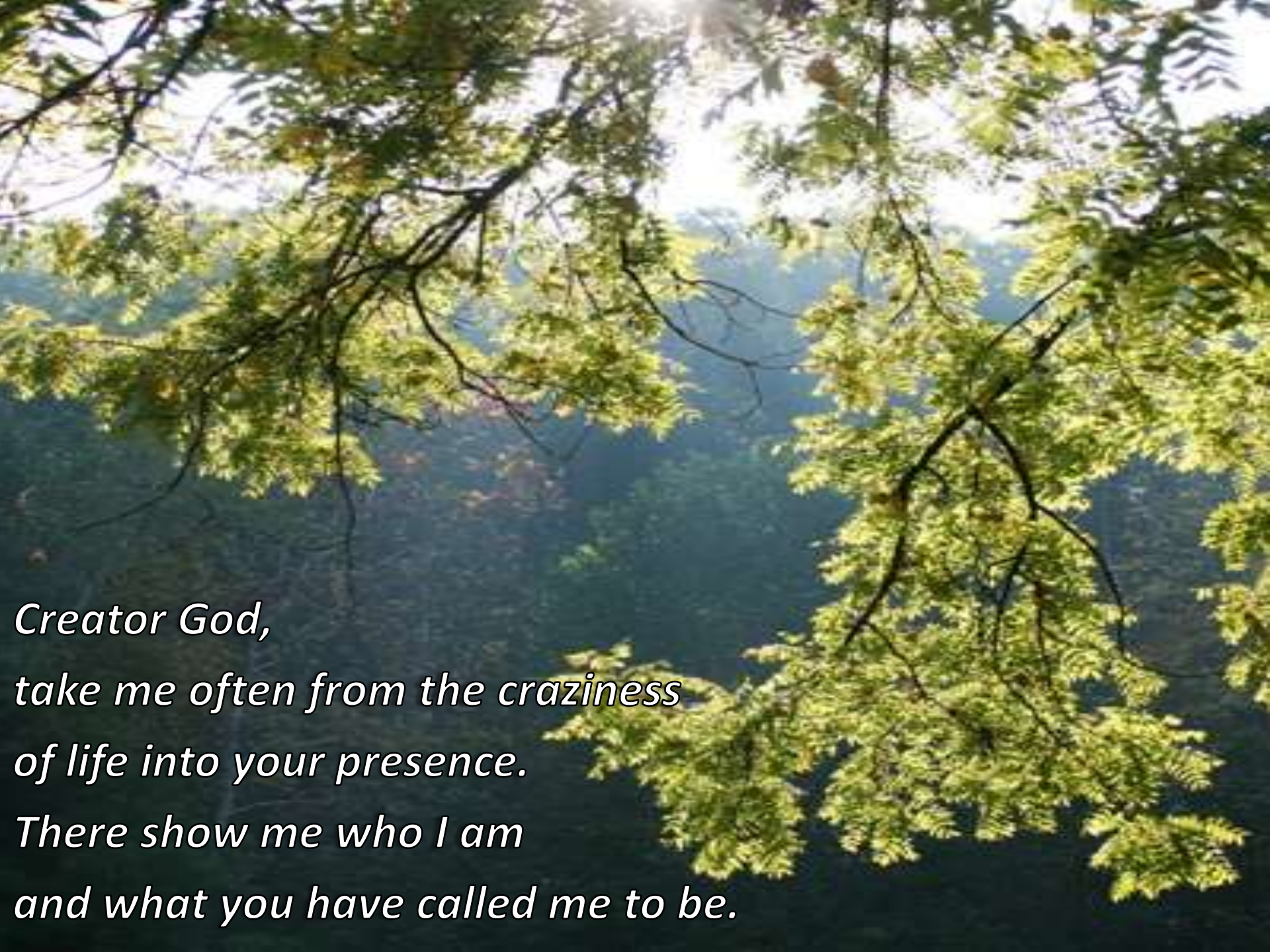
*The troubles that weary me,
I place into your hands.

*The thoughts that disturb me,
I place into your hands.

*Each that I pray for,
I place into your hands.

*Each that I care for,
I place into your hands.





*Creator God,
take me often from the craziness
of life into your presence.
There show me who I am
and what you have called me to be.*

A collage of Star Wars Jedi characters, including Obi-Wan Kenobi, Yoda, and others, holding glowing lightsabers. The Jedi Order symbol is prominently displayed in the center background.

The Versicle: Letting God speak

Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus, the founder and perfector of our faith

From the Letter to the Hebrews 12:1-2

Step out of the traffic....



What are you stepping out of? What are you stepping towards
What is it you seek from God this evening?



Ask God to give you what it is you seek this evening.

For the next two hours, cease striving and step out of the traffic.
Step out of the traffic and take a long loving look at God.
For the next two hours
Just **BE STILL** and **KNOW GOD IS HERE.**
Just be still and know **GOD...**



THE LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

An Ancient Prayer : *joining the prayers of all those who have gone before us.*

The Phos Hilaron: one of the earliest surviving Christian hymns (3rd c.)


O' joyous light, pure brightness of the ever living Father in Heaven, O Jesus Christ holy and blessed. Now as we come to the setting of the sun and our eyes behold the Vesper light, we sing your praises O God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices, O' Son of God, O' Giver of Life and to be glorified through all the worlds.

Being Thankful

Holy, holy, holy Lord
God of power and might.
Heaven and Earth are full of your Glory.
Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

communion:

on this journey together.



LET'S

FEAST!

Just like the early church did around the TABLE ...

The Searching

Hearing God's invitation:

**"ASK AND IT WILL BE GIVEN TO YOU;
SEEK AND YOU WILL FIND; KNOCK AND THE
DOOR WILL BE OPENED TO YOU. FOR
EVERYONE WHO ASKS RECEIVES; HE WHO
SEEKS FINDS; AND TO HIM WHO KNOCKS,
THE DOOR WILL BE OPENED.**

-FROM THE GOSPEL OF MATTHEW, CHAPTER 7, VS 7-8



Finding a posture of seeking.

Open my eyes...

Release my mind...

Clear my ears...

Fill my mouth...

Stretch my hands...

Ground my body...

Stir my life...



Almighty God, by your Holy Spirit you have made us one with your faithful in heaven and on earth: Grant that in our earthly pilgrimage we may always be supported by this fellowship of love and prayer, and know ourselves to be surrounded by their witnesses to your power and mercy. Lord grant also that in following the example of your saints, we may live holy and godly lives dedicated to serve you and live to your glory through Jesus Christ our Lord who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God now and forever. Amen.



Worship is...

Anything that brings delight to God
Anything that makes God smile



a practice for all saints day,

**THIS IS A FEAST ...
AND FEAST IS THE CHURCH WORD
FOR PARTY!!!!!!**

PARTY GAMES!!!!!!



all Saints day.

because we all have heroes

The saints, The friends of God

THE COMMUNION OF SAINTS:

ALL THOSE WHO HAVE GONE BEFORE US;

ALL THOSE WITH US;

AND ALL THOSE WHO WILL COME AFTER US.





Canonizing Saints.

**Remembering all those who have
gone before us.**

Peter Speaks in Solomon's Porch.

¹¹The man threw his arms around Peter and John, ecstatic. All the people ran up to where they were at Solomon's Porch to see it for themselves. ¹²⁻

¹⁶When Peter saw he had a congregation, he addressed the people: "Oh, Israelites, why does this take you by such complete surprise, and why stare at us as if our power or piety made him walk? The God of Abraham and Isaac and Jacob, the God of our ancestors, has glorified his Son Jesus. The very One that Pilate called innocent, you repudiated. You repudiated the Holy One, the Just One, and asked for a murderer in his place. You no sooner killed the Author of Life than God raised him from the dead—and we're the witnesses. Faith in Jesus' name put this man, whose condition you know so well, on his feet—yes, faith and nothing but faith put this man healed and whole right before your eyes.

17-18" And now, friends, I know you had no idea what you were doing when you killed Jesus, and neither did your leaders. But God, who through the preaching of all the prophets had said all along that his Messiah would be killed, knew exactly what you were doing and used it to fulfill his plans.

19-23" Now it's time to change your ways! Turn to face God so he can wipe away your sins, pour out showers of blessing to refresh you, and send you the Messiah he prepared for you, namely, Jesus. For the time being he must remain out of sight in heaven until everything is restored to order again just the way God, through the preaching of his holy prophets of old, said it would be. Moses, for instance, said, 'Your God will raise up for you a prophet just like me from your family. Listen to every word he speaks to you. Every last living soul who refuses to listen to that prophet will be wiped out from the people.'

24-26" All the prophets from Samuel on down said the same thing, said most emphatically that these days would come. These prophets, along with the covenant God made with your ancestors, are your family tree. God's covenant-word to Abraham provides the text: 'By your offspring all the families of the earth will be blessed.' But you are first in line: God, having raised up his Son, sent him to bless you as you turn, one by one, from your evil ways."



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Canonizing Saints.

**Remembering all those who are
with us now – two fold.**

1-2 When Jesus saw his ministry drawing huge crowds, he climbed a hillside. Those who were apprenticed to him, the committed, climbed with him. Arriving at a quiet place, he sat down and taught his climbing companions. This is what he said:

3"You're blessed when you're at the end of your rope. With less of you there is more of God and his rule.

4"You're blessed when you feel you've lost what is most dear to you.

Only then can you be embraced by the One most dear to you.

5"You're blessed when you're content with just who you are—no more, no less.

That's the moment you find yourselves proud owners of everything that can't be bought.

6"You're blessed when you've worked up a good appetite for God.

He's food and drink in the best meal you'll ever eat.

7"You're blessed when you care.

At the moment of being 'care-full,' you find yourselves cared for.

8"You're blessed when you get your inside world—your mind and heart—put right.

Then you can see God in the outside world.

9"You're blessed when you can show people how to cooperate instead of compete or fight.

That's when you discover who you really are, and your place in God's family.

10"You're blessed when your commitment to God provokes persecution.

The persecution drives you even deeper into God's kingdom.

11-12"Not only that—count yourselves blessed every time people put you down or throw you out or speak lies about you to discredit me. What it means is that the truth is too close for comfort and they are uncomfortable. You can be glad when that happens—give a cheer, even!—for though they don't like it, I do! And all heaven applauds. And know that you are in good company. *My prophets and witnesses have always gotten into this kind of trouble.*



Canonizing Saints.

**Remembering all those who are
with us now – two fold.**

- 1. Stars**
- 2. Our community here.**



Canonizing Saints.

**Remembering all those who will
Come after us**



¹I saw Heaven and earth new-created. Gone the first Heaven, gone the first earth, gone the sea. ²I saw Holy Jerusalem, new-created, descending resplendent out of Heaven, as ready for God as a bride for her husband.

³⁻⁵I heard a voice thunder from the Throne: "Look! Look! God has moved into the neighborhood, making his home with men and women! They're his people, he's their God. He'll wipe every tear from their eyes. Death is gone for good—tears gone, crying gone, pain gone—all the first order of things gone."

The Enthroned continued, "Look! I'm making everything new. Write it all down—each word dependable and accurate."

⁶⁻⁸Then he said, "It's happened. I'm A to Z. I'm the Beginning, I'm the Conclusion.!"






Canonizing Saints.

**Remembering all those who will
Come after us**





Behold bless the Lord all you servants of the Lord
Who stand by night in the house of the Lord

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
And bless the Lord.

May the Lord bless you from Zion
He who made heaven and earth.

Lift up your hands in the sanctuary
And bless the Lord.

Psalm 134

Benediction:

May you go out into the world unafraid and in peace knowing that you are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses and that you live in presence of those witnesses. May you be encouraged by the saints who have gone before us and may you be strengthened by the saints who surround you here in this room. And may you go forth and BE the saint you've been called to be so that those who come after you will have footprints to guide their way.

