

Resources for Worship - All Saints

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Why not try All Saints' Day cupcakes



There are a variety of pre-printed pictures of saints you can buy online for this (mainly with a Catholic slant), but why not make your own or stick photos of your congregation on the cakes to demonstrate a different theological interpretation.

For a really evocative, accessible sonnet on the unseen saints in our congregations, go to <https://malcolmguite.wordpress.com/2012/11/02/a-last-beatitude/>

A last Beatitude by Malcolm Guite

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Some alternative words of dismissal for All Saints' Day

God's people have celebrated all that God has done,
from creation,
to the cross,
to the saints who have lived among us.
Now we go from this place
to the work place,
the home place,
the market place;
every place living as God's own people.
For all the saints, who from their labours rest, let us go and
labour for the rest of our lives
In the name of Christ. Amen.



This is a picture entitled 'The Communion of saints' by Ira Thomas.

It seems to be copyright free

http://www.catholicworldart.com/gallery_ii_1.html

A very brief outline for a possible Gathering and Liturgy of the Word on All Saints' Day

- Greeting and NT reading
- Welcome and explanation of worship
- Opening hymn whilst everyone gathers around the font, each with a small unlit candle.
- Confession, absolution and Collect at the font.
- Sing, light candles, and process following cross to centre of church for Gospel
- Sit for sermon etc.

This emphasizes in a practical way that all saints receive the Holy Spirit through baptism and our calling is to follow the light of Christ, proclaiming Good News.

Have you considered using a **Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God?** (In Times and Seasons p558)

This works really well when read by one or two voices whilst the congregation receive communion.