

In our Church tradition, the month of November is a time for remembering those who have died. We remember our family members and friends. We remember those we read about in the papers and hear about on the news, those whose timeless deaths, whose tragic deaths, touch our hearts.

In a special way at all our Liturgies this weekend we remember our parishioners and our parishioner's loved ones who died this past year. During the prayer of the faithful the names of our deceased parishioners will be read as their loved ones bring forth a flower in their name.

The gospel reading for today is the Beatitudes from Matthew's Gospel – a passage assuring all of God's blessing. More than ever, we are asked to en flesh these words and live them. For our time and place, let us be meek, merciful and just, clean of heart, and peace makers.

As we gather together as a community of faith, one in our belief, one in our hope, let us hold in our hearts all who have died with the hope of rising again...May they know the peace and joy of life in the Risen Christ...And may we who remember them be strengthened in our faith and renewed in our hope. May we live as God's blessing for our world.