

Holy Communion

All Saints' Sunday

November 1st 2020

WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.
and also with you.

HYMN: There is a Redeemer

PREPARATION

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.
**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.**
Amen.

(we sit or kneel)

CONFESSION

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith. *Hebrews 12.1*

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

May the Father forgive *us* by the death of his Son
and strengthen *us* to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days. **Amen.**

GLORIA *(please stand)*

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

COLLECT – *the special prayer for All Saints' Sunday*

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,
that we may truly worship you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 John 3:1-3

3 ¹ See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ² Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³ And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

THE GOSPEL Matthew 5:1-12 *please stand*

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light. *(1 Peter 2.9)*

All **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴ "Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵ "Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth. ⁶ "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled. ⁷ "Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. ⁸ "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ "Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ¹¹ "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON

CREED *please stand*

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION *(please sit or kneel)*

To the bidding Lord, in your mercy

Please respond **Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE *(please stand)*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who
were far off and those who were near. *Ephesians 2.19,17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

MUSIC as table is prepared

Once the table is prepared, we say together:

**Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;**

for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you and of your own do we give you.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.



The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup

and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of Nicholas and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
**Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread**

As the bread is broken we say:

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

SHARING OF COMMUNION

All are welcome to come forward to receive. Please follow the one-way system as directed. At present we are only sharing the bread, receiving from a single point at the front, where you may remove your mask in order to receive.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter
by sending us your Holy Spirit
and opening to every race and nation
the way of life eternal;
open our lips by your Spirit,
that every tongue may tell of your glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

NOTICES

BLESSING

May God, who kindled the fire of his love
in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them
in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

HYMN **For all the saints who've shown your love**

DISMISSAL

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**