

All Saints Sunday

Holy Communion

Sunday 31st October 2021

Gathering Hymn

Please stand as we sing.

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confess,
thy name, O Jesus,
be forever blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear -
their one true light.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O blest communion, fellowship divine,
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee,
for all are thine.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But, lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory
passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father,
Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

Welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

**All Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Confession

Jesus calls us to lives of holiness
that we may reflect his light, yet only too often
we fail to live up to our calling.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
yet also knowing his mercy and love,
let us ask for his forgiveness.

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria

**All Heaven is open wide,
and Christ in glory stands,
with all authority endowed
and set at God's right hand.
Above a world of noise
extends his reign of peace
and all the Saints of God proclaim:
'his Kingdom never cease!'**

**Heaven is open wide,
and perfect love we see
in God's eternal self revealed:
the blessed Trinity.
Christ for his Saints has prayed,
that we may all be one,
and share the triune grace whereby
creation was begun.**

**Heaven is open wide,
and Christ in glory stands:
The Source and End, the First and Last,
with justice in his hands.
Let all the thirsty come
where life is flowing free,
and Christ, in splendour yet unknown,
our morning star will be.**

Proclamation of the Saints

Here is a saying that we can rely on:

If we have died with Christ,

All then we shall live with him.

If we hold firm,

All then we shall reign with him.

We may be unfaithful,

All but he is always faithful.

This is the good news of Christ.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

2 Timothy

Collect

Almighty God,

you have knit together your elect

in one communion and fellowship

in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints

in all virtuous and godly living,

that we may come to those inexpressible joys

that you have prepared for those who truly love you;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,

who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,

one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Revelation 21

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying,

‘See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them;

they will be his peoples,

and God himself will be with them;

he will wipe every tear from their eyes.

Death will be no more;

mourning and crying and pain will be no more,

for the first things have passed away.’

And the one who was seated on the throne said, ‘See, I am making all things new.’ Also he said, ‘Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.’

Then he said to me, ‘It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it,
the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas,
and established it on the rivers.

All The earth is the Lord’s and all that is in it.

Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?

And who shall stand in his holy place?

Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,
and do not swear deceitfully.

They will receive blessing from the Lord,
and vindication from the God of their salvation.
Such is the company of those who seek him,
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

All The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is the King of glory?
The Lord, strong and mighty,
the Lord, mighty in battle.

All The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it.

Lift up your heads, O gates!
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!
that the King of glory may come in.
Who is this King of glory?

All The Lord of hosts is the King of glory.

Gospel

**All The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him,
'Lord, if you had been here, my brother Lazarus would not have died.'

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said,
'Where have you laid him?'

They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!'

But some of them said,
'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.'

Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him,
'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.'

Jesus said to her,
'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?'

So they took away the stone.
And Jesus looked upwards and said,
'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.'

When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice,
'Lazarus, come out!'

The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them,
'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Creed

Do you believe and trust
in God the Father?

**All We believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust
in his Son Jesus Christ?

**All We believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge
the living and the dead.**

Do you believe and trust
in the Holy Spirit?

**All We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers

United in the company of all saints of every nation and of every tongue, let us offer our prayers to God.

‘Send us, Lord,
to proclaim the coming of your kingdom.’

Heavenly Father, you sent your Son to bring good news to the poor, sight to the blind, freedom to captives, help to the oppressed and salvation to your people: Empower us to speak up for the overlooked, the forgotten and the powerless. We pray for the many people who have left their country, their family, friends and home, in search of a better life. We call them migrants, but to you Lord, they are your children.

Father, by your Spirit,

All may your Kingdom come and your will be done.

‘Send us, Lord,
to tell the world of your healing love.’

We pray for your church, we thank you that we have millions of Christian brothers and sisters across the world. Inspire us all to celebrate the variety of your church, to live in unity and above all things, to use our earthly lives to make Jesus known. Bless the leaders of the church and bless most especially your church where it is persecuted and in danger.

Father, by your Spirit,

All may your Kingdom come and your will be done.

‘Send us, Lord,
to those who mourn that they may know life in you.’

We pray for those whose hearts are weighed down with difficulty and have reached the point of desperation. As we look at the world around us, we see so many advances in technology and living, and yet so many are lonely, in debt, addicted and damaged. Transform our communities and workplaces, that they may be filled with your Holy Spirit.

Father, by your Spirit

All may your Kingdom come and your will be done.

'Send us, Lord,
to proclaim that you are near to your people.'
We pray for the weak and the sick,
especially those people we have promised to pray for...
And Father, for those people who do not know
what prayer is, who have no hope in their hearts
and no one to pray for them.

Father, by your Spirit

All may your Kingdom come and your will be done.

Lord of the Saints,
hear all our prayers,

**All and make us one in mind and heart
to serve you
in Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

Hymn

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,
their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

Some march with events, to turn them God's way;
some need to withdraw, the better to pray;
some carry the gospel through fire and through flood:
our world is their parish: their purpose is God.

Rejoice in those saints, unpraised and unknown,
who bear someone's cross, or shoulder their own:
they shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:
what patience in caring, what courage is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days!
A world without saints forgets how to praise.
in loving, in living, they prove it is true:
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.

Rejoice in God's saints, whose legends and deeds
speak clear words of hope for those in great need.
We take up their mantle as torches are raised,
God's way all illumining by our service and praise.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, all powerful and ever living God,
around your throne the saints, our brothers
and sisters, sing your praise forever.
Their communion with us gives us inspiration
and strength. Encouraged by them,
we continue on our pilgrimage of faith
in the glorious knowledge
that Christ has conquered death and has prepared
a place in heaven for each one of us.
And so we join our voices with saints on earth
and in heaven as together we proclaim:

**All 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.
Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

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 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.

All **Amen.**

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

All 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.

Draw near with faith,
in fellowship with one another
and in communion with all God's people.

Prayer after Communion

All O God,
the source of all holiness
and giver of all good things:
grant that we, who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth,
may we, with all the saints,
be welcomed to the heavenly feast
in the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices

Final Hymn

Light's abode, celestial Salem,
vision whence true peace doth spring,
brighter than the heart can fancy,
mansion of the highest King;
O how glorious are the praises
which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever
alleluia is outpoured;
For unending and unbroken
is the feast day of the Lord;
all is pure and all is holy
that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud nor passing vapour
dims the brightness of the air;
endless noonday, glorious noonday,
from the Sun of suns is there;
there no night brings rest from labour,
for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent,
fragile body, shalt thou be,
when endued with so much beauty,
full of health, and strong, and free,
full of vigour, full of pleasure
that shall last eternally!

Now with gladness, now with courage,
bear the burden on thee laid,
that hereafter these thy labours
may with endless gifts be paid;
and in everlasting glory
thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three, and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run.

The Blessing

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

May God,
who kindles the fire of his love
in the hearts of his saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.
And the blessing of God almighty.....

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

Next Sunday, 7th November
Holy Communion, Ditchling 10.00 am

Good Morning Friday

Every Friday at 9.00am

GMF is a welcoming, friendly and supportive group sharing Bible readings, prayers and fellowship

It meets every Friday at 9.00am on Zoom

If you would like to participate please email

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Reflections on Wednesday

a short contemplative time at the end of the day
to quietly listen and reflect...

It takes place on the first Wednesday of the month
at 7:30pm via Zoom

If you would like to attend please contact

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