



Parish Eucharist
All Saints' Day
1 November 2020

The Gathering

Please remain muted on Zoom during the responses.

Introit: the choir sings The Beatitudes – Cambridge

The priest says

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

Amen.

The priest greets the people

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

Welcome and Introduction

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

The priest invites us to confess our sins.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name

and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The priest assures us of God's forgiveness

The Gloria is sung by the choir

The Collect

The priest introduces a period of silent prayer

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Reading

Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.'

For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34.1-10

I will bless the Lord at all times,
God's praise always on my lips;

In the Lord my soul shall make its boast.
The humble shall hear and be glad.

Glorify the Lord with me,
Together let us praise God's name.
I sought the Lord and was heard;
From all my terrors set free.

Look towards God and be radiant;
Let your faces not be abashed.
When the poor cry out the Lord hears them
And rescues them from all their distress.

The Angel of the Lord is encamped
around those who fear God, to rescue them.
Taste and see that the Lord is good.
They are happy who seek refuge in God.

Revere the Lord, you saints.
They lack nothing who fear the Lord.
Strong lions suffer want and go hungry
But those who seek the Lord lack no blessing.

Gospel Reading

Matthew 5.1-12

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.

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

“Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.
Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called sons of God.
Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
“Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil
against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward 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

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Prayers

Lord in your mercy,
hear our prayer

At the end,
Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The notices are given.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

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.

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

Preparation of the Table

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

and also with you.

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.

The priest praises God for his mighty acts and we say,

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.

The priest continues, recalling the Last Supper, then says,

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died: Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Prayer continues ending with

*...forever and ever. **Amen***

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The priest breaks the consecrated bread.

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.**

Giving of Communion

The priest says the invitation to communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Alleluia.

The priest receives the bread and wine, and then says 'the Body and Blood of Christ'. All say, 'Amen'. Those joining in via Zoom are invited to make a spiritual communion with God, who comes to meet us wherever we are. There are no special words or prayers for this, just a true desire to receive Christ.

The choir sings O quam gloriosum – Victoria

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:

may we who have shared in this worship

as strangers and pilgrims here on earth

be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Dismissal

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

...and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

The service ends with music

Please stay online for Zoom Coffee!

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