



All Saints' & All Souls' Day

2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025

#### Presider:

A Reading from the Book of Revelation:

'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.'

Revelation 7: 14b-15

We stand

### Opening Hymn: Sing of the saints

AA120 - Marnie Barrell - Alt. Tune: **WAS LEBET** (CP #89)

- Sing of the saints, who were loved and made beautiful, chosen to show us the richness of grace, gentle, disturbing, determined and dutiful, calling us onwards and setting the pace.
- 2 Sisters and brothers in endless variety, each with a marvellous story to share, reach their full stature in heaven's society, grown from the seed by God's infinite care.
- 3 Love raised them up from confusion and vanity, helped them withdraw from addiction to sin, entered their hearts and released their humanity, claimed as its own all the treasures within.
- See how they followed with joy and tenacity, Christ was their vision, all else cast aside; giving their lives in transparent simplicity, ready to suffer and stand at his side.
- Long may their stories, alive in our history, fill us with hope by their failings and powers pointing the way to the heart of the mystery, drawing us closer to their God and ours.

The Presider may greet the people informally before continuing

## The Gathering

I runga i te Ingoa o te Atua, te Matua, te Tama me te Wairua Tapu.

Āmine.

(In the name of God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen)

Grace and peace to you from God. God fill you with truth and joy.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

# Song of Praise: The Song of the Church [Te Deum Laudamus]

- We praise you O God: we acclaim you as the Lord.
- <sup>2</sup> All creation worships you: the Father everlasting.
- To you all angels, all the powers of heaven: cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless praise,
- <sup>4</sup> 'Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might: heaven and earth are full of your glory.'
- The glorious company of apostles praise you: the noble fellowship of prophets praise you, the white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
- <sup>6</sup> Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you: Father, of majesty unbounded,
- your true and only Son, worthy of all worship: and the Holy Spirit, our advocate and guide.
- You Christ are the king of glory: the eternal Son of the Father.
- When you became incarnate to set us free: you humbly accepted the Virgin's womb.

- You overcame the sting of death: and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.
- You are seated at God's right hand in glory: we believe that you will come to be our judge.
- 12 Come then Lord and help your people: bought with the price of your own blood,
- and bring us with your saints: to glory everlasting.

We sit or kneel

### Prayers of Penitence:

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.

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.

God has promised forgiveness to all who truly repent, turn to Christ in faith and are themselves forgiving.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.

God of mercy,
we have sinned against you and against others.
We have sinned in what we have done,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
who died for our sins,
forgive us all that is past and raise us to newness of life.
Amen.

Priest:

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.

Amen.

The peace of Christ rule in our hearts. The word of Christ dwell in us richly.

Sentence:

Know what is the hope to which God has called you, what are the riches of the glorious inheritance in the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of God's power in us who believe. *Ephesians 1: 18–19* 

Collect:

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

Silence

Almighty God,

your saints are one with you in the mystical body of Christ; give us grace to follow them in all virtue and holiness until we come to those inexpressible joys which you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading: **Daniel 7: 1–3, 15–18** 

After the Reading: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 149 (ANZPB)

- Praise the Lord. O sing to the Lord a new song: give praise in the assembly of the faithful.
- Let the people of God rejoice in their maker: and let the servants of the Most High exult in their king.
- Let them praise God's name in the dance: let them sing God's praise with timbrel and harp.
- <sup>4</sup> For you O Lord take delight in your people: and crown your humble folk with victory.
- Let the faithful exult in their triumph: let them shout for joy as they feast.
- Let the praises of God be on their lips:
   and a two-edged sword in their hand.
   O praise the Lord.

Reading: Ephesians 1: 11–23

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Gradual Hymn: Thank God for saints of seasoned age

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Thank God for saints of seasoned age who bless us all our days, our mothers, fathers, uncles, aunts, in whom we know God's grace.
They bless us with a timely word, and lift us when we fall.
Like God, they show us steadfast love, the greatest gift of all.

- Praise Christ for saints who serve the church, who cook or build or sew, whose welcome warms, whose gifts sustain as decades come and go. Praise Christ for those from whom we learned to trust, believe, and pray, who later taught our children well to follow Jesus' ways.
- God's love in willing hearts
  to sanctify our joys and tears
  with hope that faith imparts.
  Though senses fail or steps be slow,
  their lives are signs of grace.
  Then let us thank the Holy One
  for saints who bless our days!

Gospel Reading: Luke 6: 20-31

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
Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to Luke, chapter six, beginning at the twentieth verse. **Praise and glory to God.** 

After the reading: This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

#### The Sermon

A brief period of silence and/or a musical reflection may follow; then we stand to affirm our faith.

## The Affirmation of Faith - Nicene Creed

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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became fully human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

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 in unity with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, and 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.

## The Prayers of the People

(from 'Let Us Pray' - Janet Nelson)

Let us pray for the church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

We sit or kneel

God of ... for all the saints

We give you thanks and praise.

In a moment of silence, we pray for our own needs.

Silence

Gracious God, we give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power, be to our God for ever and ever.

Amen.

# Ministry of the Sacrament

We stand

#### 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. Ephesians 2: 19,17

The peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

As we sing the next Hymn, the bread and wine are brought to the altar; our offerings for the Foodbank and money to support ministry and mission are collected and presented also.

### Offertory Hymn: Look who gathers at Christ's table!

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- Look who gathers at Christ's table! Hear the stories that they bring. Some are weeping; some are laughing; some have songs they want to sing. Others ask why they're invited, burdened by the wrong they've done. Christ insists they all are welcome. there is room for ev'ryone.
- 2 Clouds of light surround the table;
  Ancient followers appear,
  saints confessing how they wrestled
  with their guilt, their doubt and fear.
  Peter tells of his denying
  Christ was ever in his sight;
  Paul relates his fruitless effort
  to obliterate the light.
- in a thousand diff'rent ways,
  but they share one thing in common:
  they all end in thanks and praise
  for the host who has invited
  north and south and east and west
  to converge around this table,
  where all life is fed and blest.
- 4 Bring your joy and bring your sadness, and prepare to be surprised by the host whose hands are wounded, who will open wide your eyes when he blesses bread and breaks it—truth and manna from above!—and then passes wine that wakens in your heart the taste of love.

# The Preparation of the Gifts

As the grain once scattered in the fields, and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside, are now united 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 Great Thanksgiving

The Lord is here.

God's 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 offer 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 saying:

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.

All glory and honour to you, God of grace, for you gave your only Son Jesus Christ once for all on the cross to be the one perfect sacrifice for the sin of the world, that all who believe in him might have eternal life.

The night before he died, he took bread, and when he had given you thanks, he broke it, gave it to his disciples, and said: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup, and when he had given you thanks, he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me.

Therefore heavenly Father, in this sacrament of the suffering and death of your Son, we now celebrate the wonder of your grace and proclaim the mystery of our faith.

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come in glory. Redeemer God, rich in mercy, infinite in goodness, we were far off until you brought us near and our hands are empty until you fill them.

As we eat this bread and drink this wine, through the power of your Holy Spirit feed us with your heavenly food, renew us in your service, unite us in Christ, and bring us to your everlasting kingdom.

O the depths and riches of your wisdom, O God; how unsearchable are your judgments and untraceable your ways.

From you, and through you, and for you are all things. To you be the glory for ever. Amen.

## The Lord's Prayer

With saints and martyrs through the ages, 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.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

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

We who are many are one body, for we all share the one bread.

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 your peace.

#### The Invitation to Communion

Draw near and receive the body and blood of our Saviour Jesus Christ in remembrance that he died for us. Let us feed on him in our hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion will be served at standing stations at the Sanctuary steps - all are welcome to receive the bread and wine at communion, (however please note that intinction, ie dipping the wafer into the wine chalice, is **NOT** permitted); although you are welcome to receive the bread only if you prefer, or to come forward for a blessing only.

If you need communion served to you in your seat, please indicate to the servers.

# **Prayer after Communion**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: there is no end to the Lord's greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord, and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord: let everything bless his holy name for ever and ever.

## The Dismissal Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. **Praise and glory to God.** 

[Jesus said], 'I have made your name known to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word.

Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.' John 17: 6-9

This is the Gospel of Christ.

Praise to Christ, the Word.

# The 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 God give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May God 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.

We share any notices and news

#### Closing Hymn: Give thanks for life

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- 1 Give thanks for life, the measure of our days, Mortal, we pass through beauty that decays, Yet sing to God our hope, our love, our praise, Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 2 Give thanks for those who made their life a light Caught from the Christ flame, bursting through the night, Who touched the truth, who burned for what is right, Alleluia! Alleluia!
- And for our own, our living and our dead,
  Thanks for the love by which our life is fed,
  A love not changed by time or death or dread,
  Alleluia! Alleluia!
- 4 Give thanks for hope, that like the wheat, the grain
  That lies in darkness does its life retain
  In resurrection to grow green again,
  Alleluia! Alleluia!

#### The Dismissal

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

Thanks be to God.

Amen. We go in the name of Christ.

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