

# Welcome to All Saints



4 February 2018

**Second Sunday before Lent**

9:15 Family Eucharist

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*Feel free to ask the Priest before the service if you have any special intentions to be included in today's **Intercessions**.*

**We do not practise Intinction** (dipping the consecrated bread, or host, into the consecrated wine before consumption by the communicant) in this church. If you are unable to partake of the Common Cup, then it is legitimate to receive the host alone, since the body and blood are present in both species.

**In case of an accident** during the service, if there is a trained medic in church, they should take control and others should remain in their seats. A churchwarden should call for an ambulance if needed and the accident book should be filled in. The service will continue as normal if at all possible.

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## HYMN

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown, he alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
Sword and crown betray his trust;  
What with care and toil he buildeth,  
Tow'r and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's pow'r, hour by hour,  
Is my temple and my tow'r.
- 3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,

Beauty springeth out of nought.  
Evermore, from his store,  
New-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Still from earth to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call one and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

*Joachim Neander (1650-1680) paraphrased Robert Bridges (1844-1930) HymnQuest ID: 50290*

## **GREETING**

*The President says*

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.**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## **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 inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **SUMMARY OF THE LAW**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God

with all your heart, with all your soul,

with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

**All**      **Amen. Lord, have mercy.**

## **CONFESSION**

Minister Jesus said: 'Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.'

As brothers and sisters in God's family,  
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

*Silence may be kept.*

**All**      **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you,  
through our own fault,  
in thought, and word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.  
For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,  
forgive us all that is past;  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

*The President says*

May the God of love  
bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

## **GLORIA**

**All**      **Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]**  
**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**  
**Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]**

**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, have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive, receive our prayer.**

**Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]**

**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. Amen.  
In the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **COLLECT**

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer with the words ‘Let us pray’  
or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect is said*

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation  
and respect for every person,  
that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All        Amen.**

## **FIRST READING Proverbs 8.1,22-31**

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world’s first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All        Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

**PSALM 104.26-37**

- 26 O Lord, how manifold are your works!  
In wisdom you have made them all;  
the earth is full of your creatures.
- 27 There is the sea, spread far and wide,  
and there move creatures beyond number,  
both small and great.
- 28 There go the ships, and there is that Leviathan  
which you have made to play in the deep.
- 29 All of these look to you  
to give them their food in due season.
- 30 When you give it them, they gather it;  
you open your hand and they are filled with good.
- 31 When you hide your face they are troubled;  
when you take away their breath,  
they die and return again to the dust.
- 32 When you send forth your spirit, they are created,  
and you renew the face of the earth.
- 33 May the glory of the Lord endure for ever;  
may the Lord rejoice in his works;
- 34 He looks on the earth and it trembles;  
he touches the mountains and they smoke.
- 35 I will sing to the Lord as long as I live;  
I will make music to my God while I have my being.
- 36 So shall my song please him  
while I rejoice in the Lord.
- 37 Let sinners be consumed out of the earth  
and the wicked be no more.  
Bless the Lord, O my soul. Alleluia!

## SECOND READING Colossians 1.15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## HYMN

- 1 Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire,  
and lighten with celestial fire;  
thou the anointing Spirit art,  
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
- 2 Thy blessèd unction from above  
is comfort, life, and fire of love;  
enable with perpetual light  
the dullness of our blinded sight.
- 3 Anoint and cheer our soilèd face  
with the abundance of thy grace:  
keep far our foes, give peace at home;  
where thou art guide no ill can come.
- 4 Show us the Father and the Son,  
and thee and with thee, ever One;  
then through the ages all along,  
this shall be our unending song,
- 5 'Praise to thy eternal merit,  
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.' Amen.

*attr. Rabanus Maurus (c776-856), John Cosin (1594-1672) HymnQuest ID: 51729*

## **GOSPEL READING John 1.1-14**

**All Alleluia! [x4]**

Minister I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.

**All Alleluia! [x4]**

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## **CREED**

*The President says*

Let us declare our faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All** 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**

Let us pray to the Father.

*This response may be included:*

Lord, hear us.

**All** Lord, graciously hear us.

*And at the end*

Merciful Father,

**All** accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*



## PEACE

*The President says*

‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’  
says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All**      **And also with you.**

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

*During the hymn the gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.*

## HYMN

1            Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
              praise the Lord, for he is kind;

Refrain    *for his mercies ay endure,  
              ever faithful, ever sure.*

2            Let us blaze his name abroad,  
              for of gods he is the God;

3            He, with all-commanding might,  
              filled the new-made world with light;

4            He the golden-tressèd sun  
              caused all day his course to run;

5            And the moon to shine at night,  
              'mid her starry sisters bright;

6            All things living he doth feed;  
              his full hand supplies their need;

7            Let us, with a gladsome mind,  
              praise the Lord, for he is kind;

*John Milton (1608-1674) HymnQuest ID: 14006*

## TABLE PRAYER

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**All Blessed be God forever.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you  
**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.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

**All Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God Almighty.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,  
holy is the Lord God Almighty,  
Who was and is and is to come.  
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

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.

Minister Great is the mystery of faith.

**All Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord,  
blessed is the Lord God almighty.  
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord,  
blessed is the Lord God almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come.  
Blessed, blessed, blessed is the Lord.**

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 *[N 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.

**All**      **Amen.**

**All**      **Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,  
glory to the Lord God Almighty.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord,  
glory to the Lord God Almighty.  
Who was and is and is to come.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All**    **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.**

*(Or)*    **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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The President breaks the consecrated bread.*

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.**

## AGNUS DEI

**All        Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
              have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:  
              have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, wine of joy, you take away the sins of the world:  
              grant us your peace [x4].**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All        Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
              to the glory of God the Father.**

*The people come forward to receive communion, authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies Amen.*

## HYMN

1            As the deer pants for the water,  
              so my soul longs after you.  
              You alone are my heart's desire  
              and I long to worship you.

Refrain    *You alone are my strength, my shield,  
              to you alone may my spirit yield.  
              You alone are my heart's desire  
              and I long to worship you.*

2            I want you more than gold or silver,  
              only you can satisfy.  
              You alone are the real joy-giver  
              and the apple of my eye.

- 3 You're my friend and you're my brother,  
even though you are a king.  
I love you more than any other,  
so much more than anything.

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- 1 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives;  
Be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.
- 2 So to You we're gathering out of each and every land;  
Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.
- 3 Jesus, stand among us at the breaking of the bread;  
Join us as one body as we worship You, our Head.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

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*Silence is kept.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

God our creator, by your gift  
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,  
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:  
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth  
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross  
and enjoy the delights of eternity;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

- All We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

## BLESSING

The peace of God, which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All**      **Amen.**

## HYMN

- 1      Go forth and tell! O church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take;  
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and king,  
that all the world his worthy praise may sing.
- 2      Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all;  
he will in grace respond to all who call:  
how shall they call if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?
- 3      Go forth and tell! where still the darkness lies;  
in wealth or want, the sinner surely dies:  
give us, O Lord, concern of heart and mind,  
a love like yours which cares for all mankind.
- 4      Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts - let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
your ransomed pow'rs for his sole glory use.
- 5      Go forth and tell! O church of God, arise!  
go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
go till all nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and King, for evermore

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Minister    Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All**      **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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