



## All Souls Service

A commemoration  
of those who have died

1 November 2020

*For the safety of those worshipping in our buildings and in line with current Church of England guidelines:*

*Please use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you enter the church, and before and after communion and when you leave.*

*The **wearing of masks is mandatory** in church.*

*Please **remain in the seat** the steward directed you to upon your arrival. At the end of our worship, please stay seated, until the steward indicates you can safely leave.*

*Please **take this service sheet home with you.***

*Sadly, there will be no gathering afterwards, and the toilets are only available in emergencies.*

### WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION TO THE SERVICE

*As our service begins the Townend version of the **The Lord's my Shepherd** will be played. Sadly singing is not allowed in church but you can follow the words here:*

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want;  
He makes me lie in pastures green.  
He leads me by the still, still waters,  
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone,  
And I will trust in You alone,  
For Your endless mercy follows me,  
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,  
And He anoints my head with oil,  
And my cup, it overflows with joy,  
I feast on His pure delights.

And I will...

And though I walk the darkest path,  
I will not fear the evil one,  
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff  
Are the comfort I need to know.  
And I will...

## COLLECT FOR ALL SOULS

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer,  
grant us, with all the faithful departed,  
the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion  
and glorious resurrection that, in the last day,  
when you gather up all things in Christ,  
we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
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.**

## BIBLE READING(S)

*At the end of each reading the reader says:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All**      **Thanks be to God.**

## REFLECTION

*We remain seated as we listen to the hymn* **Love divine, all loves excelling.**

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation,  
perfectly restored in thee;

changed from glory into glory,  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

## PRAYERS

*We sit and kneel for the prayers, during which the names of those to be remembered are read aloud. After the names have been read:*

In the rising of the sun and its going down:

**All We remember them.**

In the blowing of the wind and the chill of winter:

**All We remember them.**

In the blue sky and in the warmth of summer:

**All We remember them.**

In the beginning of the year and when it ends:

**All We remember them.**

When we are lost and sick at heart:

**All We remember them.**

When we have joys we yearn to share:

**All We remember them.**

So long as we live:

**All We remember them.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

## **THE LIGHTING OF CANDLES**

*On the altar there is a candle to represent each name which we have heard read out this evening. These candles will now be lit one by one for those you remember with thanksgiving and love this day.*

*You will all have special thoughts and memories about your loved ones. There may be unspoken words you might wish to share with them silently in your heart.*

- ❖ *Words of appreciation for love given and received.*
- ❖ *Words of sorrow or regret for things said or actions used in haste.*
- ❖ *Words of thankfulness for joy and happiness and for laughter shared together.*

*When all the candles are lit, the lights in the church will be extinguished and as we sit in the darkness you are invited to spend some time in quiet reflection. As you look at the candles remember Jesus is the light of the world, no darkness can overcome this light.*

## **READING**

Do not hurry as you walk with grief;  
It does not help the journey.  
Walk slowly, pausing often;

Do not be disturbed by memories that come unbidden.  
Swiftly forgive unspoken words.  
Unfinished conversations will be resolved.

Be gentle with the one who walks with grief.  
If it is you, be gentle with yourself.  
Swiftly forgive.

Walk slowly, pausing often.  
Take time.  
Be gentle as you walk with grief.  
All will be well.

*We listen to the hymn* **Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven.**

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
praise the everlasting King.

Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
widely as his mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
praise with us the God of grace.

## **CLOSING PRAYER & BLESSING**

Support us, O Lord,  
all the day long of this troublous life,  
until the shadows lengthen and the evening comes,  
and the busy world is hushed,  
and the fever of life is over  
and our work is done.

Then Lord, in you mercy, grant us a safe lodging  
a holy rest, and peace at the last;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

May God give you wisdom.  
May God grant you mercy.  
May God give you fullness of life  
and guide you all your life long  
through each day, through the darkness  
into his everlasting light.

And the blessing of God,  
Father Son and Holy Spirit  
be with you today and always.

**All**      **Amen.**

*In more normal times we would have offered refreshments after the service and a time to talk and pray with our clergy.*

*Sadly, we can't do this today – however, if you would like to talk to one of us, please do get in touch:*

**Revd Paula York: 01933 227101**  
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**Revd Canon Margaret: 07752183574**

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## **Gone From My Sight - Henry van Dyke**

I am standing upon the seashore.

A ship, at my side, spreads her white sails to the moving breeze and starts for the blue ocean. She is an object of beauty and strength.

I stand and watch her until, at length, she hangs like a speck of white cloud just where the sea and sky come to mingle with each other.

Then, someone at my side says, "There, she is gone."

Gone where?

Gone from my sight. That is all.

She is just as large in mast, hull and spar as she was when she left my side.

And, she is just as able to bear her load of living freight to her destined port.

Her diminished size is in me -- not in her.

And, just at the moment when someone says, "There, she is gone,"

there are other eyes watching her coming, and other voices

ready to take up the glad shout, "Here she comes!"

And that is dying...

## **A Life That Matters - Anon**

How will the value of your days be measured?

What will matter is not what you bought, but what you built;  
not what you got, but what you gave.

What will matter is not your success, but your significance.

What will matter is not what you learned, but what you taught.

What will matter is every act of integrity, compassion, courage  
or sacrifice that enriched, empowered or encouraged others  
to emulate your example.

What will matter is not your competence, but your character.

What will matter is not how many people you knew,  
but how many will feel a lasting loss when you're gone.

What will matter is not your memories,  
but the memories that live in those who loved you.

What will matter is how long you will be remembered,  
by whom and for what.

Living a life that matters doesn't happen by accident.

It's not a matter of circumstance, but of choice.

Choose to live a life that matters.

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