

SUNDAY 31 OCTOBER ALL TOGETHER SERVICE ALL SAINTS

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

This is the day that the Lord has made. Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

WE SING - Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation

- Christ is made the sure foundation,
 Christ the head and cornerstone,
 chosen of the Lord, and precious,
 binding all the Church in one,
 Holy Zion's help for ever
 and her confidence alone.
- To this temple, where we call you, come, O Lord of hosts today; you have promised loving kindness, hear you servants as we pray, bless you people now before you, turn our darkness into day.

- Hear the cry of all your people, what they ask and hope to gain; what they gain from you for ever with your chosen to retain and hereafter in Your glory evermore with You we reign.
- Praise and honour to the Father, praise and honour to the Son, praise and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One.
 One in might and one in glory, While unending ages run

WE SAY SORRY

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.

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.

^{&#}x27;Urbs beata Jerusalem trans John Mason Neale Complete Anglican hymns Old and New 97

WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

May the God of love and power forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins, heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit, and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

WE PRAISE GOD

1 Cantor: Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to the Father.

All: Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to the Father.

Cantor: To God be glory for ever!

All: To God be glory for ever!

Cantor: Alleluia, amen.
All: Alleluia, amen.
Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen.

2 Glory to God, glory to God,

Son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God,

Son of the Father.

3 Glory to God, glory to God,

glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

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WE SAY THE PRAYER FOR THE DAY

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.

WE LISTEN TO GOD'S WORD

First Reading - Revelation 21:1-6a

Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. ² I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. ³ And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ⁴ 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' [b] or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

⁵ He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

⁶ He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

WE SING - Our God is a great big God

Chorus Our God is a great big God

Our God is a great big God Our God is a great big God And He holds us in His hands

Verse He's higher than a skyscraper

And He's deeper than a submarine

He's wider than the universe And beyond my wildest dreams

And He's known me and He's loved me

Since before the world began How wonderful to be a part of

God's amazing plan

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GOSPEL READING - John 11:32-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John Glory to you, O Lord.

- ³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."
- ³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. ³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked.
- "Come and see, Lord," they replied.
- ³⁵ Jesus wept.
- ³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"
- ³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"
- ³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. ³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said.

- "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."
- ⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?"
- ⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. ⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."
- ⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" ⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face.

Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

TALK

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

PRAYERS

WE SHARE 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.

WE SING - Rejoice in God's Saints

- 1 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 share our complaining our comforts our cares
 What patience in caring what courage is theirs
- A world without saints today and all days
 A world without saints forgets how to praise
 In loving in living they prove it is true
 Their way of self-giving Lord leads us to You

We remain standing

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.

May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

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 Eucharistic prayer continues until:

...And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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.

We sit or kneel as the Eucharistic Prayer continues until:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

The Eucharistic Prayer ends with 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.
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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

SONG DURING COMMUNION - Here is Bread, here is Wine

1 Here is bread here is wine
Christ is with us He is with us
Break the bread drink the wine
Christ is with us here

2 Here is grace here is peace
Christ is with us He is with us
Know His grace find His peace
Feast on Jesus here

Chorus In this bread there is healing
In this cup there's life forever
In this moment by the Spirit

Christ is with us here

3 Here we are joined in one
Christ is with us He is with us
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Jesus crucified

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table 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**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

NOTICES

FINAL SONG - For all the saints

- For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed, thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia*.
- Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. *Alleluia*.
- O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia*.
- O blest communion, fellowship divine!
 we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
 yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia*.
- And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long, steals on the ear the distant triumph-song, and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *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' is sung twice at the end of each verse William Walsham How (1823–1867). Reproduced from Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition, number 296

BLESSING

May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord In the name of Christ, Amen.

Please do stay for coffee after the service