

**A morning service during the Covid-19 restrictions  
All Souls Day (Observed) - November 8, 2020**

**#40 Praise to the Holiest in the Height**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height, and in the depths be praise,  
in all his words most wonderful, most sure in all his ways.**



**O loving wisdom of our God! When all was sin and shame,  
a second Adam to the fight and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! That flesh and blood, which did in Adam fail,  
should strive afresh against the foe, should strive and should prevail;**

**and that a higher gift than grace should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence, and his very self, and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! That he who smote in Man for man the foe,  
the double agony in Man for man should undergo;**

**and in the garden secretly, and on the cross on high,  
should teach his brethren, and inspire to suffer and to die.**

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**John Henry Newman 1801-1890**

**The Lord is glorious in his saints: O come, let us worship.**

**Venite Psalm 95.1-7**

**Come, let us sing to the Lord; \***

**let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.**

**Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \***

**and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, \***

**and a great king above all gods.**

**In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \***

**and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his for he made it, \***

**and his hands have moulded the dry land.**

**Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \***

**and kneel before the Lord our maker.**

**For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \***

**Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!**

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: \***

**as it was in the beginning, is now and will be for ever. Amen.**

**The Psalm for the day , Psalm 116:1-8**

**The Readings for the day: Wisdom 3:1-9 (text available below), 1 Peter 1:3-9, John 6:37-40**

**A reflection on the readings (see attached - written by the Ven. Glen Miller)**

**# 180 Abide with me**

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide; the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide;  
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.**



**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day; earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;  
change and decay in all around I see; O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

I need thy presence every passing hour; what but thy grace can spoil the tempter's power?  
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be? Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.

I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless; ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory? I triumph still, if thou abide with me.

Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes; shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies;  
heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee: in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte 1793-1847.

Hear, O Israel

Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.

Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,  
with all your mind, and with all your strength.

This is the first and the great commandment, the second is like it:

Love your neighbour as you love yourself. There is no commandment greater than these.

### Prayers (see litany below)

Our prayers have been requested for: Thelma, Joanne, Wendy, families who are experiencing grief over the death of a loved one, soldiers who fought and died in armed conflicts, our military and their families.

### The Collect for the day

Father of all, we pray for those we love, but see no longer. Grant them your peace, let light perpetual shine upon them, and in your loving wisdom and almighty power, work in them the good purpose of your perfect will; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

### The Lord's Prayer

#### #186 O What Their Joy and Their Glory Must Be

O what their joy and their glory must be, those endless sabbaths the blessed ones see:  
crowns for the valiant, to weary one rest; God shall be all and in all ever blest.



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What are the Monarch, his court, and his throne? What are the peace and the joy that they own?  
O that the blest ones, who in it have share, all that they feel could as fully declare!

Truly Jerusalem name we that shore, vision of peace, that brings joy evermore;  
wish and fulfilment can severed be ne'er, nor the thing prayed for come short of the prayer.

There, where no troubles distraction can bring, we the sweet anthems of Sion shall sing,  
while for thy grace, Lord, their voices of praise thy blessed people eternally raise.

Now in the meantime, with hearts raised on high, we for that country must yearn and must sigh,  
seeking Jerusalem, dear native land, though our long exile on Babylon's strand.

Low before him with our praises we fall, of whom, and in whom, and through whom are all:  
praise to the Father, and praise to the Son, praise to the Spirit, with them ever one.

Peter Abelard 1079-1142, translated by John Mason Neale 1818-1866

### Dismissal

*Then may be said or sung,*

**Officiant** Let us bless the Lord. **People** Thanks be to God!

### Litany #1

(In peace let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord have mercy")

For peace from on high and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.

**For the peace of the whole world, for the welfare of the holy Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**For our bishops, and for all the clergy and people, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**For Elizabeth our Queen, for the leaders of the nations, and for all in authority, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**For this city and for every city and community, and for those who live in them in faith, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**For good weather, and for abundant harvests for all to share, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**For those who travel by land, water, or air, for the sick and the suffering (insert names), for prisoners and captives, and for their safety, health, and salvation, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**For our deliverance from all affliction, strife, and need, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**For the absolution and remission of our sins and offences, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**For all who have died (insert names), let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mercy.**

**Remembering all the saints, we commit ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ our God, To you, O God.**

**Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications to you, and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together you will hear their requests. Fulfil now our desires and petitions, as may be best for us, granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come eternal life; for you, Father, are good and loving, and we glorify you through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, in the Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen.**

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### **Wisdom 3:1-9**

[1] But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. [2] In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be an affliction, [3] and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. [4] For though in the sight of men they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. [5] Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; [6] like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt offering he accepted them. [7] In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. [8] They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. [9] Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his elect, and he watches over his holy ones.

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