The Anglican Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul

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Celebrating All Saints and All Souls Days



Nourishing Faith and Community

Prelude

Words of Welcome (*Please stand as clergy enters)*

Musical opening CP 320 Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones

(Text: J Athelstan L Riley (1858-1945) Oxford University Press; Music: Geistliche Kirchengesdnge -, 1623, public domain)



Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, princedoms, powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
forebears in faith and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

The Gathering of the Community

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you**.

Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden. Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name, through Christ our Lord. Amen

Gloria (sung)
(Daniel Schutte Mass of Christ One licence)

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of goodwill.

We praise you, we bless You

We adore you, we glorify You
We give you thanks,
For your great glory.
Lord God heavenly King,
O God Almighty Father.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Begotten Son.
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father.
You take away the sin of the world,
Have mercy on us.
You take away the sin of the world,
Receive our prayer.
You are seated at the right hand
The right hand of the Father
Have mercy on us.

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest
And on earth, peace on earth
Peace to people of good will.

Amen, Amen.

Kyrie (sung)
Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Kyrie Eleison
Christie Eleison
Kyrie Eleison, eleison

Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy, have mercy on us.

Collect
Let us pray,
Almighty God, whose people are knit together in one holy Church, the mystical Body of your Son, grant us grace to follow your blessed saints in lives of faith and commitment, and to know the inexpressible joys you have prepared for those who love you; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Proclamation of the Word

First Reading: Revelation 7:9-17
A reading from the Revelation to John
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every

nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, '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. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 34:1-10, 22

I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall continually be in my mouth.
My soul makes its boast in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
O magnify the Lord with me,
and let us exalt his name together.

I sought the Lord, and he answered me,
and delivered me from all my fears.
Look to him, and be radiant;
so your faces shall never be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and was heard by the Lord,
and was saved from every trouble.
The angel of the Lord encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is good;
happy are those who take refuge in him.
O fear the Lord, you his holy ones,
for those who fear him have no want.
The young lions suffer want and hunger,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

The Lord redeems the life of his servants;

none of those who take refuge in him will be condemned.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-3

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

Hear what the Spirit is saying.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn VU707 For the Faithful Who Have Answered (Tune CP 223)

(Words: Sylvia Dunstan 1986; Music: Polish traditional Zlobie Lezy, GIA publishing 1991. One License)

For the faithful who have answered
when they heard your call to serve,
for the many ways you led them,
testing will and stretching nerve,
for their work and for their witness
as they strove against the odds,
for their courage and obedience

we give thanks and praise, O God.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 5:1-12
The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

The Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Gospel of Christ
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

Gospel Hymn: VU707 For the Faithful Who Have Answered
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For this cloud of faithful witness,
for the common life we share,
for the work of peace and justice,
for the gospel that we bear,
for the vision that our homeland
is your love-- deep, high, and broad--
for the different roads we travel
we give thanks and praise, O God.

Sermon: *The Rev. Gail Rodger*

Musical Moment

The Affirmation of Faith *(please stand)*
(Taken from Season of Creation ecumenical service which was adapted from the New Zealand Prayer Book)

You, O God, are supreme and holy.
You create our world and give us life.
Your purpose overarches everything we do.
You have always been with us.
You are God.

You, O God, are infinitely generous,
good beyond all measure.
You came to us before we came to you.
You have revealed and proved
your love for us in Jesus Christ,
God made flesh,
who lived and died and rose again.
You are with us now.
You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit.
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.
You are our God. We worship you.

Announcements

Candle Lighting For All Saints and All Souls Day

Confession and Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy; welcoming of sinners and inviting us to table. Let us confess our sins, confident in God's forgiveness. (*Silence is kept)*

Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us,
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your name.

(Please stand)
Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: CP 400 What Wonderous Love is This
(Text Most Admired Hymns and Spiritual Songs Now in Use, 1811, alt.Music: William Walker 1809-1875), public domain)

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this
that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse form my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing;
to God and to the lamb I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb,
who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing,
while millions join the theme, I will sing.

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;
and when from death I'm free,
I'll sing his love for me,
and through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

and through eternity I'll sing on.

Prayer over the Gifts:
Let us pray,
Holy and mighty God, we give you thanks for the triumph of Christ in the lives of all his saints. Receive all we offer you this day, and help us, like them, to run our course with faith, that we may come to your eternal kingdom. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Eucharistic Prayer *(Please stand)*
(Book of Alternative Services EP3 p198 musical setting CP 722 preface p218))

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 our thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, gracious God, creator of heaven and earth; in the multitude of your saints you have surrounded us with so great a cloud of witnesses, that we, rejoicing in their fellowship, may run with patience the race that is set before us, and together with them receive the crown of glory that never fades away. Therefore with angels and archangels

and with all who have served you in every age, we raise our voices to proclaim the glory of your name.
(sung)
Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might
heaven and earth are full, full of your glory.
Hosanna hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes, comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna hosanna hosanna
Hosanna in the highest.

We give thanks to you, Lord our God,
for the goodness and love you have made known to us in creation;
in calling Israel to be your people;
in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all
in the Word made flesh, Jesus your Son.

For in these last days you sent him
to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
to be the Saviour and Redeemer of the world.
In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you.
In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, a death he freely accepted,
our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you,
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you.
Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said,
"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. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, Father, according to his command,
(sung)
we remember his death,
we proclaim his resurrection,
we await his coming in glory;

and we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts, that they may be the sacrament of the body of Christ and his blood of the new covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice,

that we, made acceptable in him, may be sanctified by the Holy Spirit.

In the fullness of time, reconcile all things in Christ, and make them new, and bring us to that city of light where you dwell with all your children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, almighty God, now and for ever.
(sung)
Amen. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer
(VU 960 Langdon)
And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,
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.

<u>The Breaking of the Bread</u>

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ
We, being many, are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

As we come to the Table this morning, I invite to close your eyes and imagine, if you will, that the pews/rows of chairs in which you are seated extends out to the horizon, as far as the eye can see. And this line is filled with people.
Way up at the other end, A Galilean preacher hands bread to a fisherman, Peter, who hands the bread to a tentmaker, Paul, who hands it to Timothy, to Lydia, and on and on; to Augustine, To Luther, to Calvin, to Cranmer, then to family and friends who have gone before us.
Finally, the bread is handed to you. as you take your piece of bread, you lean forward to look all the way back up the line, this long line of witnesses. And there at the end stands Jesus, saying, This is my body broken for you. Do this in remembrance of me.

The gifts of God for the people of God.
Thanks be to God.

<u>The Communion</u>

<u>Prayer after Communion</u> (*please stand*)
Let us pray,

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Doxology

Glory to God,
whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine.
Glory to God from generation to generation, in the Church and in Christ Jesus, for ever and ever. Amen.

The 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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Musical Sending: Oh When the Saints Go Marching In (public domain)



Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
oh, when the Saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.

And when the sun begins to shine,
and when the sun begins to shine,
I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.

Oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
oh, when the trumpet sounds its call,
I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.

Oh, when the new world is revealed,
oh, when the new world is revealed,
I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.

Oh when the drums begin to bang,
oh when the drums begin to bang,
I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.

Oh when the stars fall from the sky,
oh when the stars fall from the sky, Oh Lord
I want to be in that number, when the Saints go marching in.

Oh, when the Saints go marching in,
oh, when the Saints go marching in,
I want to be in that number when the Saints go marching in.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God. Alleluia!

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