

# WORSHIP - ALL SAINTS, 1 NOVEMBER 2020

## Welcome and notices

*This order is similar to the one we are using at St Matthew's at 10 am. Please pray for those of us worshipping in one of our churches, as we pray for you. Who knows where and how we will be worshipping as we journey through this winter - but we will worship. Light a candle. Fight the darkness by listening to The Jubilate by William Walton, sung by the choir of Christ Church Oxford (turn the volume up!!)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vLYWaFQ0qFI>

Grace, mercy and peace,  
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ, be with you.  
And also with you.

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

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

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.**

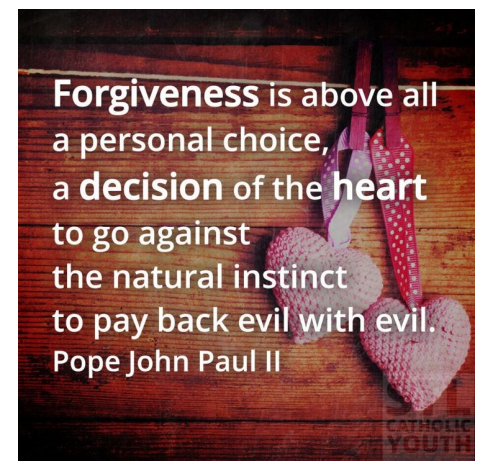
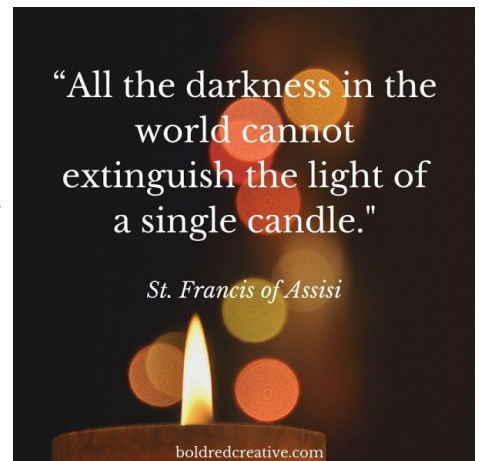
Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Gloria in excelsis - say this, as those of us in church will be saying it*

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.  
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;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.  
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.**

## The Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship  
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:  
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living  
that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
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. **Amen.**



## **Bible readings - 1 John 3.1-3 and Matthew 5.1-12**

*The text for these are on the blue sheet, which you can download from the front page of the website*

*We will say Psalm 34.1-10 between the readings*

*Address - there is a sermon from me on the front page of the website*

**The Nicene Creed** - *we affirm our faith, and the faith of the whole church (hence 'we' not 'I')*

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**

Encouraged by our fellowship with Matthew and all the saints, let us make our prayers to the Father through our Lord Jesus Christ. Let us pray.

Father, your Son called men and women to leave the past behind them and to follow him as his disciples in the way of the cross. Look with mercy upon us, and upon all those whom he calls today, marks with the cross and makes his disciples within the Church. We pray for Libby, our bishop, for Malcolm Macnaughton, announced on Friday as the new Bishop of Repton, for the life of our diocese, our friends in Allestree Churches Together. For our corporate life in these strange times,  
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son told his disciples not to be afraid and at Easter breathed on them his gift of peace. Look with mercy upon the world into which he sent them out, and give it that peace for which it longs. We know that creation is under stress, that society is under stress, that our leaders seem stressed and confused. Lord, we are frightened, and peace seems a very long way off - so help us to be men and women of faith, faith to know you are our Lord and God. Help us to care and pray, to work for your Kingdom.  
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son formed around him a company who were no longer servants but friends, and he called all those who obeyed him his brother and sister and mother. Look with mercy upon our families and our friends and upon the communities in which we share. We pray for Matt and Nicole, to be married here on Saturday, and ask your blessing on them. In the peace of this place we also name before you Lord, people for whom we are concerned. For families who are stressed, people who are trapped, relationships that have broken down.  
Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son sent out disciples to preach and heal the sick. Look with mercy on all those who yearn to hear

the good news of salvation, and renew among your people the gifts of healing. We pray for our NHS, for those working in track and trace, for everyone coping again with this crisis and whatever the future holds. We pray for individuals for whom we have been asked to pray. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Your Son promised to those who followed him that they would sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel and would share the banquet of the kingdom. According to your promise, look with mercy on those who have walked with Christ in this life and now have passed through death. From St Matthew's we pray for Mhairi (pronounced Fari) Powell, her family and friends. Lord, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

**Almighty God,  
Grant that your Church  
may faithfully hold and make known  
the faith that has come to us through the apostles,  
that with them and all your saints  
we may inherit the glories of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**The Peace** - *even if you are physically alone, remember you are part of God's Church across the world. We can share the peace with a phone call later today - who are you going to phone?*

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.**

**Hymn** - Rejoice in God's saints

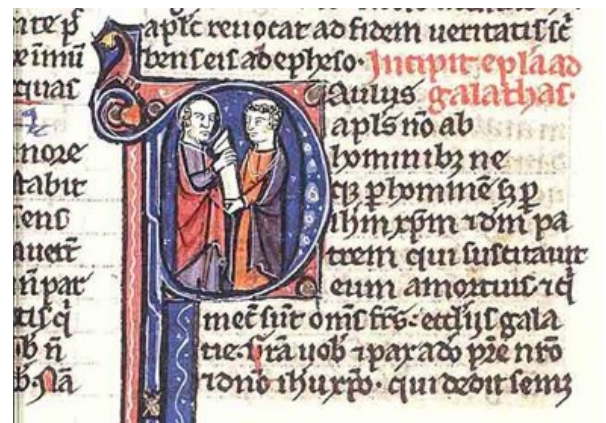
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Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
Their faith in acquiring the habit of prayer,  
Their depth of adoring, Lord, help us to share.

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 shame our complaining, our comforts, our cares:  
What patience in caring, what courage, is theirs!

Rejoice in God's saints, today and all days:  
A world without saints forgets how to praise.  
In loving, in living, they prove it is true -  
The way of self-giving, Lord, leads us to you.



*At St Matthew's we are celebrating Holy Communion, but I am aware that if you are remaining at home, the fact that we are sharing the sacrament and you are not, might well be very difficult. I have printed the Eucharistic Prayer, but quite understand if you prefer not to use it until you are able to come to church or I can bring Communion to you. I can't tell you that you are welcome to use this prayer and have some of your own bread and wine, as that introduces all sort of legal and theological complications, but I'm sure God has no problems if that's what you want to do.*

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.  
All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.**

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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses  
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.  
In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for every 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 praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, 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.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with St Matthew, St Edmund and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.**

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.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*In church I will walk round the church giving people communion in one kind (bread only). You might like to listen to*

O quam gloriosum est regnum in quo Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!

Amicti stolis albis sequuntur Agnum, quocunque ierit.

O how glorious is the kingdom in which all the saints rejoice with Christ.

Clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb wheresoever he goes.

*Words: Antiphon for All Saints*

*Music: Tomás Luis de Victoria, circa 1540-1611*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QQEI77iXuk>

**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.**

### **The Blessing**

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,

give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among *you* and remain with *you* always. **Amen.**

**Hymn** - For all the saints - *one day we will sing with a huge crowd again*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHVv79W\\_EpA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VHVv79W_EpA)

### **The Dismissal**

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

**Final music** - O when the saints go marching in, *played by Louis Armstrong (and say a prayer for America)*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wyLjbMBpGDA>