



**Welcome to worship!
Holy Communion
5 November 2023, 10am**

“All Saints”

Welcome

Praise the Lord, O my soul
Praise the Lord.

O Lord, My God, how great Thou art
Robed in majesty and splendour.

Praise the Lord, O my soul;
Praise the Lord. Amen

Song (1039)

¹Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

²Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness are needing a friend.

Chorus

³Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
But Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.

Chorus

(Sue McClellan, John Paculabo, Keith Rycroft)

Song (1334)

¹My hope is built on nothing less
than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame,
but wholly lean on Jesus' name. (*repeat verse*)

*Christ alone, cornerstone,
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love.
Through the storm he is Lord,
Lord of all.*

²When darkness seems to hide his face,
I rest on his unchanging grace.
In every high and stormy gale,
My anchor holds within the veil,
My anchor holds within the veil.

Chorus (repeated)

³When he shall come with trumpet sound,
Oh, may I then in him be found.
Dressed in his righteousness alone,
Faultless stand before the throne.

Chorus (repeated)

(Edward Mote, add. Jonas Myrin, Reuben Morgan and Eric Liljero)

Confession

**Almighty God,
long-suffering and of great goodness:
I confess to you,
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments,
my wrong doing, thinking, and speaking;
the hurts I have done to others,
and the good I have left undone.
O God, forgive me, for I have sinned against you;
and raise me to newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

The Lord enrich us with his grace,
And nourish us with his blessing;
The Lord defend us in trouble and keep us from all evil;
And we have the promise that if we confess our sins, God is faithful and
just and will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.
Amen.

Collect

Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;
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.

Prayer for Sonlight and Mega

Bible reading: Matthew 24:1-14

Jesus left the temple and was walking away when his disciples came up to him to call his attention to its buildings. ² 'Do you see all these things?' he asked. 'Truly I tell you, not one stone here will be left on another; every one will be thrown down.'

³ As Jesus was sitting on the Mount of Olives, the disciples came to him privately. 'Tell us,' they said, 'when will this happen, and what will be the sign of your coming and of the end of the age?'

⁴ Jesus answered: 'Watch out that no one deceives you. ⁵ For many will come in my name, claiming, "I am the Messiah," and will deceive many. ⁶ You will hear of wars and rumours of wars, but see to it that you are not alarmed. Such things must happen, but the end is still to come. ⁷ Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom. There will be famines and earthquakes in various places. ⁸ All these are the beginning of birth-pains.

⁹ 'Then you will be handed over to be persecuted and put to death, and you will be hated by all nations because of me. ¹⁰ At that time many will turn away from the faith and will betray and hate each other, ¹¹ and many false prophets will appear and deceive many people. ¹² Because of the increase of wickedness, the love of most will grow cold, ¹³ but the one who stands firm to the end will be saved. ¹⁴ And this gospel of the kingdom will be preached in the whole world as a testimony to all nations, and then the end will come.

Bible reading: Revelation 7:9-end

⁹ After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ And they cried out in a loud voice:

'Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.'

¹¹ All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, ¹² saying:

'Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honour
and power and strength

be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!

¹³ Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?'

¹⁴ I answered, 'Sir, you know.'

And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. ¹⁵ Therefore,

'they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.

¹⁶ "Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.

The sun will not beat down on them,"
nor any scorching heat.

¹⁷ For the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd;

"he will lead them to springs of living water."

"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Hymn (207)

¹Hallelujah, sing to Jesus;
His the sceptre, his the throne;
Hallelujah! His the triumph,
His the victory alone.
Hark, the songs of peaceful Zion
Thunder like a mighty flood:
'Jesus out of every nation
Hath redeemed us by his blood.'

²Hallelujah! not as orphans
Are we left in sorrow now;
Hallelujah! He is near us,

Faith believes, nor questions how.
Though the clouds from sight received him
When the forty days were o'er,
Shall our hearts forget his promise,
'I am with you ever more'?

³Hallelujah! Bread of heaven,
Thou on earth our food, our stay;
Hallelujah! Here the sinful
Flee to thee from day to day.
Intercessor, friend of sinners,
Earth's redeemer, plead for me
Where the songs of all the sinless
Sweep across the crystal sea.

⁴Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
Glory be to God on high;
To the Father, and the Saviour,
Who has gained the victory;
Glory to the Holy Spirit,
Fount of love and sanctity.
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!
To the triune mystery.

(William C. Dix)

Affirmation of faith

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

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.**

Song (802)

*And he shall reign forever,
His throne and crown shall ever endure.
And He shall reign forever,
And we shall reign with him.*

¹What a vision filled my eyes,
One like a Son of man,
Coming with the clouds of heaven
He approached an awesome throne.

²He was given sovereign power,
Glory and authority.
Every nation, tribe and tongue
Worshipped him on bended knee.

Chorus.

³On the throne forever,
See the Lamb who once was slain.
Wounds of sacrificial love
Forever shall remain.

Chorus.

(Graham Kendrick)

Prayer of thanks for our offering

Prayer at preparation of the table

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.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**
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... ...for ever 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.

Accept our praises... ...the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.
Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Accept through him... ...in songs of everlasting praise:
Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's prayer

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.

The breaking of 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.

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Receiving Communion

Hymn (1157)

¹Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
Slain for us: and we remember
The promise made that all who come in faith
Find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of peace
Around the table of the King.

²The body of our Saviour, Jesus Christ,
Torn for you: eat and remember
The wounds that heal, the death that brings us life,
Paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of love
Around the table of the King.

³The blood that cleanses every stain of sin
Shed for you: drink and remember
He drained death's cup that all may enter in
To receive the life of God.
So we share in this bread of life,
And we drink of his sacrifice,
As a sign of our bonds of grace
Around the table of the King.

⁴And so with thankfulness and faith
We rise to respond and to remember
Our call to follow in the steps of Christ
As his body here on earth.
As we share in his suffering
We proclaim: Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven
Around the table of the King.

(Keith & Kristyn Getty & Stuart Townend)

Hymn (1300)

¹I will kneel in the dust
At the foot of the cross,
Where mercy paid for me.
Where the wrath I deserve,
It is gone, it is passed.
Your blood has hidden me.

*Mercy, mercy
As endless as the sea.
I'll sing your hallelujah
For all eternity.*

²We will lift up the cup
And the bread we will break,
Remembering your love.
We were fallen from grace,
But you took all our shame
And nailed it to a cross.

Chorus x2.

May I never lose the wonder,
Oh, the wonder of your mercy.
May I sing your hallelujah,
Hallelujah, amen.
(x4)

I will kneel in the dust
At the foot of the cross,

Where mercy paid for me.

(Matt Redman and Jonas Myrin)

Hymn (261)

¹I am the bread of life,
He who comes to me shall not hunger,
He who believes in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me
Unless the Father draw him.

*And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up,
And I will raise him up on the last day.*

²The bread that I will give
Is my flesh for the life of the world,
And he who eats of this bread,
He shall live for ever,
He shall live for ever.

Chorus.

³Unless you eat
Of the flesh of the Son of Man
And drink of his blood,
And drink of his blood,
You shall not have life within you.

Chorus.

⁴I am the resurrection,
I am the life,
He who believes in me
Even if he die,
He shall live for ever.

Chorus.

⁵Yes, Lord, we believe
That you are the Christ,

The Son of God
Who has come
Into the world.

Chorus.

(S. Suzanne Toolan)

Prayer after Communion

Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Notices and family news

Song (835)

¹Great is the darkness that covers the earth,
Oppression, injustice and pain.
Nations are slipping in hopeless despair,
Though many have come in your name.
Watching while sanity dies,
Touched by the madness and lies.

*Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
Pour out your Spirit we pray.
Come, Lord Jesus, come, Lord Jesus,
Pour out your Spirit on us today.*

²May now your church rise with power and love,
This glorious gospel proclaim.
In every nation salvation will come
To those who believe in your name.
Help us bring light to this world
That we might speed your return.

Chorus.

³Great celebrations on that final day
When out of the heavens you come.
Darkness will vanish, all sorrow will end,
And rulers will bow at your throne.
Our great commission complete,
Then face to face we shall meet.

Chorus.

(Noel Richards & Gerald Coates)

Blessing

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon us the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May he give us joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May he strengthen us to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

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