## The Greeting

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



# The Opening Responses for All Saints' Day

Seeking your wisdom,

we seek your face.

Seeking your integrity,

we seek your face.

Seeking your forgiveness,

we seek your face.

Seeking your strength, we seek your face.

Seeking your beauty, we seek your face.

## Hymn No. 461 (Carlisle)

For all thy saints, O Lord, who strove in thee to live, who followed thee, obeyed, adored, our grateful hymn receive.

For all thy saints, O Lord,

accept our thankful cry, who counted thee their great reward, and strove in thee to die.

They all, in life and death, with thee their Lord in view, learned from thy Holy Spirit's breath to suffer and to do.

Thine earthly members fit to join thy saints above, in one communion ever knit, one fellowship of love.

Jesu, thy name we bless, and humbly pray that we may follow them in holiness, and live and die in thee.

(Please remain standing)

## **Collect for Purity**

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 Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## The Penitence

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says:

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.

This is the first and great commandment.

And the second is like it. You shall love your neighbour as yourself.

On these two commandments depend all the law and the prophets.

Lord, have mercy on us, and write these laws in our hearts.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ, to save us from our sins, to intercede for us in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us then confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace.

(Please sit or kneel)

(Silence)

# The Penitential Kyries for Saints' Days

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

### The Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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.

## Gloria - Hymn No. 693 (Camberwell)

Glory in the highest to the God of heaven!

Peace to all your people through the earth be given!

Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,

singing Alleluia to our heavenly King.

Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!

With the Holy Spirit, you are Lord alone!

Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,

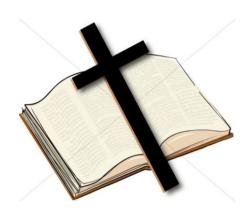
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.

Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy one,

seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:

Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:

in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!



### THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

(Please remain standing)

# The Collect of the 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday before Advent

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 our Lord. Amen.

# The Collect for All Saints' Day 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 our Lord.

Amen.

(Please sit)

## The Epistle - Revelation 7: 9-17

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. ¹¹¹ 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,

12 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?' <sup>14</sup>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

This is the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**.

from their eyes.'

# <u>The Gradual Hymn - No. 530 (Ubi</u> caritas et amor)

[The refrain only, is sung 3 times] Ubi caritas et amor,

#### Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

[Where charity (i.e. 'loving-kindness' and love are found, God himself is there.]

(Please remain standing)

## The Gospel - Matthew 5: 1-12

Hear the Gospel of our Saviour Christ, according to Matthew, chapter 5, beginning at verse 1.

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. <sup>2</sup>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. <sup>12</sup>Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the

same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

#### The Sermon

(Please stand)

#### An Affirmation of Faith

written for All Saints' Day from Candles and Conifers

We believe in God, who brought forth light from chaos and darkness.

We believe in Jesus, who faced the darkness of the grave and rose from death to life and glory.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, who walks with us in darkness and light.

We believe that we are surrounded always by a great company of saints and angels.

We believe that we are called to share and proclaim the justice and wonder of God.

Amen.

On this All Saints' Day, we give thanks for, and remember those, who have been part of our lives who have gone home to God. The following names are of those whom we have been asked to remember by name. There is a candle lit on the altar/communion rails for each person or family. There are also some who wish to remember their loved ones privately today rather than having their names mentioned, and the large Easter candle is lit to remember them, and all who have died from COVID-19.

Florrie Halliday
Arthur and June White
Honor Stuart
Lilian Allan
Michael Sherlock
Carl Bessler
The Eager Family
The Sherlock Family
Rita Donovan
Dorothy Doyle
Elci Faulim Quadros

Elci Faulim Quadros Jim and Olive Bell Susie Bell

Tineke Klaasen

Hias Jäger Mary Lacey Ian McNab

Ted Hill

David McLees
Joan Lassen

Betty Morrogh

Adrian Phillips Vincent Hoey

Caralina Cinn

Caroline Ginnelly

Mary and Patrick Wall

Noel Wall and Liz Alexander

Billy and Sybil Mellon Brian Chamberlain Gail Chamberlain Joe and Gwen Morgan Pierre and Marie Elliette Heugas Robert Moorehead John and Pauline (Filla) Harrington Anthony Gerard (Gerry) Mason David McLean Etta and Robin Hunter Stewart Hunter Walter Green Norman McLean **Bob Hoffman** Ben Kennedy **Noel Shepard** The Lee Family The Dunne Family Joan Husbands Nerina Collins Reggie and Sheila Beare James and Margaret (Daisey) Richards Joy and Michael Duignan Janke Postma Antje Postma Janet Boake Suzanne Fink Wendy Porter Sue McDonnell Nicola Walker Ros Wallace

# Musical Reflection – A Clare Benediction by John Rutter



(Please kneel or sit)

Florrie Rowden

**Paddy Wharton** 

#### **Intercessions**

God, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



(Please stand)

### 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. Ephesians 2: 19,17

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

# Offertory Hymn No. 677 (Boston)

Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel-feet have trod, with its crystal tide for ever flowing by the throne of God?

Yes, we'll gather at the river, the beautiful, the beautiful river gather with the saints at the river that flows by the throne of God. On the margin of the river dashing up its silver spray, we will walk and worship ever, all the happy golden day:

'Ere we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down, grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown:

At the smiling of the river, mirror of the Saviour's face, saints, whom death will never sever, raise their songs of saving grace:

Soon we'll reach the silver river, soon our pilgrimage will cease; then our happy hearts shall ever sing the joyful song of peace.

# THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The Taking of the Bread and Wine Christ, our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

therefore let us celebrate the feast.

The Great Thanksgiving
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 him thanks and praise.

Father, almighty and everliving God, at all times and in all places it is right to give you thanks and praise;

in the saints you have given us an example of godly living, that, rejoicing in their fellowship we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us, and with them receive the unfading crown of glory: and so with all your people, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying;

(Verses 3 & 4 of Hymn No. 715)

Holy, Holy, Holy,
Lord God, the Lord almighty!
Hosannas ring in heaven and earth;
'You are holy, Lord!'
Blessed is he who comes,
who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in excelsis,
in excelsis!

(Please feel free to stand, sit or kneel)
Blessed are you, Father, the creator and sustainer of all things; you made us in your own image; male and female you created us; even when we turned away from you, you never ceased to care for us, but in your love and mercy you freed us from the slavery of sin, giving your only begotten Son to become man and

suffer death on the cross to redeem us;

he made there the one complete and all-sufficient sacrifice for the sins of the whole world:

he instituted and in his holy Gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

On the night that he was betrayed he took bread;

and when he had given thanks to you, be broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you.

Do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup;

and when he had given thanks to you, he gave it to them, saying, Drink this, all of you, for 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.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we do as Christ your Son commanded:

we remember his passion and death, we celebrate his resurrection and ascension,

and we look for the coming of his kingdom.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving;

and as we eat and drink these holy gifts, grant by the power of the life-giving Spirit that we may be made one in your holy Church and partakers of the body and blood of your Son, that he may dwell in us and we in him;

Through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, Almighty Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

#### The Lord's Prayer

## Breaking of the Bread

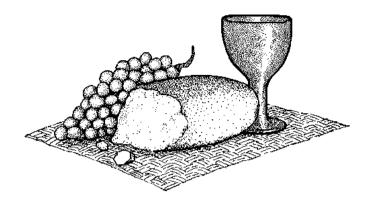
The bread which we break is a sharing in the body of Christ.

We being many are one body, for we all share in the one bread.

## The Invitation

#### The Communion

Due to COVID-19 restrictions and in the interests of having as little movement of the congregation as possible, please remain in your seat to receive Holy Communion.



The Great Silence

A time for reflection

## The Post-Communion Prayer

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.

through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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.

### The Blessing

May God watch between you and me while we are parted from one another. May God watch between you and your loved ones while you are parted from one another...

God give you grace to share the inheritance of all his saints in glory: the Blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you always. *Amen*.

# Hymn No. 459 (Sine nomine)

[Verses 1, 2, 4, 7, 8]

1. For all the saints, who from their labours rest,

who thee by faith before the world confessed,

thy Name, O Jesu, be for ever blessed.

Alleluia!

2. 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!

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!

we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.

Alleluia!

- 7. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day: the saints triumphant rise in bright array; the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia!
- 8. 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!

#### The Dismissal

Summoned to holiness, roused to justice, we are called to live in love.

Granted forgiveness, blessed with mercy, we are called to live in hope.

Beckoned by saints, encouraged by angels, we are called to live in joy.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.