

All Saints' Day

Sunday 1st November 2020

Welcome

Welcome in the name of Christ.

God's grace, mercy and peace be with you
and also with you.

**Come, Holy Spirit,
fill the hearts of your faithful people,
and kindle in us the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen

Hymn – All hail the power of Jesus' name

- 1 All hail the power of Jesus' name!
let angels prostrate fall;
bring forth the royal diadem
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.
- 2 Crown him, ye martyrs of your God,
who from his altar call;
praise him whose way of pain ye trod
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.
- 3 Let ev'ry tribe and ev'ry tongue
to him their hearts enthrall;
lift high the universal song
and crown him, crown him,
crown him, crown him Lord of all.

Saying Sorry

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses let us lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Almighty and most merciful Father,

we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.

We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts.

We have offended against your holy laws.

We have left undone those things that we ought to have done;

and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us.

But you, O lord, have mercy upon us sinners.

Spare those who confess their faults.

Restore those who are penitent,

according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord.

And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake,

that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,

to the glory of your holy name.

Amen

Receiving Forgiveness

May the God of love bring us back to himself,

forgive us our sins,

and assure us of his eternal love

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect for All Saints Day

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age:

as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,

inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Readings

Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ 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. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

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

¹¹ 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 worshiped God, ¹² singing,

“Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honor
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen.”

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, “Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?” ¹⁴ 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.

¹⁵ 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.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the center 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.”.

Matthew 5:1-12

5 When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ² Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

³ “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

⁴ “Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

⁵ “Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

⁶ “Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

⁷ “Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

⁸ “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

⁹ “Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

¹⁰ “Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

¹¹ “Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. ¹² Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you..

Talk – Sid Mitchell, Licensed Lay Minister in training

Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

**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 prayers conclude with:

Merciful Father,

accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

Hymn – For All The Saints

- 1 For all the saints who from their labours rest
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed
Thy name O Jesus be forever blest
Hallelujah hallelujah
- 2 Thou wast their rock their fortress and their might
Thou Lord their Captain in the well fought fight
Thou in the darkness drear their one true light
Hallelujah hallelujah
- 3 O may the soldiers faithful true and bold
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old
And win with them the victor's crown of gold
Hallelujah hallelujah
- 4 And when the strife is fierce the warfare long
Steals on the ear the distant triumph song
And hearts are brave again and arms are strong
Hallelujah hallelujah
- 5 But lo there breaks a yet more glorious day
The saints triumphant rise in bright array
The King of Glory passes on His way
Hallelujah hallelujah
- 6 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
Hallelujah hallelujah

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The Blessing

May God who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints pour upon you the riches of his grace...may he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and come to the full radiance of glory...
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

Amen