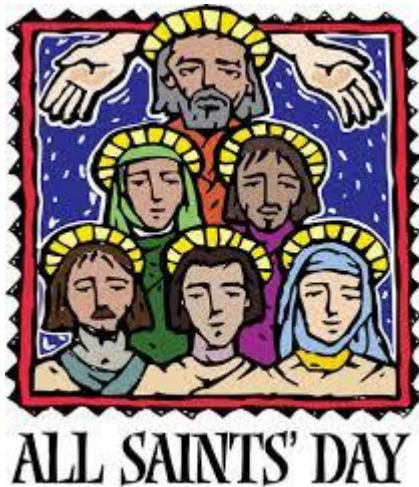


**ALL SAINTS
AT 10AM**

**Holy Communion
All Saints Celebration**



10am Sunday 5th November 2023

Welcome!

We are delighted that you have joined with us today as we gather to worship God our Creator, Redeemer and Sustainer.

Welcome

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

Welcome and Notices

All Saints Day – what is it all about?

Opening Prayer:

Let us come into God's presence.

Give to God the praise and glory.

Holy Spirit help us to pray,

Give to God the praise and glory.

Give us voices full of praise,

Give to God the praise and glory.

Hymn:

**For all the saints, who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Thou wast their rock, their refuge, and their might,
thou, Lord, the vision ever in their sight;
'mid gloom and doubt, their true and shining light.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**Oh, blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**But look! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array,
the King of glory passes on his way:
Alleluia, alleluia!**

**From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
all praising Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!**

Invitation to Confession:

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.

Confession:

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.**

**We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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

New Testament Reading:

Ephesians 1: 11-end (pg. 189) *Saints in Christ together.*

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gradual Song:

**King of kings, majesty,
God of heaven living in me,
gentle Saviour, closest friend,
strong deliverer, beginning and end,
all within me falls at your throne:**

*Your majesty, I can but bow,
I lay my all before you now.
In royal robes I don't deserve
I live to serve your majesty.*

**Earth and heaven worship you,
love eternal, faithful and true,
who bought the nations, ransomed souls,
brought this sinner near to your throne;
all within me cries out in praise.**

Gospel Reading:

Please remain standing for the Gospel reading.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,
according to Matthew. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 5: 1-12 (pg. 4) *Disciples – The Beatitudes*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon:

Prayers of Intercessions:

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

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

Mission Prayer:

God of Mission

Who alone brings growth to your Church.

Send your Holy Spirit,

to give vision to our planning,

wisdom to our actions, and power to our witness.

Help our church to grow in numbers,

in spiritual commitment to you,

and in service to our local community,

through 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**

The Peace:

To crown all things there must be love,

to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

Peace be with you,

and also with you.

Let us share with one another a sign of God's peace.

Offertory Hymn:

**Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea,
A great High Priest whose name is Love,
Who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
My name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heav'n he stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart,
No tongue can bid me thence depart.**

**When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within,
Upward I look and see him there
Who made an end of all my sin.
Because the sinless Saviour died,
My sinful soul is counted free;
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on him and pardon me,
To look on him and pardon me.**

**Behold him there! The risen Lamb,
My perfect, spotless righteousness;
The great unchangeable "I AM,"
The King of glory and of grace!
One with himself I cannot die,
My soul is purchased by his blood;
My life is hid with Christ on high,**

**With Christ, my Saviour and my God,
With Christ, my Saviour and my God.**

Prayer at the 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

Communion:

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.
From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

And now we give you thanks
because in Christ you have received us as your sons and
daughters, joined us in one fellowship with the saints,
and made us citizens of your kingdom.

We raise our voices to sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.

As a mother tenderly gathers her children,

you embraced a people as your own.

When they turned away and rebelled

your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,

to be the living bread,

in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,

and with a love stronger than death

he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,

he came to supper with his friends

and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.

He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

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

do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you
these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,

we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer:

So, with Saints and Martyrs through the ages,
and from around the world
we pray with confidence as Jesus taught us:

**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.**

Breaking of the 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.**

Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei may be used as bread is broken

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

Giving of Communion:

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Body and Blood of Christ keep us in eternal life.

The President and people receive Communion or a blessing.

During Communion we listen to some gentle, reflective music.

Post Communion Prayer:

**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**

Acclamation:

**Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:
there is no end of his greatness.**

**One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

**All your works praise you, Lord,
and your faithful servants bless you.**

**They make known the glory of your kingdom
and speak of your power.**

**My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
let everything bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

Hymn:

**To God be the glory, great things He hath done,
So loved He the world that He gave us His Son,
Who yielded His life an atonement for sin,
And opened the life-gate that all may go in.**

*Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the earth hear His voice;
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord,
Let the people rejoice;
Oh, come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
And give Him the glory; great things He hath done.*

**Oh, perfect redemption, the purchase of blood,
To every believer the promise of God;
The vilest offender who truly believes,
That moment from Jesus a pardon receives.**

**Great things He hath taught us, great things He hath done,
And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
But purer, and higher, and greater will be
Our wonder, our rapture when Jesus we see.**

Blessing:

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

Amen.

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

Amen.

May he strengthen you 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 you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal:

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Please join us for refreshments served in our church hall.

