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All Saints' Day

Sunday 1 November 2020 10.00 am

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

and also with you.

Words of Welcome and Introduction

Hymn

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

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. Alleluia, alleluia! O may thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia!

O blest communion! fellowship divine! we feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia!

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, alleluia!

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, alleluia!

Prayers of Penitence

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil distortions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for all his children.

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.

Gloria in Excelsis

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

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

Silence is kept.

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.

First reading

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is.

And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

1 John 3: 1 - 3

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

There is only one God, there is only one King. There is only one Body, that is why we sing:

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

Fit for the glory of God, purchased by his precious Blood. born with the right to be free: Jesus the vict'ry has won: Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

We are the fam'ly of God, we are his promise divine, we are his chosen desire, we are the glorious new wine.

Bind us together, Lord, bind us together with cords that cannot be broken. Bind us together, Lord, bind us together, Lord, bind us together in love.

Gospel reading

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

Alleluia.

Matthew 5.3

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. 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.

Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

Matthew 5: 1 - 12

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Nicene Creed

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

Written and led by Alistair Hezel, and ending with...

With saints and martyrs through the ages, Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

Hymn

Three in One, and One in Three, ruler of the earth and sea, hear us while we lift to thee holy chant and psalm.

Light of lights! with morning-shine lift on us thy light divine; and let charity benign breathe on us her balm.

Light of lights! when falls the ev'n, let it close on sin forgiv'n, fold us in the peace of heav'n; shed a holy calm. Three in One, and One in Three, dimly here we worship thee; with the saints hereafter we hope to bear the palm.

Closing Prayer and Acclamation

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Glory to you, O Lord,

from the whole company of heaven,

from the saints in glory,

from your people on earth.

Father, we give you thanks that in the darkness of this world your saints shine.

May we, with them, have a share in your everlasting kingdom; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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

Christ is our cornerstone, on him alone we build; with his true saints alone the courts of heav'n are filled: on his great love our hopes we place of present grace and joys above. O then with hymns of praise these hallowed courts shall ring; our voices we will raise the Three in One to sing; and thus proclaim in joyful song, both loud and long, that glorious Name.

Here, gracious God, do thou for evermore draw nigh; accept our faithful vow, and mark each suppliant sigh; in copious show'r on all who pray each holy day thy blessings pour.

Here may we gain from heav'n the grace which we implore; and may that grace, once giv'n, be with us evermore, until that day when all the blest to endless rest are called away. 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 the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

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