



4th November 2018

All Saints' Day

We welcome you to St Matthew's Church this morning and pray you are blessed as we worship the Lord together.

If you are with us for the first time please fill in one of our Welcome leaflets. Thank you.

*Please join in the words in **bold print**.*

Don't forget to silence your mobile!

Our Celebrant is Revd Canon Barry Goodwin and Preacher is Revd Darius Weithers.

¶ The Gathering

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

We remain standing to pray together

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 Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Please sit or kneel

The Confession and Absolution

Invitation to confession

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

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

Almighty God, our heavenly
Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through
weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus
Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you
in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
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.

Please stand

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

A period of silent prayer

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 Liturgy of the Word

Let us prepare ourselves for the Word
of God as it comes to us in the reading
of Holy Scripture.

Our hearts and minds are open.

Please be seated

First Reading

Isaiah 25.6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts
will make for all peoples
a feast of rich food, a feast of well-
matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of
well-matured wines strained clear.
And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all
peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all
nations;
he will swallow up death for ever.
Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the
tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will
take away from all the earth,
for the LORD has spoken.
It will be said on that day,
Lo, this is our God; we have waited
for him, so that he might save us.
This is the LORD for whom we have
waited;
let us be glad and rejoice in his
salvation.
This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

Revelation 21.1-6a

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals.

He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.'

And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end. To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Let us stand to greet the Gospel of Christ.

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,

called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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

John 11.32-44

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?'

Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here, so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud

voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

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

Please be seated

The Sermon

Let us stand to declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The Nicene Creed

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.

Please sit or kneel

Prayers of Intercession

To the words

Lord in your mercy,

We respond

hear our prayer.

After the final prayer we say:

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

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

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.

The peace of the Lord be
always with you
and also with you.

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

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness,
the power, the glory, the
splendour,
and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and
on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (A)

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.**

Please sit or kneel

It is indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our
Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all things
from the beginning,
and formed us in your own image.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

Through him you have freed us from
the slavery of sin,
giving him to be born of a woman and
to die upon the cross;
you raised him from the dead
and exalted him to your right hand on
high.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

Through him you have sent upon us
your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your own
possession.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious
name,
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, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus
Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey
his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy
Spirit

these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;
who, in the same night that he was
betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he 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.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection
and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your
kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make 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, our great high
priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,

inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

**To you be glory and praise for
ever.**

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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

Rejoicing in the presence of God here
among us, 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

Agnus Dei

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
give us your peace.**

Invitation to 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.

**We do not presume
to come to this your table,
merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and
great mercies.**

**We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the
crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to
have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear
Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be
made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his
most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell
in him and he in us.
Amen.**

Communicant members of any Christian Church are invited to receive Holy Communion. Children and those who are not confirmed are welcome to come forward for a blessing. If you wish to receive a blessing please bow your head.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

We thank you Lord,
that you have fed us in this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly
banquet
prepared for all peoples.

Amen

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your
Son Jesus Christ.**

**Through him we offer you our
souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

Notices

¶ Dismissal

The Blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy

Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you and
all those whom you love and all those
for whom you pray this day and
for evermore.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Please take this service sheet with you.

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