

Sunday 1 November 2020
10.00am



A fresco from the Scrovegni Chapel in Padua, Giotto

A Parish Eucharist for the Feast of All Saints

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⊕ Common Worship

Thank you for joining us today, whether you are in the building or watching online from home.

Thanks to Katie Hilton, Eleanor Jukes, Hannah Mears-Young, William Round, Alexander Walls, James Fields and Andrew Williams for singing today.

Please remember to keep yourself and others safe.

- Wear a face covering
- Maintain 2m distance
- Hand sanitise regularly
- Use phones for liturgy and giving
- Sing only in our hearts

For full details, please see the separate document *Congregation Safety over Covid 19*.

Filming

This service is being streamed live to our public Facebook page. The camera focuses on the clergy and other contributors only for most of the service but turns to face the congregation at times, in the central block of seating between the pillars. If you wish to avoid being on camera, please sit in one of the side areas and let a steward know if you would like to receive communion

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The Gathering

Introit A Prayer of St Richard of Chichester *Archer*

Thanks be to thee, our Lord Jesus Christ
for all the benefits which thou hast given us,
For all the pains and insults which thou hast borne us.
O most merciful Redeemer, friend and brother,
may I know thee more clearly,
love thee more dearly,
follow thee more nearly

Prayer of St Richard of Chichester

Words of Welcome

Please stand. Silence is kept.

The Greeting

Rejoice people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints.

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Opening Hymn

Recorded at St Martin-in-the-Fields

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia.
Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers,
Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs,
Alleluia.
- 2 O higher than the Cherubim,
more glorious than the Seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia.
Thou Bearer of the eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord.
Alleluia.

- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest,
Alleluia, alleluia.
Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong,
all Saints triumphant, raise the song
Alleluia.
- 4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia, alleluia.
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One,
Alleluia.

Athelstan Riley (1858-1945)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings to us and set our eyes on Jesus who leads us into life.

Silence

Lord you give us the gift of faith, but we are afraid to believe.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Lord, you call us to lives of holiness, but we refuse your blessing.

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

You surround us with many witnesses; but we do not welcome their company.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

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.

All **Amen.**

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis (overleaf)

Collect

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.

All **Amen.**

Please sit.

Gloria in Excelsis

Sung live by the Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields
Thorne

Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, Heav'n-ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther, we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we_ praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther. Lord God, Lamb of God, you take_ a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on us; You are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord, You a-lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly spi - rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Revelation 7.9-17 *read by Mel Adams*

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. 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, 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?' 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 from their eyes.'

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Second Reading 1 John 3. 1-3 *read by Brenda Childs-Barry
recorded at home*

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.

Hear the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand.

Gospel Hymn

- 1 All ye who seek a comfort sure
in trouble and distress,
whatever sorrow vex the mind,
or guilt the soul oppress:
- 2 Jesus, who gave himself for you
upon the cross to die,
opens to you his sacred heart;
oh, to that heart draw nigh.
- 3 Ye hear how kindly he invites;
ye hear his words so blest:
'all ye that labour come to me,
and I will give you rest.'
- 4 Jesus, thou joy of saints on high,
thou hope of sinners here,
attracted by those loving words
to thee I lift my prayer.
- 5 Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood,
which forth from thee doth flow;
new grace, new hope inspire, a new
and better heart bestow.

Quicumque certum quaeritis Anonymous
Latin translated by Edward Caswall (1814–1878)

Gospel Reading Matthew 5. 1-12

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

All **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.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Please sit.

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem Blessed are the pure in heart *Walford Davies*

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs;
their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
he doth Himself impart;
and for His cradle and His throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

John Keble

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

All **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.

The Prayers of Intercession *led by Michael Angus*

The response to the prayers is:

God of saints and sinners, the living and the dead

All **In your mercy, hear our prayer.**

And, at the end:

Merciful Father,

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

Amen.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the kingdom 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.

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

You are invited to offer one another a sign of peace. It is currently our convention to do this without making physical contact with one another.

As we place bread and wine on the altar during the next hymn, members of the congregation watching from home are invited to write a short phrase in the comments section of the Facebook live stream placing an experience they have had this week on the altar.

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Offertory Hymn

- 1 Let saints on earth in concert sing
With those whose work is done;
For all the servants of our King
In heaven and earth are one.
- 2 One family, we dwell in him,
One church, above, beneath;
Though now divided by the stream,
The narrow stream of death.
- 3 One army of the living God,
To His command we bow:
Part of the host have crossed the flood,
And part are crossing now.
- 4 E'en now to their eternal home
There pass some spirits blest;
While others to the margin come,
Waiting their call to rest.
- 5 Jesus, be thou our constant guide;
Then, when the word is given,
Bid Jordan's narrow stream divide
And bring us safe to heaven.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

The Preparation of the Table The Taking of the Bread and Wine

To you we come, Father of lights with angels and saints, where
heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of bread.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham and Moses, in Deborah, Esther, and Mary, you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will. In the dying and rising Christ you give us not just a saviour but an example, and in every generation you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so witness to your glory. You call us to be not heroes that go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise.

Sanctus and Benedictus Little Organ Mass *Haydn*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord:
Hosanna in the highest, the highest.

Transforming God, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and forever. As our earthly bodies decay and die, and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts may be one with yours. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom. Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward. Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness, and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

The Giving of Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia'.

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All **Blessed are those who are called to share the supper of the Lamb.**

A steward will invite you forward for communion; please use the hand sanitiser provided if you wish to receive the bread. Communion is administered in one kind only. Blessings can be given, as the sign of the cross, though the priest will remain silent. Please follow the stewards' directions for returning to your seat.

Communion Motet O quam gloriosum *Victoria*

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo, cum Christo, gaudent omnes Sancti;
amicti stolis albis,
sequi utur Agnum quocumque ierit.

*O how glorious the kingdom
wherein all the Saints rejoice with Christ;
clothed in white robes
they follow the Lamb wherever He goes*

Silence is kept.

The Prayer after Communion

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.

All **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Recorded this week at St Martin-in-the-Fields

- 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 blest:
Alleluia, 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, alleluia!

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

- 4 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!

- 5 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!

William W How (1823-1897)

Blessing

God give us grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

All **Thanks be to God.**

To help maintain social distancing, please remain seated until you are invited to leave by a steward.

Blessing Anthem An Irish Blessing *Chilcott*

May the road rise to meet you
May the wind be ever at you back
May the sunshine warm upon your face
And the rain fall soft upon your fields
And until we meet again
May god hold you, may god hold you
Ever in the palm of his hand.

Traditional

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