

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 20th
September, 15th Sunday after Trinity

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome everyone by Revd Grant :

Sabbath is that uncluttered time and space
in which we can distance ourselves
from our own activities enough to see
what God is doing.

Eugene H. Peterson

In the brief silence we settle into prayer...

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

All and also with you.



This is the day that the Lord
has made.

All Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

(Psalm 118:24)

Opening Song

We have come together, the people of God,
drawn by his Spirit, longing for his word,
to praise the holy name of the Lord,
to share his glorious news of grace,
to pray our needs
and the pain of the world,
to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
Through our Saviour Jesus Christ
Who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people
as his own. (cf Titus 2:11-14)

So let us turn away from our sin and turn to
Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence

**All 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.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins.
Heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Blessed is the Lord,

All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

All and in our song will we praise our God.

We continue in prayer...

Blessed are you Creator God,
to you be glory and praise for ever.
As your Spirit moved over
the face of the waters
bringing light and life to your creation,
Pour out your Spirit on us today
that we may walk as children of light,
and by your grace reveal your presence.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed,
and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever. **Amen.**

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

*We open our ears and hearts to receive and obey
God's holy word.*

Psalm 29

- ¹ Ascribe to the LORD, you heavenly beings,
ascribe to the LORD glory and strength.
² Ascribe to the LORD the glory due to his name;
worship the LORD in the splendour of his
holiness.
- ³ The voice of the LORD is over the waters;
the God of glory thunders,
the LORD thunders over the mighty waters.
- ⁴ The voice of the LORD is powerful;
the voice of the LORD is majestic.
- ⁵ The voice of the LORD breaks the cedars;
the LORD breaks in pieces the cedars of
Lebanon.
- ⁶ He makes Lebanon leap like a calf,
Sirion like a young wild ox.
- ⁷ The voice of the LORD strikes
with flashes of lightning.
- ⁸ The voice of the LORD shakes the desert;
the LORD shakes the Desert of Kadesh.
- ⁹ The voice of the LORD twists the oaks
and strips the forests bare.
And in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- ¹⁰ The LORD sits enthroned over the flood;
the LORD is enthroned as King for ever.
- ¹¹ The LORD gives strength to his people;
the LORD blesses his people with peace.

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now,
and ever shall be, world without end.**

Amen.

NT : Acts 2:v36-end

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Gospel: Mark 4:1-20

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Gospel Cantic (Te Deum)

All We praise you, O God,
we acclaim you as the Lord;
all creation worships you, the Father everlasting.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,
the cherubim and seraphim, sing in endless
praise:
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
Throughout the world
the holy Church acclaims you:

Father, of majesty unbounded,
your true and only Son, worthy of all praise,
the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.

You, Christ, are the King of glory,
the eternal Son of the Father.
When you took our flesh to set us free
you humbly chose the Virgin's womb.

You overcame the sting of death
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all
believers.

You are seated at God's right hand in glory.
We believe that you will come and be our judge.
Come then, Lord, and help your people,
bought with the price of your own blood,
and bring us with your saints
to glory everlasting.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning
is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Sermon (*we continue our series on 'Evangelism'*)

Song

The Creed

We declare our faith with Christians of all sorts,
all nationalities, all backgrounds across our world

All 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



The Prayers of the People

Let us pray to the Lord of the Harvest,

Lord hear us, **Lord graciously hear us.**

Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints

Gracious God,
accept our financial gifts
And with them our lives
To be used in your service,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Collect

All Father, help me
live this coming week to the full,
being true to You, in every way.
Jesus, help me give myself away to others,
being kind to everyone I meet.
Spirit, help me to love the lost,
proclaiming Christ in all I do and say. **Amen.**
*Bring our prayers and praises to a close,
we sing together...*

All 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.

Going out as God's People

Church Life Announcements

1. Each year we hold our Annual Church Meeting. This was delayed due to the Corona pandemic. We will be holding our meeting on Sunday 25th October, last Sunday next month, after our morning service. At that meeting, we elect our new council and wardens. A council is there to ensure that All Saints is well led. Also at that meeting we hear our financial reports from 2019, and look ahead to the coming months, about our direction in worship, ministry and mission.

2. Life Groups

In this special season, many of us have missed meeting and praying with each other. With the restrictions in mind, we've come up with a great new way, to give 'Up-In-Out' hands and feet.

We want to encourage every friend and member of All Saints to sign up for small, so called 'Life groups', of max 4 people. They will run only for a short period. The first week of October up till Christmas and be held at our homes to learn, to share and to pray with each other.

It's only six meetings of two hours, so please all try out this new way of being congregation!

The theme we will talk about is: 'Talking Jesus' – practical video based sessions to inspire us to share our faith confidently and naturally about Jesus.

You can sign up, before 27th September by the link found in the email newsletter or church whatsapp group. Please tick three preferences of the 'Life group' you would like to join.

P.s. We would really appreciate it, if those who decide not to join a 'Life Group' could let us know through this form also. Just give your name and tick the box at the bottom. It will avoid us chasing you later on! It only takes a minute.

Final Song

Blessing

God the Holy Trinity
make you strong in faith and love,
defend you on every side,
and guide you in truth and peace;
The blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
Be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

We finish with praying the grace together...

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
be with us all this day and evermore.
Amen.**

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