

Service of Morning Prayer. Sunday 1st November
All Saints Sunday.

The Gathering of God's People

Welcome everyone by Revd Grant.

Today is All Saints Day, All Saints Sunday.

From today Kingdom Season begins which takes us up to Advent which begins today at the last Sunday of this month. Our liturgy will reflect our Kingdom season.

Today is also the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted (IDOP) Church, as Christians across the West focus on prayer for our persecuted brothers and sisters in Christ, the saints who suffer for seeking to worship and follow Christ.

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.



'You will show me the path of life;
in your presence is the fullness of joy
and in your right hand are pleasures for
evermore.' *Psalm 16:10*

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 for our needs and the pain of the world,
to rejoice in his love and be sent in his peace.

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said: Repent for the kingdom of heaven is
close at hand.

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

Silence

**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.**

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, Sovereign God, ruler and judge
of all, to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away,
may the light of your presence, which the saints
enjoy, surround our steps, as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face in the
heavenly city where night shall be no more.
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

Invite you if you can see it, to join me in reading this psalm aloud.

Psalm 119 –*Over the coming weeks, we will each Sunday read a portion of this psalm – until we complete the psalm in mid December.*

¹ Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the LORD.

² Blessed are those who keep his statutes
and seek him with all their heart –

³ they do no wrong
but follow his ways.

⁴ You have laid down precepts
that are to be fully obeyed.

⁵ Oh, that my ways were steadfast
in obeying your decrees!

⁶ Then I would not be put to shame
when I consider all your commands.

⁷ I will praise you with an upright heart
as I learn your righteous laws.

⁸ I will obey your decrees;
do not utterly forsake me.

⌋ Beth

⁹ How can a young person stay on the path of
purity?

By living according to your word.

¹⁰ I seek you with all my heart;
do not let me stray from your commands.

¹¹ I have hidden your word in my heart
that I might not sin against you.

¹² Praise be to you, LORD;
teach me your decrees.

¹³ With my lips I recount
all the laws that come from your mouth.

¹⁴ I rejoice in following your statutes
as one rejoices in great riches.

¹⁵ I meditate on your precepts
and consider your ways.

¹⁶ I delight in your decrees;
I will not neglect your word.

⌋ Gimel

¹⁷ Be good to your servant while I live,
that I may obey your word.

¹⁸ Open my eyes that I may see
wonderful things in your law.

¹⁹ I am a stranger on earth;
do not hide your commands from me.

²⁰ My soul is consumed with longing
for your laws at all times.

²¹ You rebuke the arrogant, who are accursed,
those who stray from your commands.

²² Remove from me scorn and contempt,
for I keep your statutes.

²³ Though rulers sit together and slander me,
your servant will meditate on your decrees.

²⁴ Your statutes are my delight;
they are my counsellors.

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 : Revelation 7:9-end
This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Song

Gospel: Matthew 5:1-12

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The Canticle 'Great and Wonderful'

**All nations shall come and worship you,
O Christ,
And share in the feast of your kingdom.**

Great and wonderful are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty.

**Just and true are your ways,
O ruler of the nations.**

Who shall not revere and praise your name, O
Lord?
For you alone are holy.

**All nations shall come and worship
in your presence:
For your just dealings have been revealed.**
(Revelation 15:3-4)

To the One who sits on the throne
and to the Lamb
Be blessing and honour and glory and might,
For ever and ever. **Amen.**

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O Christ,
And share in the feast of your kingdom.**

Video 'Zoom Church Lockdown'

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cGuGVU5Uhw>

Sermon

Song

Affirmation of Faith:

(from the Athanasian Creed)

We proclaim the Church's faith in Jesus Christ,
the King of Kings
who became flesh and came among us.

**We believe and declare
that our Lord Jesus Christ,
the Son of God, is both divine and human.**

God, of the being of the Father,
the only Son from before time began;
human from the being of his mother, born in the
world;
**fully God and fully human;
human in both mind and body.**

As God he is equal to the Father,
as human he is less than the Father.
**Although he is both divine and human
he is not two beings but one Christ.**

One, not by turning God into flesh,
but by taking humanity into God;
**truly one, not by mixing humanity
with Godhead,
but by being one person.**

For as mind and body
form one human being
so the one Christ is both divine and human.
**The Word became flesh
and lived among us;
we have seen his glory,
the glory of the only Son from the Father,
full of grace and truth.**

The Prayers of the People (Grant)

IDOP 'Prayer Set me free' video

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=k4RVvazlgu8>

Let us pray



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.

Collects

All Lord, in these dark and difficult times,
grant me grace to seek your face with
undiminished love. Replenish my reserves for the
road is long.

Surprise me in the coming week with glimpses of
your goodness, hints of your holiness, and a song
of hope in this very strange time. **Amen.**

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, **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

Announcements

The International Day of Prayer for Persecuted Church is held in UK on November 15th. Christian Solidarity Worldwide, Evangelical Alliance, Release International and Open Doors UK are holding a prayer and worship event in the evening – 7.30pm. Go to the <https://www.csw.org.uk/2020/09/10/event/4793/article.htm> to register.

Open Doors Netherlands have their Annual Day – this Saturday 7th November from 2.30pm to 5pm or 8 – 10.30pm. Two livestreams both the same so you choose which you prefer to join. This again will include prayer, worship, interviews and information about the persecuted Church.

<https://www.opendoors.nl/evenementen/opendoors-dag-2020>

Last Friday we held our Annual Church Meeting. Nienke and Andrew were appointed as our wardens.

Peter, Marina, Anneke, Henry and Joshua were appointed as our council members.

Linda was reappointed as a our safeguarding officer.

Hold these members in your prayers I ask, as they serve All Saints in the coming months.

Final Song

Blessing

Christ our exalted King
pour upon you his abundant gifts
and bring you to reign with him in glory;
and the blessing of God
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among 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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To know more about the Church of England here
in Europe - the Diocese in Europe website is -
<https://europe.anglican.org/>

This Sunday we have used some of the materials
produced by **Christian Solidarity Worldwide**, a
Christian human rights organization that seeks to
pray for and speak out for Christians and those of
other faiths who are persecuted.

The UK website to know more.

<https://www.csw.org.uk/home.htm>



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