

**Service of Morning Prayer.** Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> January  
2021 **2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Epiphany**

**The Gathering of God's People**

*All Saints is an English speaking international  
Anglican Church,  
A church which is, at all times and in all seasons,  
committed to being a church of  
Up (worship & prayer),  
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),  
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).*

**Welcome!**

*In the brief silence we settle into prayer,  
we re-centre our scattered senses upon the  
presence of the Living God.*

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



God in Christ has revealed his glory.  
**Come let us worship.**

From the rising of the sun to its setting  
**the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.**

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.  
**O praise the name of the Lord!**

**Opening Hymn: Holy Holy Holy**

Beloved in Christ,  
we come together to offer to Almighty God  
our worship and praise and thanksgiving,  
to confess our sins  
and to receive God's forgiveness,  
to hear his holy word proclaimed,  
to bring before him our needs  
and the needs of the world,  
and to pray that in the power of his Spirit  
we may serve him and know  
the greatness of his love.

**Prayers of Penitence**

Christ the Light of the World has come to dispel  
the darkness of our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves  
and confess our sins...

**Silence**

Lord of grace and truth,  
we confess our unworthiness  
to stand in your presence as your children.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call  
to be the mother of Jesus.  
Forgive our disobedience to your will.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

Your Son our Saviour  
was born in poverty in a manger.  
Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

The shepherds left their flocks  
to go to Bethlehem.  
Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

The wise men followed the star  
to find Jesus the King.  
Forgive our reluctance to seek you.  
We have sinned:  
**All forgive and heal us.**

May God who loved the world so much  
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour  
forgive you your sins  
and make you holy to serve him in the world,  
through Jesus 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.

### 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 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

*The Word of God. Psalm 139. A psalm by David,  
sharing about God's omniscience, his  
omnipresence, God as creator and God's holiness*

You have searched me, LORD,  
and you know me.

<sup>2</sup>You know when I sit and when I rise;  
you perceive my thoughts from afar.

<sup>3</sup>You discern my going out and my lying down;  
you are familiar with all my ways.

<sup>4</sup>Before a word is on my tongue  
you, LORD, know it completely.

<sup>5</sup>You hem me in behind and before,  
and you lay your hand upon me.

<sup>6</sup>Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,  
too lofty for me to attain.

<sup>7</sup>Where can I go from your Spirit?  
Where can I flee from your presence?

<sup>8</sup>If I go up to the heavens, you are there;  
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.

<sup>9</sup>If I rise on the wings of the dawn,  
if I settle on the far side of the sea,

<sup>10</sup>even there your hand will guide me,  
your right hand will hold me fast.

**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 5**

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** **Thanks be to God.**

**Song: Revelation Song (Worthy is the Lamb)**

## **Gospel: John 1:29-end**

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**All Thanks be to God.**

### **A Song of Praise (Epiphany)**

*This Canticle is also known as Glory and Honour from Rev 4 & 5 We say together.*

**1 You are worthy, our Lord and God,  
to receive glory and honour and power.**

**2 For you have created all things,  
and by your will they have their being.**

**3 You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,  
and by your blood you ransomed for God  
saints from every tribe and language and nation.**

**4 You have made them to be a kingdom  
and priests serving our God,  
and they will reign with you on earth.**

*Revelation 4.11; 5.9b, 10*

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

**Sermon**

**Post Sermon Song: Victor's Crown**

## **The Affirmation of Faith**

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ  
the Son of God,  
the One sent by the Father  
to be the Saviour of the World.

**Though he was divine,  
he did not cling to equality with God,  
but made himself nothing.  
Taking the form of a slave,  
he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself  
and was obedient to death,  
even the death of the cross.  
Therefore God has raised him on high,  
and given him the name above every name:**

**that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bow,  
and every voice proclaim  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

*cf Philippians 2.6-11*

## **The Prayers of the People**

Let us pray

Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our prayer.**



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

## Offertory Prayer for gifts to All Saints

Faithful God,  
receive all we offer you this day.  
May we so live the life of Christ  
that your Church may be a sign of salvation  
to all the nations of the world.  
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**Amen**

## Collects

Almighty God,  
in Christ you make all things new:  
transform the poverty of our nature  
by the riches of your grace,  
and in the renewal of our lives  
make known your heavenly glory;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.

Father, thank you for your beautiful multi-cultural, intergenerational family, gathering online or in person today in so many countries. Revive and sanctify us, we pray. Make us a house of prayer for all nations. And set our hearts on fire again, with the good news of your gospel.

**Amen.**

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

*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

Alpha postponed due to low numbers. We will let you know when it will start.

Open Doors Watch List. A new 2021 list has come out this week – information available on the Open Doors website.

January Charitable Giving. This month goes to the work of Open Doors Netherlands. To donate use collection 2 on the Givt App or go to the giving page on our website and the information for our charitable giving account is there.

Life Groups beginning. Not too late to join.

### Final Song: Above All

#### Blessing

The Father, whose glory fills the heavens,  
cleanse you by his holiness  
and send you to proclaim his word.

The Son, who has ascended to the heights,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

The Holy Spirit, the Comforter,  
equip you and strengthen you in your ministry.

And the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be upon you and remain with you always.

*All: 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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