



Worship for All Saints Day 2020

Welcome

Good morning and welcome to our service on All Saints day. Welcome if you are worshipping with us in our church building, or over Zoom or at home, it is lovely to have you with us as we gather in the presence of our generous heavenly father. As we get ready for our service this morning let us take a moment to be still in the presence of God so that we are ready for worship.

Call to worship

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**
The Lord be with you and **also with you.**

We come to worship you, not alone, but as part of the worldwide family of the Church, united with our brothers and sisters in Christ across countries and continents, centuries and generations, bound together by the same Lord and the same faith. I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever. **I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

We come as part of the great company of your people in heaven and on earth, following in the footsteps of past generations, picking up the torch from those who have run the race before us and kept the faith, heirs of your age-old promises. I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever. **I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

We come as those called to build for the future, conscious of successive generations that will follow us, and mindful of our responsibility to pass on to them the message we have received, to offer them inspiration and encouragement through the example of our commitment. I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever. **I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

We come then united with all your people of past, present and future, of here, there, and everywhere, all those who call upon your name and offer you their service. I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever. **I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Remind us of that wider fellowship of which we are a part, and may we recognise more fully the rich heritage you have given us, the great cloud of witness to which we belong. Open our eyes to all we may learn of you, through these and one another. I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever. **I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Save us from closed and narrow minds, forgive us for small and restricted outlooks, and restore us with your people to the wholeness and fellowship that you desire. So, may we and your church everywhere offer our worship and service, in word and deed, to the glory of your name. I will sing of your steadfast love, O Lord, for ever. **I will proclaim your faithfulness to all generations.**

Hymn: Immortal invisible

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.

Prayers of penitence

We come to God from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

God of mercy, we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Collect of All Saints day

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**

Reading: 1 John 3: 1-3

Hymn: The church is one foundation

Reading: Matthew 5: 1-12

Talk

I have made a video of the talk.

Creed

**We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and earth is named.
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Hymn: how sweet the name of Jesus sounds

Prayers

I have made a video of the prayers.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, for you have called us to share in the blessedness of your saints. Grant that in the darkness that is around us we may be guided by their example and so serve you in love and peace. Blessed are you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Rejoicing in the fellowship of all the saints we pray to the Lord.

Blessed God, we remember before you all who have witness to your love and mercy. We ask your blessing upon all who seek to bring reconciliation and forgiveness to people and communities. We pray for all those involved in pastoral work and who care for those who are unwell. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Blesses God, we remember before you all who have witness to your peace. We ask your blessing upon the work of the United Nations and all peacekeeping forces. We pray for all who are not at peace with themselves or with the world around them and all who suffer through war. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed God, we remember before you all who have set us an example by their grace and goodness. We ask your blessing upon our homes, families, and communities. We pray for all who are suffering from broken relationships and all who feel lonely. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed God, we remember before you all who have suffered persecution for their faith. We ask you to bless those who strive against injustice and evil. We pray for all who suffer from tyranny or oppression. We remember also all who are ill at home or in hospital, those injured in accidents and all victims of violence. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

Blessed God, we remember before you all the faithful departed. We pray that our loved one who are gone from us may rejoice in the fellowship of all the saints in glory. *Silence.* Lord in your mercy. **Hear our prayer.**

We now have a few moments of quiet as we offer our own prayers to God. *Silence.*

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

The Lord's Prayer

Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Jesus 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.

I know that we are not together physically today and not able to share the peace in our normal way. However, this does not mean that we are not able to share the peace. Bring to mind members of our church family and as you do wish them God's peace. "..... (the name of a member of our church family) God's peace be with you.

Hymn: Oh worship the king

We go out

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

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

The Holy Spirit, the comforter, equip you and strengthen you in your ministry. **Amen**

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be with you now and always. **Amen**

Go in peace to love and service the Lord. **In the name of Christ Amen**

Common Worship: Times and Seasons, Church House Publishing 2006, New Patterns for Worship, Church House Publishing 2002 and The bumper book of resources: Harvest, All Saints, All Souls and remembrance, Kevin Mayhew 2005.