**Holy Communion 1 November 2020 All Saints' Day**

**The Gathering** *we sit*

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.

**Prayer of Preparation**

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.

**Invitation to confession** *we sit or kneel*

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.   cf Hebrews 12.1

**Kyrie Eleison**

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:
Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:
Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

You bring light to those in darkness:
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. Amen.

**The Collect** *we sit*

**First Reading Revelation** **7.9-17**

This is the word of the Lord.  **Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 34.1-10** *we stand*

1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.

**2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.**

3 O magnify the Lord with me; ♦ let us exalt his name together.

**4 I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.**

5 Look upon him and be radiant ♦
and your faces shall not be ashamed.

**6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me ♦
and saved me from all my troubles.**

7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him ♦ and delivers them.

**8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.**

9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦
for those who fear him lack nothing.

**10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦
but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good.**

**Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew 5.1-12

Glory to you, O Lord.

*At the end :* This is the Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon**

*We stand:* Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**The Creed**

We say together in faith: **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God almighty, who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

for by his will they were created and have their being.

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

for with his blood, he purchased us for God, from every tribe and language, from every people and nation.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’ Even so come, Lord Jesus! Amen.

cf Revelation 4.8,11;5.9;22.17,20

**Prayers of Intercession** *we sit or kneel*

Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

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

**The Eucharistic Prayer** *we stand*

The Lord be with you and also with you.

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

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you. In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest. *We sit or kneel*

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.
On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory. **Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. Amen.

**The Lord’s Prayer** As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

**Breaking of the Bread**

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

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

**Giving of Communion**

God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.  *We receive communion*.

**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**. Amen.

**Blessing** *we stand*

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

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

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