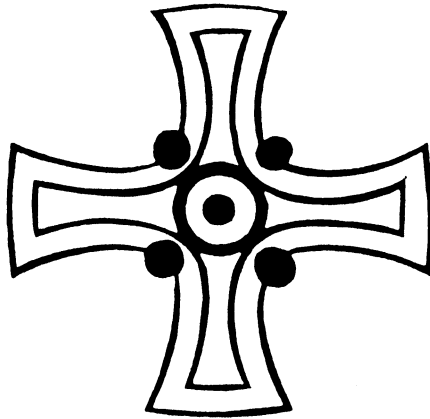




# **The Eucharist of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**



**All Souls' Day 2024**

## HYMN 259 - Jerusalem the golden

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.**

In our Eucharist tonight we give thanks for the lives of those whom we love but for a while see no longer.

God cares for each one of us. Let us then confess all in our lives that hinders his love for us.

[short silence]

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.

Christ have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to everlasting life.

**Amen.**

### THE COLLECT

Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the book of Wisdom (3.1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,  
and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished,  
their hope is full of immortality.

Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good,  
because God tested them and found them worthy of himself;  
like gold in the furnace he tried them,  
and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth,  
and will run like sparks through the stubble.

They will govern nations and rule over peoples,  
and the Lord will reign over them for ever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth,  
and the faithful will abide with him in love,  
because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans (*Romans 5.5-11*)

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person—though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*All stand for the* GOSPEL READING

**Alleluia, alleluia.**

"It s the will of him who sent me," says the Lord, "that I should lose none of all that he has given me, but raise them up on the last day."

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John (5.19-25)

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**ADDRESS by The Revd Philip Davison, Rector of St Mary's**

**PRAYERS**

Let us pray.

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, God has prepared for those who love him.

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy you turn the darkness of death into new life. Show your compassion to all who mourn. Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief to the peace and light of your presence. Your Son our Lord Jesus Christ by dying for us, conquered death, and by rising again, restored life.

May we then go forward eagerly to meet him, and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters where every tear will be wiped away. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right, O Lord our God;  
**For you created all things: and by your will they have their being.**

Glory and honour and power: are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain:  
**For by your blood you have ransomed for God a kingdom of priests  
from every race and language, from every people and nation.**

*The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.*

*You are invited to come forward and light a candle.*

*We then keep a short period of silence.*

This is the will of him that sent me that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,

**and I will raise them up at the last day.**

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:  
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,  
and unto earth shall we return.

For so you ordained when you created me, saying:  
'Dust you are and to dust you shall return.'

All of us go down to the dust, yet weeping at the grave, we make our song:  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints: where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

**Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands.**

**Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,  
lambs of your own flock,  
sinners of your own redeeming.**

**Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,  
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,  
and in the glorious company of the saints in light. Amen.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy bring the whole church living and departed in the Lord Jesus, to a joyful resurrection and the fulfillment of his eternal kingdom.

**Amen.**

**ALL STAND FOR THE PEACE**

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**HYMN 246 - In heav'y love abiding**

Almighty God, grant that we, with all the faithful departed, may be united in the full knowledge of your love and the unclouded vision of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*The EUCHARISTIC PRAYER*

Priest: The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life and conqueror of death.

By his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ  
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
breaking the power of evil  
and putting death to flight.

Through his resurrection from the dead  
you have given us new birth into a living hope,  
into an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled and unfading.

The joy of resurrection fills the universe,  
and so we join with angels and archangels,  
with all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and singing:

**All 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 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.

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith.

All: **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 Blessed Mary and 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.

All: **Amen**

*A short period of silence is kept*

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, as our Saviour  
taught us so we pray:

**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.**

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven: if anyone eats this bread, they will live for ever.

**Lord, give us this bread always.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world. Happy are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

*YOU ARE WARMLY INVITED TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION*

*During communion - Anthem: Russian Kontakion arr. Parrott and In Paradisum from the Faure Requiem*

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ, which we have celebrated in this eucharist, bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation.

**Amen**

HYMN 54 - Be still my soul

## **BLESSING**

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

May God give to you and to all those whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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