

A Liturgy of the Eucharist

For All Saints Day



All Saints Church, Birkenhead

AN ALL SAINTS DAY REFLECTION

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

*One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death. (Charles Wesley)*

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty.

The ascension of Christ has revealed him to be Lord of earth and heaven, and justice for all is one of his proper kingly purposes.

The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of God's justice, with which the cycle once more begins.

THE GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

We gather in the name of God: ✝ Father, Son and Holy Spirit
Amen

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

The Sentence of the Day is read

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.

We say / sing:

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

In silence we call to mind our sins.

Silence

Let us confess our sins.
**Merciful God, we have sinned in what we have thought and said,
in the wrong we have done and in the good we have not done.
We have sinned in ignorance: we have sinned in weakness:
we have sinned through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry. We repent and turn to you.
Forgive us, for our Saviour Christ's sake,
and renew our lives to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Through the cross of Christ,
✠ God have mercy on you,
pardon you and set you free.
Know that you are forgiven and be at peace.
God strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in life eternal.
Amen.

We say/sing the Gloria or another Hymn of Praise is sung:

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's 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

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all
the saints.

We turn to our service sheet to pray the Collect

THE READINGS

We sit for the readings

After each reading the response is

Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church
Thanks be to God

*A **Hymn** may be sung*

All Standing

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light. *1 Peter 2.9*

Alleluia.

The Holy Gospel according to...

✠ Praise and Glory to God

After the Gospel, the reader says

This is the Gospel of Christ.
Praise to Christ the Word

THE SERMON

Following The Sermon we keep silence

THE AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

All standing

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten not made, of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became fully human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge
the living and the dead
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who in unity with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
and has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

THE PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

The presiding priest says:

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, giving thanks for God's goodness.

THE PEACE

All standing

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who
were far off and those who were near.

The peace of Christ be always with you.
And also with you.

THE PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS

*We sing a **Hymn** as the bread & wine and the gifts of the people are brought to the altar*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord is here
God's Spirit is with us

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to offer 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 / singing:

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.

Please sit or kneel

All glory and thanksgiving to you, holy Father;
on the night before he died
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;
when he had given you thanks, he broke it,
gave it to his disciples, and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you;
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;
when he had given you thanks,
he gave it to them and said:
Drink this, all of you, for 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, to remember me:

Glory to you, Lord Christ;
your death we show forth;
your resurrection we proclaim;
your coming we await,
Amen! Come Lord Jesus.

Therefore loving God,
recalling your great goodness to us in Christ,
his suffering and death,
his resurrection and ascension, and looking for his
coming in glory, we celebrate our redemption with this
bread of life and this cup of salvation.
Accept our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, which we
offer through Christ our great high priest.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine which we receive may be to us the
body and blood of Christ,
and that we, filled with the Spirit's grace and power, may be renewed
for the service of your kingdom.

United in Christ with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, O God,
in songs of everlasting praise:

✠ **B**lessing, honour and glory be yours,
here and everywhere,
now and for ever. Amen.

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen

Kua akona nei tatou e to tatou Ariki,
ka inoi tatou

E to matou Matua i te rangi
Kia tapu tou Ingoa.
Kia tae mai tou rangatiratanga.
Kia meatia tau e pai ai
ki runga ki te whenua,
kia rite ano ki to te rangi.
Homai ki a matou aianei
he taro ma matou mo tenei ra.
Murua o matou hara,
Me matou hoki e muru nei
i o te hunga e hara ana ki a matou.
Aua hoki matou e kawea kia whakawaia;
Engari whakaorangia matou i te kino:
Nou hoki te rangatiratanga, te kaha, me te kororia,
Ake ake ake. Amine.

Silence is kept

The presiding priest breaks the bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
We who are many are one body,
for we all share the one bread.

We say/sing together:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,
grant us your peace

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.
Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The presiding priest and the people receive communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Lord of heaven,
in this Eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

A Final Hymn may be sung

A ✠ Blessing is given...

We are sent out with these words:

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*You are warmly invited to share Morning Tea in the Hall following the 9.30am
service*