

“Within these walls let no-one be a stranger”

November 1st 2020

All Saints day

Prelude: Pastorale, Philip Hayes

Call to Worship and Approach to God

I will bless the LORD at all times;

his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

My soul makes its boast in the LORD;

let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the LORD with me,

and let us exalt his name together.

Psalm 34:1-2

❖ Hymn 179:

1. Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.
2. Ye blessed souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race
And now, from sin released,
Behold your Saviour's face,
His praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.
3. Ye saints who toil below,
adore your heavenly king,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still
through good and ill,
Whoever lives.
4. My soul, take now thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing out the songs of love.
Let all thy days
till life shall end,
whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.

❖ Prayers of approach (ending with the Lord's prayer)

Our Father, which 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil, for thine is the Kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

The Word of God

❖ Children's address

❖ Holy Scripture: Revelation 7:9-17

⁹ After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰ They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!"

¹¹ And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, ¹² singing,

"Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

¹³ Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" ¹⁴ I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

¹⁵ For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

❖ **Music:** *Elégie*, Gabriel Fauré
Giles Francis, viola

❖ Sermon

Followed by pause for reflection

❖ Hymn 810:

Sing to the Lord of heaven and earth,
Whom angels serve and saints adore,
The Father, Son, and Spirit blest
To whom be praise for evermore. Amen.

❖ Prayers of Intercession

❖ **Offering & dedication** *An English Folk Song*, arr. Margot Wright

❖ **Hymn 743:**

1. Behold what witnesses unseen
encompass us around,
who, once like us, with suffering tried,
are now with glory crowned.
2. Let us, with zeal like theirs inspired,
begin the Christian race,
And, freed from each encumb'ring weight,
their holy footsteps trace.
3. Behold a witness nobler still,
who trod affliction's path,
Jesus, at once the finisher
and author of our faith.
4. He for the joy before him set
so gen'rous was his love,
endured the cross, despised the shame,
and now he reigns above.
5. Then let our hearts no more despond,
our hands be weak no more;
Still let us trust our Father's love,
his wisdom still adore.

❖ **Confession of faith:**

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of the saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

❖ **The Invitation, the story of the Last Supper**

❖ **Prayer of Thanksgiving:**

*The Lord be with you
Lift up your hearts
Let us give thanks
to the Lord our God*

***and also with you
we lift them up to the Lord
It is right to give
our thanks and praise***

... with earth and sea and sky, and all the heavenly host we join in singing ...

Hymn 651:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessèd is he, O blessèd is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.

❖ **Prayer of Consecration**

... your body on earth, loving and caring in the world...

**Behold the lamb of God, behold the lamb of God,
who takes away the sin, the sin of the world.**

❖ **Sharing of bread and wine**

❖ **Prayer**

❖ **Hymn 740:**

1. For all the saints, who from their labours rest;
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!
2. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are on in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia, alleluia!
3. The golden evening brightens in the west:
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest,
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.
Alleluia, alleluia!
4. But, lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array
the king of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia, alleluia!
5. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia!

❖ **Sending out with blessing**

Postlude: Te Deum Laudamus, Aloÿs Claussmann

The scripture reader today is Giles Francis.

A very warm WELCOME to all!

This week's activities:

- **Sunday, 21.00 hrs:**
Short evening prayers, **Compline:** *join at*
<https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09>
Password: 243960.
- **Monday, 14.00-16.00 hrs:**
Knitting Christmas angels at the church. *Contact Gillian Walker at*
gillian.walker.ams@icloud.com
- **Tuesday, 08.45 hrs:**
Psalm Reciting (this week – Psalm 135-143). Please note this is not currently being held at the church, but you are welcome to recite these psalms from home either at 8.45 on Tuesday morning or some other time.
- **Thursday, 21.00 hrs:**
Short evening prayers, **Compline:** *join at* *Join at*
<https://zoom.us/j/91386497205?pwd=YUN5dnRLOWlybHDSV250aHdJcnhiQT09>
- **Prayer:** anyone in special need of prayer for themselves or for someone else, please contact Margaret Richards on margaretanne_richards@hotmail.com .

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