

**The Parish Church of All Saints,  
Peterborough**



**The Holy Eucharist**

**All Saints' Day**

**Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November, 2020**

**Welcome to All Saints', Park Road, this morning!** Whether you are here for the first time, or a more regular worshipper, we are delighted to have you with us, and we hope that you will enjoy the service.

All that you need to follow the service from beginning to end is contained in this leaflet. During this time the choir sings the hymns and we look forward to the time when we can all sing together again.

In this parish we welcome all baptized people at the altar to receive Holy Communion. If you are new to our church community, and are unsure whether it is appropriate for you to receive communion, please feel free to have a word with a member of the clergy or churchwarden before the service starts.

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***Parish Priest***

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**All stand** as the altar party and clergy enter the church, ready to sing the first hymn in procession around the church building, to encircle everyone present in prayer and praise. When the procession arrives at the altar, the president censes the altar as a sign of special joy and celebration, marking today as being a Principal Feast of the Church.

### **Processional hymn 232 For all the saints**

*The president greets the people recalling the baptism which all Christian people share:*

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.**

*The president welcomes people to the service, including the sentence*

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!

Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose  
victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

*A minister introduces the prayers of penitence.*

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.

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all, and your mercy is over all your creation:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name

and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*The president stands to declare the forgiveness of our sins in the words of the absolution, after which **all stand** as the choir sings the Gloria.*

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 president introduces a brief period of silent prayer before saying the Opening Prayer on behalf of the congregation.*

All-holy God, you call your people to holiness.  
As we keep the festival of your saints,  
give us their meekness and poverty of spirit,  
a thirst for righteousness, and purity of heart.  
May we share with them the richness of your kingdom  
and be clothed in the glory you bestow.  
Grant this through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,  
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
God for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**A reading from the book of Revelation,** read by Dexter Willingham

After the vision of these things I looked, and there was a great number of people, so many that no one could count them. They were from every nation, tribe, people, and language of the earth. They were all standing before the throne and before the Lamb, wearing white robes and holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> They were shouting in a loud voice, "Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb." <sup>11</sup> All the angels were standing around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures. They all bowed down on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, <sup>12</sup> saying, "Amen! Praise, glory, wisdom, thanks, honour, power, and strength belong to our God forever and ever. Amen!" Then one of the elders asked me, "Who are these people dressed

in white robes? Where did they come from?"

I answered, "You know, sir."

And the elder said to me, "These are the people who have come out of the great distress. They have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Because of this, they are before the throne of God. They worship him day and night in his temple. And the One who sits on the throne will be present with them. Those people will never be hungry again, and they will never be thirsty again. The sun will not hurt them, and no heat will burn them, <sup>17</sup> because the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd. He will lead them to springs of water that give life. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

### **Responsorial Psalm 34.1-10**

I will praise the Lord at all times;

his praise is always on my lips.

<sup>2</sup> My whole being praises the Lord.

The poor will hear and be glad.

<sup>3</sup> Glorify the Lord with me,

and let us praise his name together.

<sup>4</sup> I asked the Lord for help, and he answered me.

He saved me from all that I feared.

<sup>5</sup> Those who go to him for help are happy,

and they are never disgraced.

<sup>6</sup> This poor man called, and the Lord heard him

and saved him from all his troubles.

<sup>7</sup> The angel of the Lord camps around those who fear God,

and he saves them.

<sup>8</sup> Examine and see how good the Lord is.

Happy is the person who trusts him.

<sup>9</sup> You who belong to the Lord, fear him!

Those who fear him will have everything they need.

<sup>10</sup> Even lions may get weak and hungry,

but those who look to the Lord will have every good thing.

## **A reading from the first letter of John**

**(3:1-3)**

The Father has loved us so much that we are called children of God. And we really are his children. The reason the people in the world do not know us is that they have not known him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and we have not yet been shown what we will be in the future. But we know that when Christ comes again, we will be like him, because we will see him as he really is. <sup>3</sup> Christ is pure, and all who have this hope in Christ keep themselves pure like Christ.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## ***The Gospel reading***

Alleluia, alleluia.

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvelous light.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
Matthew

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. <sup>2</sup> Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

"Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

"Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

"Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

"Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

"Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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

**Sermon** The Rev'd Maria Coulter

*After the sermon **all stand** to say the Creed*

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him. This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

***All kneel** for the Prayers of Intercession, led by Edward & Henry Easey. The following response is used*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

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

***All stand** as the president introduces the Peace*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and 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 the Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**Offertory hymn 229 Who are these like stars appearing?**

*After the hymn the president prays over the gifts in the following words:*

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.  
**Amen.**

*The president begins **the Eucharistic Prayer** - the great prayer of thanksgiving over the bread and wine that recalls all that God has done for the world.*

President The Lord be with you

**All And also with you**

President Lift up your hearts

**All We lift them to the Lord**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;  
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us,  
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children  
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life  
that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross  
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends  
he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,  
he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;  
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:  
his blood is shed for all**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,  
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine  
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts  
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world  
we offer you this sacrifice of praise  
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

*The president introduces the Lord's Prayer.*

**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.**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

*All say the **Agnus Dei:***

**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 peace.**

*The president invites the people to receive Communion:*

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.**

*In this parish we believe that the offer of Holy Communion is made for all the baptized. If you normally receive communion, you are most welcome to receive communion with us this morning. If you prefer to come forward simply to receive a blessing, then it is helpful if you bring this service paper with you to indicate that is what you want.*

*During the distribution of Communion the choir sings*

**223 Lo, round the throne a glorious band**

*After communion, **all kneel** for the post-communion prayers*

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.**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

**Hymn 494 King of glory, King of peace**

***Please sit** while notices about the life of the parish and community are read out.*

*The president blesses the people and dismisses them to go out into the world taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those they meet.*

**Acclamation**

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:  
**there is no end of his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another  
**and shall declare your power.**  
your works praise you, Lord,  
**and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom  
**and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:  
**let everything bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

**Blessing**

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship  
and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness  
and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

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**Today we pray for:**

*those with birthdays:* Harriet Barber (10) & Jacob Corley-Smith (9)

*the sick:* F. Peter, Stuart Smith, Kate Atmore, Ray Wright, Claire Wood, Sandra Gait, Barry White, Michael Wright & Ann Dickinson

*the anniversaries of death:* Vincent Baker, Marion Tringham, Jim Moore, Helen Dudley, Jim Willis, Edward Ellard, Ernest Abbs, Harriet Gregory, Gladys Baker, Reuben Blood, Alfred Shelford, Reginald Barnett, Fred Wade, Richard Blood & Helen Stallard

