

Church of England
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All Saints, Vendée



Patronal Festival

Celebrant: The Reverend Caroline Sackley

L'Église St-Pierre, La Chapelle Palluau

Sunday 2nd November 2014

11am

Introduction to the Season

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 Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy.

Remembrance Sunday goes on to explore the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting.

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 final judgement is one of his proper kingly purposes. The Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle once more begins.

The Eucharist of All Saints

The Gathering

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

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

All: and also with you.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said, including the following 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.

Hymn

Prayer of Preparation

All: 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.

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. Hebrews 12.1

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

You are loving to all

and your mercy is over all your creation:

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Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:

Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Most merciful God,

**Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole
heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what
we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love
mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

Absolution:

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.

All: Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his 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.**

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The Collect

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

Silence is kept.

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **All: Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

At the end of each reading the reader may say
This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn *Please remain standing afterwards*

Gospel Reading

Acclamation

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

All: Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

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The Creed

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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. 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 with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who 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

Prayers of Intercession

The Peace

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 lost.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All : and also with you

let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Hymn

Preparation of the Table

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

Prayer

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **All: Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All: His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places

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to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son 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:

**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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Christ is the bread of life:

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All: When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love

and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father Almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

With saints and martyrs through the ages, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

All: 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

Breaking of the Bread

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

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

All: We do not presume to come to this, your table merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, that we may evermore dwell in him and he in us. Amen

Giving of Communion

The president says this or another invitation to communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All: Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Post Communion prayer

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. **Amen**

All: 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 the Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen

Hymn

Acclamation

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

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All there is no end of his greatness.
One generation shall praise your works to another
All and shall declare your power.
All your works praise you, Lord,
All and your faithful servants bless you.
They make known the glory of your kingdom
All and speak of your power.
My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:
All let everything bless his holy name for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Dismissal Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said], 'I have made your name known to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.' John17.6-9

At the end the reader says
This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ

The Blessing

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

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.

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

All: Amen.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

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

All: Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.



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