

Church of England
Diocese in Europe



All Saints, Vendée

Patronal Festival
All Souls Day



Celebrant: The Reverend Caroline Sackley
L'Église St-Pierre, La Chapelle Palluau
Sunday 2nd November 2014
3pm

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

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

Amen.

HYMN “Be still for the presence of the Lord”

THE COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer

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

Silence is kept.

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.

THE READING

At the end the reader says - This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN “Turn your eyes upon Jesus”

THE TALK

HYMN “Dear Lord and Father of Mankind”

Memory is a strange thing, not always to be commanded, not always to be trusted when it comes:

our memory of the dead we have loved is not only in the mind –

it is deep within us, a part of us, never leaving us.

It is part of God’s love in us, always constant, making no account of time or place, life or death.

Each year may seem long, sometimes weary, sometimes lonely, unless we share it with those who are out of time, united in the timelessness of God for whom a thousand years are as yesterday.

We cannot conceive of being in the presence of God, except by imperfect images of light and music, or above all the perfect image of God made man, made like us, gone before us, ever with us.

When we remember the dead with love, we remember that we too are called to eternal life.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud, and there is an opportunity to light a candle in memory, after which these words are used:

Jesus said:

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.**

Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises,
may all who have died in the peace of Christ
share with your saints in the joy of heaven
where there is neither sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting.

Alleluia! Amen.

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;

that, as we believe your power to have raised
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love to give eternal life
to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

HYMN “The King of love my Shepherd is”

A PRAYER FOR THOSE WHO MOURN

Loving God,
You tell us to look forward to a day
when your kingdom shall come
and your will be done;
a new age when there will be no more suffering,
sorrow or death;
a place where there will be no more mourning and
weeping,
every tear wiped away from our eyes.

Help us to find comfort in your love.

We thank you for that promise,
and we look forward to that time,
but we pray also for your help now,
as we remember our loved ones,
and the fact of death is an all too stark reality.

Help us to find comfort in your love.

Loving God,

Reach out now into the darkness of this moment,
the blackness of our sorrow,
and grant your light which nothing can overcome,
your peace that defies understanding,
and your hope which will never be extinguished.

**Help us to find comfort in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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

**Our Father, which art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;**

thy kingdom come;

thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive them that 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.**

PRAYER OF FAITH

We trust that beyond absence there is a presence.
That beyond the pain there can be healing.
That beyond the brokenness there can be wholeness.
That beyond the anger there may be peace.
That beyond the hurting there may be forgiveness.
That beyond the silence there may be the word.
That beyond the word there may be understanding.
That through understanding there is love.

Amen.

HYMN “O Worship the King”

THE BLESSING

God the Father,
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,
empower you and fill you with Christ’s peace.

Amen.

and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit

be with you all, now and always.

Amen

Neither death nor life

can separate us from the love of God

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Thanks be to God.



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