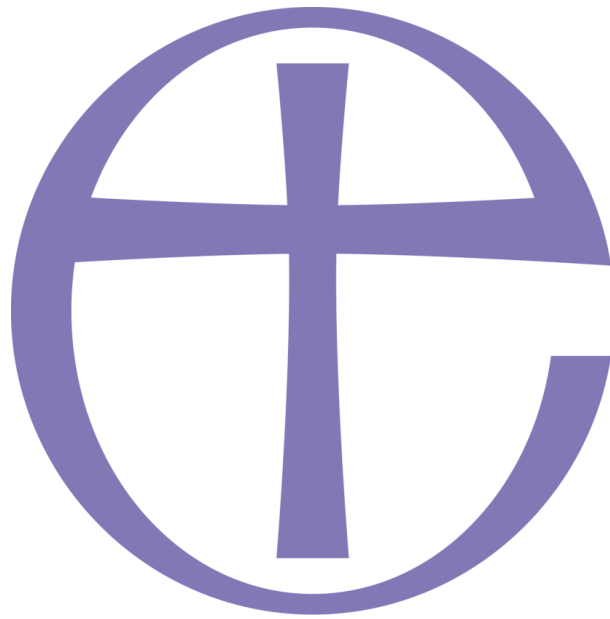


The General Synod of the Church of England



THE CHURCH
OF ENGLAND

Worship

NOVEMBER 2023

Acts of Worship

Monday 13 November

12.45pm	Holy Communion	TBC
1.30pm	Prayer During the Day	Synod Chaplain & Sammi Tooze
6.45pm	Evening Worship	Diocese of Bath & Wells

Tuesday 14 November

9.00 am	Holy Communion	Archbishop of Canterbury Preacher Archbishop of York
7.00 pm	Evening Prayer (BCP)	Diocese of Blackburn

Wednesday 15 November

8:00 am	Holy Communion	Westminster Abbey
9.00 am	Morning Worship	Community of St Anselm
1.05 pm	Holy Communion	Bishop of Bristol

A note on Posture

As human beings, we worship with our bodies as well as our words and prayers. During this act of worship, the minister may issue the invitation to sit or stand as appropriate. The invitation to sit or stand is offered by the minister but please always feel free to respond by adopting the posture you find most helpful and comfortable during worship.

Prayer During the Day
from All Saints' Day
until the day before the First Sunday of Advent
Monday, 13 November 2023

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.
All O Lord, make haste to help us.

You have been my helper
All and under the shadow of your wings will I rejoice.

Praise

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice.
Look to God, do not be afraid, Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;
Lift up your voices the Lord is near.

Jacques Berthier (1923-1994)
Ateliers et Presses de Taizé, Taizé-Communauté, F-71250, France

The Word of God

Psalmody

- 1 The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦
the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.
- 2 For he has founded it upon the seas ♦
and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.
- 3 'Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦
or who can rise up in his holy place?'
- 5 'They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦
a just reward from the God of their salvation.'
- 6 Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦
of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

Psalm 24. 1–3, 5–6

All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Short Reading

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Philippians 4.4–7

Prayers

The following response is used during the intercessions

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

The prayers conclude with

Bring us, O Lord God, at our last awakening
into the house and gate of heaven,
to enter that gate and dwell in that house,
where there shall be no darkness nor dazzling,
but one equal light;
no noise nor silence, but one equal music;
no fears nor hopes, but one equal possession;
no ends or beginnings, but one equal eternity;
in the habitations of your glory and dominion,
world without end.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of the Kingdom
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.**

The Conclusion

All May God give us grace to follow the saints in glory.
Amen.

Evening Prayer
from All Saints' Day until
the day before the First Sunday of Advent
Monday, 13 November 2023

Preparation

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Your faithful servants bless you.

All They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Song

The splendour of a King, clothed in majesty

Let all the earth rejoice

All the earth rejoice

He wraps himself in light

And darkness tries to hide

And trembles at His voice

Trembles at His voice

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God

Age to age He stands

And time is in His hands

Beginning and the end

Beginning and the end

The Godhead Three in One

Father Spirit Son

The Lion and the Lamb

The Lion and the Lamb

How great is our God, sing with me

How great is our God, and all will see

How great, how great is our God

Name above all names (how great is our God, sing with me)
Worthy of our praise (how great is our God, and all will see)
My heart will sing
How great is our God

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, and all will see
How great, how great is our God

*Songwriters: Chris Tomlin / Ed Cash / Jesse Reeves
How Great Is Our God lyrics © Capitol Christian Music Group,
Capitol CMG Publishing, Universal Music Publishing Group*

The Word of God

Psalmody

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me; ♦
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Psalm 34. 1–4, 8

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Reading

Then I saw in the right hand of the one seated on the throne a scroll written on the inside and on the back, sealed with seven seals; and I saw a mighty angel proclaiming with a loud voice, ‘Who is worthy to open the scroll and break its seals?’ And no one in heaven or on earth or under the earth was able to open the scroll or to look into it. And I began to weep bitterly because no one was found worthy to open the scroll or to look into it. Then one of the elders said to me, ‘Do not weep. See, the Lion of the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has conquered, so that he can open the scroll and its seven seals.’

Revelation 5. 1–5

The Magnificat

- 1 **My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord,
 my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour; ♦
 he has looked with favour on his lowly servant.**
- 2 **From this day all generations will call me blessed; ♦
 the Almighty has done great things for me
 and holy is his name.**
- 3 **He has mercy on those who fear him, ♦
 from generation to generation.**
- 4 **He has shown strength with his arm ♦
 and has scattered the proud in their conceit,**
- 5 **Casting down the mighty from their thrones ♦
 and lifting up the lowly.**
- 6 **He has filled the hungry with good things ♦
 and sent the rich away empty.**
- 7 **He has come to the aid of his servant Israel, ♦
 to remember his promise of mercy,**
- 8 **The promise made to our ancestors, ♦
 to Abraham and his children for ever.**

Luke 1.46–55

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning is now
 and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayers

A prayer for peace in the Land of the Holy One, from Archbishop Hosam

O God of all justice and peace, we cry out to you in the midst of the pain and trauma of violence and fear which prevails in the Holy Land. Be with those who need you in these days of suffering; we pray for people of all faiths – Jews, Muslims and Christians and for all people of the land. While we pray to you, O Lord, for an end to violence and the establishment of peace, we also call for you to bring justice and equity to the peoples. Guide us into your kingdom where all people are treated with dignity and honour as your children – for to all of us, you are our heavenly father.

In Jesus' name we pray,

All Amen.

A period of silence is observed as we cry out to God for all who are affected by conflict in the world.

The Collect

The Collect of the day is said

God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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

**All 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.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Eucharist

Tuesday 14 November

The Gathering

Hymn

- 1 O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King
the triumphs of his grace! (x 3)
- 2 Jesus! The name that charms our fears,
That bids our sorrows cease;
That bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life and health and peace. (x 3)
- 3 He breaks the pow'r of cancelled sin,
he sets the pris'ner free;
he sets the pris'ner free;
his blood can make the foulest clean;
his blood availed for me. (x 3)
- 4 He speaks; and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive,
new life the dead receive,
the mournful broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe. (x 3)
- 5 My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name (x 3)

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Tune: Lyngham, Thomas Jarman (1776-1861)

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

The President introduces the service

The Deacon of the Rite introduces the prayers of penitence.

Prayers of Penitence

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him
both mercy and forgiveness.

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:
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.

The president declares the 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.

Collect

God our refuge and strength
Bring near the day when wars shall cease
And poverty and pain shall end
That earth may know the peace of heaven.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

For the grace of God has appeared, bringing salvation to all, training us to renounce impiety and worldly passions, and in the present age to live lives that are self-controlled, upright, and godly, while we wait for the blessed hope and the manifestation of the glory of our great God and Saviour, Jesus Christ. He it is who gave himself for us that he might redeem us from all iniquity and purify for himself a people of his own who are zealous for good deeds.

Titus 2.11–14

Gospel Reading

The Deacon of the Rite introduces the Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

The Lord be with you:

All And also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said, 'Who among you would say to your servant who has just come in from ploughing or tending sheep in the field, "Come here at once and take your place at the table"? Would you not rather say to him, "Prepare supper for me, put on your apron and serve me while I eat and drink; later you may eat and drink"? Do you thank the servant for doing what was commanded? So you also, when you have done all that you were ordered to do, say, "We are worthless servants; we have done only what we ought to have done!" '

Luke 17.7–10

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

Prayers of Intercession

We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.
You sent your Son to bring good news to the poor,
sight to the blind,
freedom to captives
and salvation to your people:
anoint us with your Spirit;
rouse us to work in his name.

Father, by your Spirit

All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to bring help to the poor
and freedom to the oppressed.

Father, by your Spirit

All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to tell the world
the good news of your healing love.

Father, by your Spirit

All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to those who mourn,
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.

Father, by your Spirit

All bring in your kingdom.

Send us to proclaim that the time is here
for you to save your people.

Father, by your Spirit

All bring in your kingdom.

Lord of the Church,

**All hear our prayer,
and make us one in mind and heart
to serve you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you:
may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness
that you may be blameless before him
at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints
The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Offertory Hymn

- 1 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.
Longing for truth, we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.

Christ be our light! Shine in our hearts, shine through the darkness.

Christ, be our light! Shine in your church gathered today.

- 2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope, many despair.
Your word alone has power to save us.
Make us your living voice.

Christ be our light! ...

- 3 Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed.

Christ be our light! ...

- 4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone.

Christ be our light! ...

- 5 Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come.

Christ be our light! ...

Bernadette Farrell (b. 1957)

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The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
All and also with you.

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, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost,
restores the sinner
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper
with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen
in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Looking for the coming of God's Kingdom
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

Agnus Dei

**All 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 Giving of Communion

God's Holy Gifts
For God's Holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is Holy
Jesus Christ is Lord
To the Glory of God the Father.**

The president and the people receive communion. During the distribution the choir may sing a motet.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Let us pray.

God of peace,
whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom
and restored the broken to wholeness of life:
look with compassion
on the anguish of the world
and by your healing power
make whole both people and nations;
Through our Lord and Saviour
Jesus Christ.

All 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 your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory
through Jesus Christ our Lord
Amen.**

Hymn

- 1 Thou Whose Almighty Word
chaos and darkness heard,
and took their flight;
hear us, we humbly pray,
and where the gospel day
sheds not its glorious ray,
let there be light.
- 2 Thou, who didst come to bring
on thy redeeming wing,
healing and sight,
health to the sick in mind,
sight to the inly blind,
O now to humankind
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

Words: John Marriot (1780-1825) alt.

Tune: Moscow, Melody from Madan's 'Collection (1767)

Adapted by Felice de Giardini (1716-1796)

Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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 upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Deacon dismisses the congregation

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Evening Prayer
according to the Book of Common Prayer
Tuesday 14 November

Preparation

O Lord, open thou our lips.

All And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us.

All O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;

**All As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

All The Lord's Name be praised.

Psalmody

- 1 I waited patiently for the Lord :
and he inclined unto me, and heard my calling.
- 2 He brought me also out of the horrible pit, out of the mire and clay :
and set my feet upon the rock, and ordered my goings.
- 3 And he hath put a new song in my mouth :
even a thanksgiving unto our God.
- 4 Many shall see it, and fear :
and shall put their trust in the Lord.
- 19 Let all those that seek thee be joyful and glad in thee :
and let such as love thy salvation say alway, The Lord be praised.
- 20 As for me, I am poor and needy :
but the Lord careth for me.
- 21 Thou art my helper and redeemer :
make no long tarrying, O my God.

Psalm 40.1–4, 19–21

**All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
 and to the Holy Ghost;
 as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
 world without end. Amen.**

Old Testament Reading

The queen, when she heard the discussion of the king and his lords, came into the banqueting-hall. The queen said, 'O king, live for ever! Do not let your thoughts terrify you or your face grow pale. There is a man in your kingdom who is endowed with a spirit of the holy gods. In the days of your father he was found to have enlightenment, understanding, and wisdom like the wisdom of the gods. Your father, King Nebuchadnezzar, made him chief of the magicians, enchanters, Chaldeans, and diviners, because an excellent spirit, knowledge, and understanding to interpret dreams, explain riddles, and solve problems were found in this Daniel, whom the king named Belteshazzar. Now let Daniel be called, and he will give the interpretation.'

Daniel 5. 10–12

Hymn

- 1 The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
 the darkness falls at thy behest;
 to thee our morning hymns ascended,
 thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
- 2 We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
 while earth rolls onward into light,
 through all the world her watch is keeping,
 and rests not now by day or night.
- 3 As o'er each continent and island
 the dawn leads on another day,
 the voice of prayer is never silent,
 nor dies the strain of praise away.
- 4 The sun that bids us rest is waking
 our brethren 'neath the western sky,
 and hour by hour fresh lips are making
 thy wondrous doings heard on high.

- 5 So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

Words: Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)
Tune: St Clement, John Ellerton (1826-1893)

The Magnificat

- 1 My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
- 2 For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his handmaiden.
- 3 For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.
- 4 For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.
- 5 And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.
- 6 He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.
- 7 He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
- 8 He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
- 9 He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed for ever.

Luke 1.46-55

**All Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

New Testament Reading

Then I saw the Lamb open one of the seven seals, and I heard one of the four living creatures call out, as with a voice of thunder, 'Come!' I looked, and there was a white horse! Its rider had a bow; a crown was given to him, and he came out conquering and to conquer.

Revelation 6.1-2

The Nunc Dimittis

- 1 Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.
- 2 For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;
- 3 Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;
- 4 To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2.29–32

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

**All I believe in God the Father almighty,
maker of heaven and earth:
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried.
He descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic Church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

Prayers

The Lord be with you.
All And with thy spirit.

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.
All Christ, have mercy upon us.
Lord, have mercy upon us.

**All 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. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
All And grant us thy salvation.

O Lord, save the King.
All And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
All And make thy chosen people joyful.

O Lord, save thy people.
All And bless thine inheritance.

Give peace in our time, O Lord.
**All Because there is none other that fighteth for us,
but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.
All And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

The Collects

The Collect of the Day

O God, our refuge and strength, who art the author of all godliness;
Be ready, we beseech thee, to hear the devout prayers of thy
Church; and grant that those things which we ask faithfully we may
obtain effectually; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just
works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world
cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy
commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the
fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through
the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great
mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love
of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The Conclusion

A period of silence is kept, concluding with the Grace.

**All The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 and the love of God,
 and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
 be with us all evermore. Amen.**

Morning Prayer
from All Saints' Day
until the day before the First Sunday of Advent
Wednesday 15 November
Led by the Community of St Anselm

Preparation

O Lord, open our lips
All and our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Your faithful servants bless you.
All They make known the glory of your kingdom.

Blessed are you, Sovereign God,
to you be praise and glory for ever.
In the darkness of this age that is passing away
may the light of your presence which the saints enjoy
surround our steps as we journey on.
May we reflect your glory this day
and so be made ready to see your face
in the heavenly city where night shall be no more.
Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence is kept.

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence, O God,
set our hearts on fire with love for you;
now and for ever.

All Amen.

The Word of God

Psalmody

Refrain: *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
 therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
 and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul
 and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
 I will fear no evil;
 for you are with me;
 your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
 in the presence of those who trouble me;
 you have anointed my head with oil
 and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me
 all the days of my life,
 and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Psalm 23

Refrain: *I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.*

***All Glory to the Father and to the Son
 and to the Holy Spirit;
 as it was in the beginning is now
 and shall be for ever. Amen.***

Scripture Reading

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said:

‘Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts;
the whole earth is full of his glory.’

Isaiah 6. 1–3

Gospel Canticle

- 1 Blessed be the Lord the God of Israel,
who has come to his people and set them free.
- 2 He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour,
born of the house of his servant David.
- 3 Through his holy prophets God promised of old
to save us from our enemies,
from the hands of all that hate us,
- 4 To show mercy to our ancestors,
and to remember his holy covenant.
- 5 This was the oath God swore to our father Abraham:
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,
- 6 Free to worship him without fear,
holy and righteous in his sight
all the days of our life.
- 7 And you, child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,
- 8 To give his people knowledge of salvation
by the forgiveness of all their sins.
- 9 In the tender compassion of our God
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,
- 10 To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

Luke 1.68–79

All **Glory to the Father and to the Son
and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Prayers

Intercessions are offered. These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy	or	Lord, hear us
All hear our prayer.		All Lord, graciously hear us.

Silence may be kept.

The Collect

Gracious God,
stir up the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
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.**

Hymn

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

- 2 Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.
- 3 Finish then thy new creation,
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation,
perfectly restored in thee,
changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Words: Charles Wesley (1707-88)

Tune: Blaenwern, William Penfro Rowlands (1860-1937)

The Conclusion

May Christ, who has opened the kingdom of heaven,
bring us to reign with him in glory.

All Amen.

Let us bless the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

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