

# All Saints Day — November 1<sup>st</sup> 2020



## A Service for all the Church Family

The online services are a combination the service sheet with links to readers, hymns and music etc. (This can be activated directly from the document sent to you by email, or on the internet at <https://e-voice.org.uk/bradwellchurch/>) and used as normal or 'save' the service document, open it afresh and the links can be activated with the service sheet remaining in place). Alternatively, you can open two browsers on your screen, one to keep the service sheet visible and the other to activate the links. Playlist for all the hymns and sermon at:

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-v3HHJqZACxijeLT7LpLlg-nAGwNDu3C>

### All Saints' Day

All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day or Halloween) is a feast day celebrated on 1st November by Anglicans and Roman Catholics.

It is an opportunity for believers to remember all saints and martyrs, known and unknown, throughout Christian history. As part of this day of obligation, believers are required to attend church and try not to do any servile work.

Remembering saints and martyrs and dedicating a specific day to them each year has been a Christian tradition since the 4th century AD, but it wasn't until 609AD that Pope Boniface IV decided to remember all martyrs. Originally 13th May was designated as the Feast of All Holy Martyrs. Later, in 837AD, Pope Gregory IV extended the festival to remember all the saints, changed its name to Feast of All Saints and changed the date to 1st November.

*“The difference between the Gospel written and the life of the Saints is the same as the difference between music written on a page and music played aloud” St Augustine*

*Hymn 1: For all the Saints*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y-yvL2P\\_FY](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=7y-yvL2P_FY)

*We say together the words printed in bold.*

## Gathering to worship God

### *Greeting*

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*Welcome to our all age this All Saints Sunday Service.*

### *Opening Prayer*

**All Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.**

Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Hymn 2: Who are these like stars appearing*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=L3V6tb3vg5s>

*Silence is kept and the Collect, the prayer of the day, is said.*

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

# Saying sorry to God

## *Confession*

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

**All save us and help us.**

## *God's forgiveness.*

May the God of love and power forgive *us* and free *us* from *our* sins,  
heal and strengthen *us* by his Spirit,  
and raise *us* to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## *Praise*

Blessed is the Lord

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy  
**All** and in our song we will praise our God.

*Hymn 3: Only by grace can we enter*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8xf3ODX2dfU>

## Hearing and responding to the Word of God

### *Readings*

**The first reading is from Revelation 7.9-17**

#### **The great multitude in white robes**

<sup>9</sup> After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. <sup>10</sup> And they cried out 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 round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, <sup>12</sup> saying:

'Amen!  
Praise and glory  
and wisdom and thanks and honour  
and power and strength  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen!'

<sup>13</sup> Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?'

<sup>14</sup> I answered, 'Sir, you know.'

And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. <sup>15</sup> Therefore,

'they are before the throne of God  
and serve him day and night in his temple;  
and he who sits on the throne  
will shelter them with his presence.  
<sup>16</sup> "Never again will they hunger;  
never again will they thirst.  
The sun will not beat down on them,"<sup>[a]</sup>  
nor any scorching heat.  
<sup>17</sup> For the Lamb at the centre of the throne  
will be their shepherd;  
"he will lead them to springs of living water."<sup>[a]</sup>  
"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."<sup>[a]</sup>

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**The second reading is from 1 John 3.1-3**

<sup>3</sup> See what great love the Father has lavished on us, that we should be called children of God! And that is what we are! The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. <sup>2</sup> Dear friends, now we are children of God, and what we will be has not yet been made known. But we know that when Christ appears,<sup>[a]</sup> we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. <sup>3</sup> All who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Chant:** *In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful – Taize*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Slj2qCadeGI>

**The Third reading is from Matthew 5.1-12**

**The Third reading and Sermon is read by Revd Steven Poss on the link below:**

[https://youtu.be/7AapBv\\_oFkY](https://youtu.be/7AapBv_oFkY)

**Introduction to the Sermon on the Mount**

<sup>5</sup> Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, <sup>2</sup> and he began to teach them.

## The Beatitudes

He said:

- <sup>3</sup> 'Blessed are the poor in spirit,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>4</sup> Blessed are those who mourn,  
for they will be comforted.
- <sup>5</sup> Blessed are the meek,  
for they will inherit the earth.
- <sup>6</sup> Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness,  
for they will be filled.
- <sup>7</sup> Blessed are the merciful,  
for they will be shown mercy.
- <sup>8</sup> Blessed are the pure in heart,  
for they will see God.
- <sup>9</sup> Blessed are the peacemakers,  
for they will be called children of God.
- <sup>10</sup> Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,  
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
- <sup>11</sup> 'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. <sup>12</sup> Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon:** By Rev Steven Poss

### God's Great Generosity of Grace & Provision To Us

On this All Saints' Day in the Church, also known as **All Hallows' Day, Halloween**, the **Feast of All Saints**, or **Solemnity of All Saints**, is a Christian solemnity celebrated in honour of all the saints, known and unknown.

In the Western Christian practice, the liturgical celebration begins at Vespers on the evening of 31 October, All Hallows' Eve (All Saints' Eve), and ends at the close of 1 November. It is thus the day before All Souls' Day, which commemorates the faithful departed. In many traditions, All Saints' Day is part of the season of Allhallowtide, which includes the three days from 31 October to 2 November inclusive and in some denominations, such as Anglicanism, extends to Remembrance Sunday. In places where All Saints' Day is observed as a public holiday but All Souls' Day is not,

cemetery and grave rituals such as offerings of flowers, candles and prayers or blessings for the graves of loved ones often take place on All Saints Day.

This festival is a reminder to the faithful in Christ about our collective identity, existence and mission. We are not celebrating the life and faith of any particular individual, or group of individuals, but the whole body of saints and so are reaffirming the connectedness in the Body of Christ that transcends the limitations of time and space.

Then what unites them all, and of course us, together? Each one of them was unique and different. But they were all related to God. Or God found favour in them. It was not their achievements or qualities but God's grace and grace alone. This feast day comes to us with an invitation to recover the vision of the Church that is God's and not ours, and to rejoice in the abundant mercy in Christ that accepts us just as we are. We are celebrating God's achievement, not ours or our forbears' in faith.

God's achievement is all about empowering and reversing. The persecuted ones are still seeking to make peace and those mourning are still showing mercy. They do not give up. God has transformed them. In their weakness they are safe, because they know that 'they will see God'. Normal human standards and assumptions are turned around. In Christ, God reverses the values of the world and so 'the saints' are not heroes of holiness, but the poor who simply hold on to God. God achieves all these through the Lordship of Christ. God has won the world.

A sincere reflection on the good news of Jesus Christ can move us from terror and dejection to hope and commitment. The saints do not just march on through this world merely celebrating their privileges and hope, but by their very character and behaviour become agents of God's transforming mission in this world.

The vision reflected in Matthew's beatitudes is essentially tied up with our expected character. In laying out some snippets of blessedness and accursedness, these readings offer a foundation for the kind of holy living that is celebrated on All Saints' Day. The saints are those whose lives bear witness to suffering and struggle, demonstrating life on the margins and fulfilling the prophetic role that this world so badly demands.. Source – Wikipedia & The Canterbury's Preachers Companion – 2020. Matthew preserves the eschatological (end time) dimension while placing due emphasis on saints' current ways of living. This holy way of living consists of our absolute trust in God, commitment to peace and justice in our world, and our active involvement in God's compassionate and transforming mission in this world of injustice and inequalities. We are challenged on this day to eagerly press on being sanctified by the unmerited and persistent love of God and the hope that it brings to ourselves and our world, **Amen**.

*Hymn 4: Make Me A Channel of Your Peace* (Prayer of St. Francis)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ihhvm6eLWZI>

*Affirmation of Faith*

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

**All 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?

**All 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?

**All We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

*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  
**bring in your kingdom.**

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

We give you thanks for the efforts that have been made around this  
country, to feed children and families who are struggling.

Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

Lord at this time we pray for the all the people affected by the  
earthquake in Turkey and Greece. We pray for support to these  
communities and support to the teams rescuing and bringing aid to  
the people.

Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

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

As our world continues to be gripped by the coronavirus pandemic,  
be with each of us, help us to make decisions that will be for the  
good of all, be with the NHS, the scientists, the government as they  
all try to navigate the way through this period. We pray with hope  
for a time when this virus will no longer have the hold over the world  
that it does right now.

Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

Lord we pray for your healing love on the people known to us in our  
families and communities that need your healing power, we pray for:  
Carol Metcalfe

Silvia Chapman  
Clive Bennett  
Jean Winn  
Jean Webber  
Andrew Jackson  
Beryl Dixon  
Cally Thorpe  
Josh Pitman  
Sue Wilson  
Georgia  
Andy Smith  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

We remember Dave Hawks who sadly passed away this week, we  
pray for his sons Jake and Fraser, and all his family and friends.  
Send us to those who mourn,  
to bring joy and gladness instead of grief.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

Send us, like your Saints James, Thomas, Lawrence, Nicholas and  
Cedd to proclaim that the time is here for you to save your people.  
Father, by your Spirit  
**bring in your kingdom.**

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

## *The Lord's Prayer*

**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.

## Going out to serve God

### *Hymn 5: Ye Servants Of God*

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ9j3e8\\_yQc](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=wZ9j3e8_yQc)

### *This prayer may be said*

Great God, you are one God,  
and you bring together what is scattered  
and mend what is broken.  
Unite us with the scattered peoples of the earth  
that we may be one family of your children.  
Bind up all our wounds  
and heal us in spirit,  
that we may be renewed as disciples of Jesus Christ,  
our Master and Saviour.

**All Amen.**

Blessing, honour and glory be yours,  
here and everywhere,  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All** In the name of Christ. Amen.

**Anthem:** *Let all the world in every corner sing - Vaughan Williams*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zVdoVntUtms>

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## **Notices**

1. These **Online Services** will continue for those wanting to continue worshipping at home.

(To view this service playlist, click below, come back to this sheet for the readings and the prayers for today)

<https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL-v3HHJqZACxijeLT7LpLlg-nAGwNDu3C>

## **Notices**

### **Spiritual Communion on Zoom – 9am – Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November**

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Spiritual Communion

Time: Nov 1, 2020 09:00 AM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/79325040789?pwd=WmZKVHBTMFZyRW55MENnWXdyRkNKUT09>

Meeting ID: 793 2504 0789

Passcode: EsEAG5

### **Bible Study on Zoom – 7.30pm – Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November – Ezekiel Chapters 17 & 18**

Steven Poss is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: Bible Study - Ezekiel Chapters 17 and 18

Time: Nov 5, 2020 07:30 PM London

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us04web.zoom.us/j/76490403175?pwd=NVNhdTZxbTlyNSsxROJ2MUVRUTFkZz09>

Meeting ID: 764 9040 3175

Passcode: d8gYR2

