

Celebration of All Saints; 1st November 2020

Hymns and Prayers

Entrance:

*(R.) You have put on Christ;
in him you have been baptised.
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*

We who are dead are now reborn.
We who were buried now are raised.
We who were dwelling in the dark now see light. **(R.)**

One Lord we serve, who died for us;
one faith we hold in life to come,
One God and Father of us all we proclaim. **(R.)**

Psalm:

*(R.) As the deer longs for running streams,
so I long, so I long, so I long for you.*

A-thirst my soul for you the God who is my life!
When shall I see, when shall I see, see the face of God? **(R.)**

Echoes meet as deep is calling unto deep, over my head,
all your mighty waters, sweeping over me. **(R.)**

Continually the foe delights in taunting me:
'Where is God, where is your God?'
Where, O where, are you? **(R.)**

Defend me, God, send forth your light and your truth,
they will lead me to your holy mountain,
to your dwelling place. **(R.)**

Then I shall go unto the altar of my God.
Praising you, O my joy and gladness,
I shall praise your name. **(R.)**

Hallelujah:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of the Faithful:

Priest: God of life, as we begin the month of November, we celebrate living saints and also those who have gone before us. We remember that we are all united in your undying love as we bring our prayers before you.

Reader:

1. We pray for all the baptised. May we realise that the saints are with us. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
2. We pray for all who have gone before us in faith, especially those of our own families and of this parish. May they stand with the saints before the throne of the Lamb. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
3. We pray for those suffering because of COVID-19. May they have courage, especially during the imminent lockdown . *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
4. We pray for all those affected by the terrorist attacks during the week. May we continue to work for peace . *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***
5. We pray for people who are self-isolating, or lonely . May God comfort them. *(Pause) Lord in your mercy ... **Hear our prayer***

Priest: God of Love, renew our hearts, inspire our love, transform our actions so that we be true to the message of your Son. We make this prayer through Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Offertory:

The time was early evening,
The place a room upstairs;
The guests were the disciples,
Few in number and few in prayers.

(R.) *O the food comes from the baker,
The drink comes from the vine,
The words come from the Saviour,
'I will meet you in bread and wine'.*

'The bread and body broken,
The wine and blood outpoured,
The cross and kitchen table,
Are one by my sign and word.' **(R.)**

Lord Jesus, now among us,
Confirm our faith's intent,
As, with your words and actions,
We unite in the sacrament. **(R.)**

Spiritual Communion – Prayer of St Alphonsus

My Jesus,
I believe that you are present in the Holy Sacrament of the altar.
I love you above all things
and I passionately desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,
come spiritually into my soul so that I may unite myself wholly to you
now and forever.
Amen.

Communion:

Blest are they, the poor in spirit;
theirs is the kingdom of God.
Blest are they, full of sorrow,
they shall be consoled.

(R.) *Rejoice and be glad!*
Blessed are you; holy are you!
Rejoice and be glad!
Yours is the Kingdom of God!

Blest are they, the lowly ones;
they shall inherit the earth.
Blest are they, who hunger and thirst;
they shall have their fill. **(R.)**

Blest are they who show mercy;
mercy shall be theirs.
Blest are they, the pure of heart;
they shall see God! **(R.)**

Blest are they who seek peace;
they are the children of God.
Blest are they who suffer in faith,
the glory of God is theirs. **(R.)**

Blest are you who suffer hate
all because of me.
Rejoice and be glad, yours is the kingdom,
shine for all to see. **(R.)**

Communion:

I will come to you in the silence
I will lift you from all your fear
You will hear My voice
I claim you as My choice
Be still, and know I am near.

I am hope for all who are hopeless
I am eyes for all who long to see
In the shadows of the night,
I will be your light
Come and rest in Me.

*(R.) Do not be afraid, I am with you
I have called you each by name
Come and follow Me
I will bring you home
I love you and you are mine.*

I am strength for all the despairing
Healing for the ones who dwell in shame
All the blind will see, the lame will all run free
And all will know My name. **(R.)**

I am the Word that leads all to freedom
I am the peace the world cannot give
I will call your name, embracing all your pain
Stand up, now, walk, and live. **(R.)**

Recessional:

*(R.) You have called us by our name.
We belong to you.
You have called us by our name
and we are yours.*

You have chosen us to be members of your family.
In your love you have created us to live in unity. **(R.)**

You will lead us to your light, walk before you through the night.
You will guide us on your journey. You will keep our vision bright. **(R.)**

Through our sharing here today may our faith and life convey
Christ our light and Christ our vision, Christ our purpose, Christ our way. **(R.)**