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All Saints  
Sunday

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This is an abridged service bulletin to serve as an online aid to worship.

The links to the hymns and choral music are indicated in red.



*For all the Saints  
who from their labours rest, alleluia!*



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:

*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.

## |The Preparation & Gathering|

### Call to Worship

- Presbyter* Praise the Lord!
- People* **Sing to the Lord a new song.**
- Presbyter* Praise God among the communion of saints.
- People* **Let the people of God rejoice in their creator.**

### Opening Hymn

“Let saints on earth”

*View in YouTube link to service.*

1. Let saints on earth in concert sing  
with those whose work is done;  
for all the servants of our King  
in heaven and earth are one.
2. One family, we dwell in him,  
one church, above, beneath;  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death.
3. One army of the living God,  
to his command we bow:  
part of the host have crossed the flood,  
and part are crossing now.
4. . Jesu, be thou our constant guide;  
then, when the word is given,  
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,  
and bring us safe to heaven.

*Words: CHARLES WESLEY (1707 - 88)*

## |The Word of God |

### The Collect for All Saints

O Almighty God, you hast knit together Thine elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of Thy Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow Thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which Thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love Thee; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### The First Reading

*Isaiah 66. 20 - 23*

AND they shall bring all your brethren for an offering out of all the nations for an offering unto the Lord, upon horses, and in chariots, and in litters, and upon mules, and upon swift beasts, to my holy mountain Jerusalem, saith the Lord, as the children of Israel bring an offering in a clean vessel into the house of the Lord. And some of them also will I take for priests and for Levites, saith the Lord. For as the new heavens and the new earth, which I will make, shall remain before me, saith the Lord, so shall your seed and your name remain. And it shall come to pass, that from one new moon to another, and from one sabbath to another, shall all flesh come to worship before me, saith the Lord.

### Psalm 149

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=xXhn3tHAFqw>

### The Second Reading

*Revelation 7. 2 - 12*

AND I saw another angel ascending from the east, having the seal of the living God; and he cried with a loud voice to the four angels, to whom it was given to hurt the earth, and the sea, saying, Hurt not the earth, neither the sea, nor the trees, till we have sealed the servants of our God in their foreheads. And I heard the number of them which were sealed; and there were sealed an hundred and forty and four thousand, of all the tribes of the children of Israel.

Of the tribe of Juda were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Reuben were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Gad were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Aser were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Nephtalim were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Manasses were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Simeon were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Levi were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Issachar were sealed twelve thousand.

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Of the tribe of Zabulon were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Joseph were sealed twelve thousand.  
Of the tribe of Benjamin were sealed twelve thousand.

After this I beheld, and lo, a great multitude, which no man could number, of all nations, and kindreds, and people, and tongues, stood before the throne, and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, and palms in their hands; and cried with a loud voice, saying, Salvation to our God which sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb. And all the angels stood round about the throne, and about the elders, and the four beasts, and fell before the throne on their faces, and worshipped God, saying, Amen; Blessing, and glory, and wisdom, and thanksgiving, and honour, and power, and might, be unto our God for ever and ever. Amen.

## The Holy Gospel

*St Matthew 5. 1 - 12*

JESUS, seeing the multitudes, went up into a mountain; and when he was set, his disciples came unto him. And he opened his mouth, and taught them, saying, Blessed are the poor in spirit: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are they that mourn: for they shall be comforted. Blessed are the meek: for they shall inherit the earth. Blessed are they which do hunger and thirst after righteousness: for they shall be filled. Blessed are the merciful: for they shall obtain mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart: for they shall see God. Blessed are the peace-makers: for they shall be called the children of God. Blessed are they which are persecuted for righteousness' sake: for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are ye, when men shall revile you, and persecute you, and shall say all manner of evil against you falsely for my sake. Rejoice, and be exceeding glad; for great is your reward in heaven: for so persecuted they the prophets which were before you.

All recite **The Nicene Creed**

*I BELIEVE in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible:*

*And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, light of light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, through whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And He shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose Kingdom shall have no end.*

*And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, who spake by the Prophets. And I believe One Holy Catholic and Apostolic Church. I acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, and the Life of the world to come. Amen.*

## The Sermon

*The Revd Avinash Rangayya*

### | The Sharing of the Peace |

*Presbyter* 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 far off and those who were near. The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
*People* **And also with you.**

## Hymn

“What a Friend we have in Jesus”

*View in YouTube link to service.*

1. What a friend we have in Jesus,  
All our sins and griefs to bear!  
What a privilege to carry  
Everything to God in prayer!  
Oh, what peace we often forfeit,  
Oh, what needless pain we bear,  
All because we do not carry  
Everything to God in prayer!
2. Have we trials and temptations?  
Is there trouble anywhere?  
We should never be discouraged—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Can we find a friend so faithful,  
Who will all our sorrows share?  
Jesus knows our every weakness;  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.

Are we weak and heavy-laden,  
Cumbered with a load of care?  
Precious Saviour, still our refuge—  
Take it to the Lord in prayer.  
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?  
Take it to the Lord in prayer!  
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,  
Thou wilt find a solace there.

Words: JOSEPH SCRIVEN (1819 - 1886)  
Music: CHARLES CONVERSE (1832 - 1918)

## |The Prayers of the People|

United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the Kingdom,  
let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Merciful Lord,  
strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit,  
that we may live as a royal priesthood and a holy nation  
to the praise of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

Bless Prem Chand, our Moederator; Dharmraj, the Moderator of the Church of South India.  
We give thanks for the life and witness of Joseph Mar Thoma the Metropolitan of the Mar  
Thoma Church and pray for his successor; for Prakash our Bishop; Avinash, our Presbyter and  
all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on  
the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.  
Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Empower us by the gift of your holy and life-giving Spirit, that we may be transformed into the  
likeness of Christ from glory to glory. Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find  
Christ's way of freedom and life. Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy;  
all who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.  
Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

Remember in your mercy all those gone before us who have been well-pleasing to you from  
eternity; preserve in your faith your servants on earth, guide us to your Kingdom and grant us  
your peace at all times. Lord, in your mercy

**hear our prayer.**

We give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory,  
with whom in fellowship  
we join our prayers and praises;  
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,  
thanksgiving and honour and power,  
be to our God for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

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## |The Liturgy of the Lord's Table |

*The Celebrant receives the Body and Blood of Christ on behalf of the people gathered online.*

*All those who are unable to receive are able to make a Spiritual Communion.*

*The Book of Common Prayer instructs us that if we offer ourselves in penitence and faith,  
giving thanks for the redemption won by Christ crucified, we may truly  
“eat and drink the Body and Blood of our Saviour Christ”,*

*Although we cannot receive the sacrament physically in ourselves.*

*The Church of which we are members is not defined by the walls of a building  
but by the Body of Christ of which we are members.*

*In making our communion spiritually, we are joining with Christians everywhere  
to be nourished by the one who tells us, “I am the Bread of Life.”*





## |The Thanksgiving|

### The Gloria in Excelsis

#### Closing Prayer and Benediction *The Presbyter*

May God, who kindled the fire of His love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of His grace. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be amongst you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

#### Hymn at the Closing

“For all the Saints”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OaBgaMcOvM>

1. For all the saints who from their labours rest,  
who thee by faith before the world confessed,  
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest. Alleluia!
2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;  
thou, Lord, their captain in the well-fought fight;  
thou, in the darkness drear, their one true light. Alleluia!
3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,  
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,  
and win with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia!
4. O blest communion, fellowship divine,  
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;  
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia!
5. The golden evening brightens in the west;  
soon, soon to faithful warrior cometh rest;  
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia!
6. But lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;  
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;  
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia!
7. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,  
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,  
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, Alleluia!

*Words: BISHOP WALSHAM HOW (1823 – 97)  
Music: R. VAUGHAN WILLIAMS (1872 -1958)*

#### The Dismissal

*Presbyter*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

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



