



Confirmation and Parish Communion on All Saints Sunday

Celebrant and Preacher

**The Rt Revd Dr Helen-Ann Hartley
Bishop of Newcastle**

Sunday 3rd November 2024 at 9.30am



A warm welcome to you all, to those who have travelled to be with us this morning, to those worshipping God in this place for the first time and to Bishop Helen-Ann who will Confirm the candidates and preside at our celebration of Holy Communion. Also a special word of welcome to the candidates themselves, Roger Kellett, Amy Rose, Scott Hetherington, Matthew Sharp, Luke Williams and Magnus Best, who have journeyed to this special moment in their Christian lives.

We ask that you spend a few minutes before the service in quiet and prayer. Pray for the candidates, that God may “pour on them the riches of his grace”. Pray for Bishop Helen-Ann and for the whole Church she represents. Pray for our own community here. And pray that you may hear God’s special call to you, directing you on the next stage of your own journey through life.

The Gathering

Hymn

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest,
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. *Alleluia!*

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!*

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!*

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. *Alleluia!*

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. *Alleluia!*

The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. *Alleluia!*

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!*

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!*

The Greeting

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever.
Amen.

There is one body and one spirit.
There is one hope to which we were called;

one Lord, one faith, one baptism,
one God and Father of all.

Peace be with you.
And also with you.

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone and the most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father.
Amen

The Collect

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to
follow their example with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

All sit.

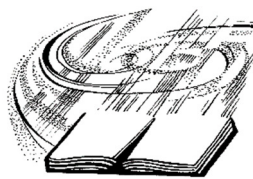
The Liturgy of The Word

The First Reading

Isaiah 25:6-9

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.



The Second Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

All stand.

Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia,
allelu, alleluia.*

You shall not live by bread alone,
but by ev'ry word
that proceeds from the mouth of God;
allelu, alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,

seek and ye shall find;
knock and it shall be opened unto you;
allelu, alleluia.

Please remain standing.

Gospel reading

John 11:32-44

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the good news of our Lord Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Bishop of Newcastle

Liturgy of Initiation

Presentation of the Candidates

The bishop asks those who are candidates for baptism

Bishop Do you wish to be baptised?

Candidates I do.

The bishop asks the candidates for confirmation who have been baptised

Bishop Have you been baptised in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit?

Candidates I have.

The bishop asks all the candidates

Bishop Are you ready with your own mouth and from your own heart to affirm your faith in Jesus Christ?

Candidates I am.

The bishop addresses the whole congregation

Bishop People of God, will you welcome these candidates and uphold them in their life in Christ?

All With the help of God, we will.

The Decision

The Easter candle is lit. The Bishop addresses all the candidates

Bishop In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.
Therefore I ask:

 Do you turn to Christ?
Candidates I turn to Christ.

Bishop Do you repent of your sins?
Candidates I repent of my sins.

Bishop Do you renounce evil?
Candidates I renounce evil.

Bishop May God who has given you the desire to follow Christ give you strength to continue in the Way.
All Amen.

The candidates for baptism and confirmation gather at the baptismal font.

The congregation stands and turns towards the font.

The Signing of the Cross

The bishop makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each baptism candidate with the Holy Oil saying

Bishop Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.

When all the candidates for baptism have been signed, the bishop says to them

Bishop Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

All Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

Bishop May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

Prayer over the Water

The bishop stands before the water of baptism and says

Bishop Praise God who made heaven and earth,
All who keeps his promise for ever.

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Bishop Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ was baptised in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water to cleanse us and revive us. Saving God,
All give us life.

Bishop We thank you that through the waters of the Red Sea you led your people out of slavery to freedom in the Promised Land. Saving God,

All give us life.

Bishop We thank you that through the deep waters of death you brought your Son, and raised him to life in triumph. Saving God,

All give us life.

Bishop Bless † this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and in his resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin. Saving God,

All give us life.

Bishop Send your Holy Spirit upon them, bring them to new birth in the household of faith and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life; for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours, now and for ever.

All Amen.

Profession of Faith

The Bishop addresses the congregation

Bishop Brothers and sisters, let us affirm, together with these candidates, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

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

All I believe and trust in him.

Bishop Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Bishop 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 I believe and trust in him.

Bishop This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

Holy Baptism

Bishop N, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

The confirmation candidates sign themselves with water.

The bishop says to them.

Bishop Almighty God,
we thank you for our fellowship in the household of faith with all who have been baptised into your name. Keep us faithful to our baptism, and so make us ready for that day when the whole creation shall be made perfect in your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

The bishop and the candidates gather at the place of confirmation.

Confirmation

The bishop stands before those who are to be confirmed, and says

Bishop Our help is in the name of the Lord
All who has made heaven and earth.

Bishop Blessed be the name of the Lord
All **now and for ever. Amen.**

The congregation kneel or sit to pray.

The bishop extends her hands towards those to be confirmed and says

Bishop Almighty and ever-living God,
 you have given these your servants new birth
 in baptism by water and the Spirit,
 and have forgiven them all their sins.
 Let your Holy Spirit rest upon them:
 the Spirit of wisdom and understanding;
 the Spirit of counsel and inward strength;
 the Spirit of knowledge and true godliness;
 and let their delight be in the fear of the Lord.
All **Amen.**

The bishop addresses each candidate by name

Bishop N, God has called you by name and made you his
 own.

She then lays her hand on the head of each, saying

Bishop Confirm, O Lord, your servant with your Holy Spirit.
All **Amen.**

The bishop then anoints each candidate with the Holy Oil of Chrism

The bishop invites the congregation to pray for all those on whom hands have been laid

All **Defend, O Lord,**
these your servants with your heavenly grace,
that they may continue yours for ever,
and daily increase in your Holy Spirit more and
more until they come to your everlasting
kingdom.
Amen.

Welcome and Peace

The confirmed stand with the Bishop at the chancel step. The Bishop says:

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.
**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

The Bishop says:

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

All exchange a sign of peace.

The Liturgy of The Sacrament

Offertory Hymn

*While the table is prepared, a collection is taken for the
Diocesan PICA (Partners in Community Action) Appeal.*



I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?

*Here I am, Lord. Is it I Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

I the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord ...

Taking the Bread and Wine

God of all goodness and grace,
receive the gifts we offer;
and grant that our whole life
may give you glory and praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.

The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.

The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth

and worship you now in heaven,

we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,

for ever praising you and singing:

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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty
resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

(sung)

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

(sung)

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

We sit or kneel for

The Lord's Prayer

With saints and martyrs through the ages,
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

**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.**

Breaking the Bread

'I am the bread of life,' says the Lord,
'whoever comes to me will never be hungry;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.'

**Taste and see that the Lord is good:
happy are they who trust in him.**

As the bread is broken we sing:

**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.**



**Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Who was, and is, and is to come,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.**

The Invitation to Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.'

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Members of any Christian Church who normally receive communion are invited to receive at this service. Everyone is welcome to come forward to receive a blessing – if you do so, please bring this service sheet in your hand. Please follow the direction of the stewards who will indicate when to move.

During the Communion, the choir sings "Confirma hoc Deus" by C. Rossini

Communion hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here;
come bow before him now,
in reverence and fear.
In him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.
How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of Light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord

is moving in this place,
he comes to cleanse and heal
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him;
be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

Prayer after Communion

The Bishop prays:

God of mercy, by whose grace alone we are accepted and equipped for your service: stir up in us the gifts of your Holy Spirit and make us worthy of our calling; that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love and joy and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Giving of a lighted candle

The newly baptised and confirmed are given a lighted candle.

Bishop God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness, and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

All Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father

Commission

The bishop may use this Commission

Bishop Those who are baptised are called to worship and serve God.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and in the prayers?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you persevere in resisting evil,
and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to
the Lord?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you proclaim by word and example
the good news of God in Christ?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you seek and serve Christ in all people,
loving your neighbour as yourself?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human
society, by prayer for the world and its leaders,
by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and
justice?

Candidates **With the help of God, I will.**

Bishop May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith,
that you may be rooted and grounded in love
and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Sending Out

The Blessing

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 walk 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 among you and remain with you always.

Amen.

*During the next hymn the newly confirmed go with the Bishop and ministers
to the west end of the church and the congregation turns to face them*

Hymn

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.*

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 ...

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 ...

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 ...

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 ...

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

*Please join us in the All Saints Centre
for refreshments after the service.*

