



Welcome to this service for All Souls. This morning we celebrated All Saints, giving thanks for the 'great cloud of witnesses' surrounding us - the men and women of every age and around the world who have faithfully followed Christ. This evening the mood is more reflective, as we remember before God those who are known and dear to us, who have gone before us and with whom we are bound with ties of affection.

*Please join in with the hymns and the words printed in **bold type**. An important part of the service will be the reading of the names of those we wish to remember. There is the opportunity to light a candle in their memory.*

WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father, we welcome you: grace, mercy and peace be with you all
and also with you.

We meet today to remember those who have died, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

I have set the Lord always before me:
He is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:
And grant us your salvation.

For with you is the well of life:
And in your light shall we see light.

Hymn

The King of love my shepherd is,
whose goodness faileth never.
I nothing lack if I am his,
and he is mine forever.

Where streams of living water flow,
my ransomed soul he leadeth;
and where the verdant pastures grow,
with food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish, oft I strayed,
but yet in love he sought me;
and on his shoulder gently laid,
and home, rejoicing, brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still,
thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spreadst a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and oh, what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days,
thy goodness faileth never;
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
within thy house forever.

Prayers of Penitence

Please sit or kneel

God has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of his glory in the face of Christ. But we have this treasure in earthen vessels to show that the transcendent power belongs to God and not to us.



As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed, and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

Silence is kept.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.
Lord have mercy.
Lord have mercy.

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.
Christ have mercy.
Christ have mercy.

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord have mercy.

Lord have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion.

Amen.

The Collect for All Souls' Day

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

Please sit.

Reading: Lamentations 3:17-36



At the end of this reading, the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The choir sings Psalm 121

Psalm 121

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help?

My help cometh even from the Lord,
who hath made heaven and earth.

He will not suffer thy foot to be moved,
and he that keepeth thee will not sleep.

Behold, he that keepeth Israel
shall neither slumber nor sleep.
The Lord himself is thy keeper
the Lord is thy defence upon thy right hand;
So that the sun shall not burn thee by day
neither the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil,
yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out and
thy coming in,
from this time forth for evermore.

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

Reading: John 11. 17-27

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Address

Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind;
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind and
fire,
O still small voice of calm!

Please sit or kneel.

Responses:

The Lord is my light and my salvation;
The Lord is the strength of my life.

The light shines in the darkness
And the darkness has not overcome it.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.

**The Lord is my light and my salvation;
The Lord is the strength of my life.**

Now we remember before God all those who have gone ahead of us in faith, naming before our loving Father ...

After the names have been read you are invited to light a candle while the choir sings

"Friends Above" words by Charles Wesley, music by John Lewis.

In sure and certain hope of the resurrection from the dead, we say together the words that Jesus taught us:

**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**

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.

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.

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.

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.

So be it, Lord; Thy throne shall never,
Like earth's proud empires, pass away:
Thy kingdom stands, and grows forever,
Till all Thy creatures own Thy sway.

Blessing and Dismissal

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God.

Amen. Thanks be to God

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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