

# **The South West Ipswich Team Ministry**

The Church of England in South West Ipswich



## **The Eucharist of the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed**



# All Souls Day

## Introduction to the Season

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, in a mutual belonging which transcends the apparent separation of death:

Still we are centred all in thee,  
Members, though distant, of one Head;  
In the same family we be,  
By the same faith and spirit led. *(Richard Baxter)*

All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives we have 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 it is a chance to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

All Souls' Day turns our attention to those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or nurtured us in faith, and whom we remember with thanksgiving. Christ has shown that love is stronger than death; this is a truth not simply about individual persons, but about a new humanity incorporated in Christ.

Remembrance Sunday continues the theme of memory, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and self-gift, memory and forgetting.

The annual cycle of the church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty: Christ is Lord of earth and heaven. Final judgement is one of Christ's proper kingly purposes; the Feast of Christ the King returns us to the Advent theme of judgement, with which the cycle may once more begin.

## The Gathering

*Words of welcome are used and the president says*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*     **Amen.**

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you

*All*     **and also with you.**

## Prayer of Preparation

*All*     **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Prayers of Penitence

*We come to say sorry for what we have done wrong in our own lives, as well as those things that have been done by humanity, we are invited to reflect and having done so we hear the words of forgiveness, which set us free and lets us go forward free from the past.*

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.

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

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the sinner:  
Christ, have mercy

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

You bring light to those in darkness:  
Lord, have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

## **Absolution**

May almighty God have mercy on you,  
forgive you your sins,  
and bring you to everlasting life.

*All* **Amen.**

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*The Gloria echo's the song of the angels at the birth of Jesus,  
we say it to proclaim the greatness of God.*

*All* **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 are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father.  
Amen.**

## **The Collect**

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words*

Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church.

*Silence is kept.*

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 for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

## Reading

*Two readings are read, at the end of each the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

*When the Gospel is announced the reader says*

Alleluia, alleluia.

'It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord,  
'that I should lose none of all that he has given me,  
but raise them up on the last day.'

*All*     **Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *M.*

*All*     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end*

This is the gospel of the Lord.

*All*     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Reflection

## Prayers of Intercession

*Prayers for the needs of the church, the world, our local community and those who are in need – the sick, the bereaved as well as those who have recently died and whose anniversary of death fall at this time.*

*A minister introduces the intercessions, the congregation sits or kneels.*

*The following form may be used*

Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven,  
you satisfy the hungry with good things:  
grant us a share with all the faithful departed  
in the banquet of your kingdom.

*All* Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, the light of the world,  
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight:  
open the eye of faith  
and bring us from darkness  
to your eternal light and glory.

*All* Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, Son of the living God,  
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:  
raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

*All* Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, crucified Saviour,  
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,  
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:  
sustain and comfort all who mourn.

*All* Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

Jesus, our way and truth and life,  
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:  
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

*All* Hear us, risen Lord,  
**our resurrection and our life.**

May God in his infinite love and mercy  
bring the whole Church,  
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,  
to a joyful resurrection  
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

*All* **Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives give I unto you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,  
neither let them be afraid.

*All* The peace of the risen Lord be always with you  
**and also with you.**

## Hymn

## Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.  
This prayer may be said.*

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement;  
draw us from hatred to love;  
make the frailty of our praise  
a dwelling place for your glory.

*All* **Amen.**

*The president takes the bread and wine.*

*In the Eucharistic Prayer we do as Jesus commands us, we take bread and wine and give thanks before sharing it with one another. Bread that becomes his body and wine that becomes his blood; a reminder of how much he loves us.*

## Eucharistic Prayer E

*All* The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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

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

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life, and conqueror of death.  
By his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ  
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
breaking the power of evil and putting death to flight.  
Through his resurrection from the dead  
you have given us new birth into a living hope,  
into an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading.  
The joy of resurrection fills the universe,  
and so we join with angels and archangels,  
with all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and saying:

*All* **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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his  
sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.  
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*All*

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with Mary the Blessed Virgin, Peter, Francis,  
and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever.

*All*

**Amen.**

## The Lord's Prayer

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,  
as our Saviour has taught us, so we pray:

*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.**

## Breaking of the Bread

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

Jesus is the living bread which came down from heaven:  
if anyone eats of this bread, they will live for ever.

**Lord, give us this bread always.**

## Giving of Communion

I am the bread of life, says the Lord;  
Whoever comes to me will never hunger;  
Whoever believes in me will never thirst.

I am the vine: you are the branches.

*All* **May we dwell in him as he lives in us.**

## Agnus Dei

*The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken.*

All Jesus, Lamb of God,  
**have mercy on us.**

All Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
**have mercy on us.**

All Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
**grant them peace.**

*The president and people receive communion.*

The body of Christ and The blood of Christ.

*If you are making a spiritual communion (i.e. not receiving in person) you may wish to say the below:*

In union, O Lord with the faithful at every altar of your Church,  
where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated,  
I desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving.  
I present to you my soul and body with the wish  
that they may always be united to you.  
And since I can not now receive you in this sacrament,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
I unite myself to you,  
and embrace you with all the affections of my soul.  
Let nothing ever separate you from me.  
May I live and die in your love. Amen.

*Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution.*

## Hymn

# The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Glory and honour and power:  
are yours by right, O Lord our God;  
*All* **For you created all things:  
and by your will they have their being.**

Glory and honour and power:  
are yours by right, O Lamb who was slain:  
*All* **For by your blood you have ransomed for God  
a kingdom of priests from every race and language,  
from every people and nation.**

*The names of those to be remembered may be read aloud. Silence may be kept after all the names have been read.*

*These words are used:*

This is the will of him that sent me  
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,  
*All* **and I will raise them up at the last day.**

Lord God, creator of all,  
you have made us creatures of this earth,  
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.  
According to your promises,  
may all who have died in the peace of Christ  
share with your saints in the joy of heaven  
where there is neither sorrow nor pain,  
but life everlasting.  
*All* **Alleluia! Amen.**

Grant to us, Lord God, to trust you not for ourselves alone,  
but for those also whom we love  
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;  
that, as we believe your power to have raised  
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,  
so may we trust your love to give eternal life  
to all who believe in him; through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
*All* **Amen.**

## Prayer after Communion

God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this Eucharist bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

*All* **Amen.**

*All* **Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Dismissal

### Blessing

God the Father,  
by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,  
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Son,  
who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory,  
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

*All* **Amen.**

God the Holy Spirit,  
whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples,  
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

*All* **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son  
and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you,  
and all whom you love, this day and always.

*All* **Amen.**

*a minister says*

Neither death nor life  
can separate us from the love of God  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Thanks be to God**

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