

Sunday 3rd November 2024: All Saints Holy Communion

Welcome to All Saints Day Holy Communion

The Lord is here: **His Spirit is with us.**

We need not fear: **His Spirit is with us.**

We are surrounded by love: **His Spirit is with us.**

We are immersed in peace: **His Spirit is with us.**

We rejoice in hope: **His Spirit is with us.**

We travel in faith: **His Spirit is with us.**

Flames – we pray our children and their leaders as they go

We say sorry to God and one another

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the cross so that, free from sin, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds we have been healed. Let us confess our sins.

God our Father, long-suffering, full of grace and truth, you create us from nothing and give us life.

You give your faithful people new life in the water of baptism.

You do not turn your face from us, nor cast us aside.

We confess that we have sinned against you and our neighbour.

We have wounded your love and marred your image in us.

Restore us for the sake of your Son, and bring us to heavenly joy, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

We are forgiven

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed: forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Songs

LORD, I COME TO YOU,

Let my heart be changed, renewed,

Flowing from the grace

That I found in You.
And Lord, I've come to know
The weaknesses I see in me
Will be stripped away
By the power of Your love.

*Hold me close,
Let Your love surround me.
Bring me near, draw me to Your side.
And as I wait
I'll rise up like the eagle,
And I will soar with You,
Your Spirit leads me on
In the power of Your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes,
Let me see You face to face,
The knowledge of Your love
As You live in me.
Lord, renew my mind
As Your will unfolds in my life,
In living every day
By the power of Your love.

MY JESUS, MY SAVIOUR,

Lord, there is none like You.
All of my days I want to praise
The wonders of Your mighty love.
My comfort, my shelter,
Tower of refuge and strength,
Let every breath, all that I am,
Never cease to worship You.

*Shout to the Lord all the earth, let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King.
Mountains bow down*

*And the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name.
I sing for joy at the work of Your hands.
Forever I'll love You, forever I'll stand.
Nothing compares to the
Promise I have in You.*

The church's prayer for today

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.

New Testament Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

This is the word of the Lord; **Thanks be to God**

Gospel Reading

John 11:32-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John; **Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Song

I CAST MY MIND TO CALVARY

Where Jesus bled and died for me
I see His wounds, His hands, His feet
My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears
They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb
The entrance sealed by heavy stone
Messiah still and all alone

*O praise the name of the Lord our God
O praise His name forever more
For endless days we will sing Your praise
Oh Lord, oh Lord our God*

Then on the third at break of dawn
The Son of heaven rose again
O trampled death where is your sting?
The angels roar for Christ the King

He shall return in robes of white
The blazing sun shall pierce the night
And I will rise among the saints
My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

We declare our faith in God

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to declare together the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father creator of heaven and earth, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in God who made us.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son who became like one of us, died for us, and rose again?

I believe and trust in God who rescues us.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to the people of God and makes Jesus known in the world?

I believe and trust in God who helps us.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Amen.

We are led in prayer

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen

The Peace

God has called us to live in peace.

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

Communion

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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.

... And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

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.

...Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory:

Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour 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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ; **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

We share bread and wine together

We would love to pray for you – you will find our prayer team waiting at the front-left.

Prayer after communion

Fill us, good Lord, with your Spirit of love; and as you have fed us with the one bread of heaven, so make us one in heart and mind, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Notices

Song

REJOICE! Rejoice!

Christ is in you,

The hope of glory

In our hearts.

He lives! He lives!

His breath is in you,

Arise a mighty army,

We arise.

Now is the time for us
To march upon the land,
Into our hands
He will give the ground we claim.
He rides in majesty
To lead us into victory,
The world shall see
That Christ is Lord!

God is at work in us
His purpose to perform,
Building a kingdom

Of power not of words,
Where things impossible,
By faith shall be made possible;
Let's give the glory
To Him now.

Though we are weak, His grace
Is everything we need;
We're made of clay
But this treasure is within.
He turns our weaknesses
Into His opportunities,
So that the glory
Goes to Him.

We are sent out

Father of lights, from whom comes every good and perfect gift: keep us in the light of Christ, to shine in our world, that all may believe in you; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord
In the name of Christ, Amen

“Come to me”

A Pre-Advent Retreat

**Monday 11th November
St Botolph's Church
10am to 3.30pm**

**Bring your own picnic lunch
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