

Sung Eucharist



Sunday 1st November 2020 at 11.00am

All Saints Day

Music before the service

JS Bach Fantasia with Imitation in B Minor and Fugue in D

¶ Please stand

WELCOME – Fr Stephen

*THE INTROIT HYMN NEH 216 Disposer supreme, and judge of the earth
The congregation is invited to hum with closed mouths*



- DISPOSER supreme, and judge of the earth,
Who chooseth for thine the weak and the poor,
To frail earthen vessels, and things of no worth,
Entrusting thy riches which ay shall endure;
- 2 Throughout the wide world their message is heard,
And swift as the wind it circles the earth;
It echoes the voice of the heavenly Word,
And brings unto mortals the hope of new birth.
- 3 Their cry thunders forth, 'Christ Jesus is Lord',
Then Satan doth fear, his citadels fall:
As when those shrill trumpets were raised at thy word,
And one long blast shattered proud Jericho's wall.
- 4 O loud be the call, and stirring the sound,
To rouse us, O Lord, from sin's deadly sleep;
May lights which thou kindest in darkness around,
The dull soul awaken, her vigil to keep.
- 5 All honour and praise, dominion and might,
To thee, Three in One, eternally be,
Who pouring around us thy glorious light,
Dost call us from darkness thy glory to see.

¶ Please sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father, which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

ALmighty God,
Aunto whom all hearts be open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid; Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of thy Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love thee, and worthily magnify thy holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

OUR Lord Jesus Christ said: Hear, O Israel, The Lord our God is one Lord; and thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy mind, and with all thy strength. This is the first commandment. And the second is like, namely this: Thou shalt love thy neighbour as thyself. There is none other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets.

Lord have mercy upon us and write all these thy laws in our hearts, we beseech thee.

Let us pray.

THE COLLECT FOR THE SOVEREIGN

ALmighty God, whose kingdom is everlasting, and power infinite: Have mercy upon the whole Church; and so rule the heart of thy chosen servant ELIZABETH, our Queen and Governor, that she (knowing whose minister she is) may above all things seek thy honour and glory: and that we, and all her subjects (duly considering whose authority she hath) may faithfully serve, honour, and humbly obey her, in thee, and for thee, according to thy blessed Word and ordinance; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with thee and the Holy Ghost liveth and reigneth, ever one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

A MIGHTY God, who 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE EPISTLE (read by Nell Burnham)

The portion of scripture appointed for the Epistle is written in the seventh chapter of the book of the Revelation of St John the Divine, beginning at the second verse.

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. 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.

Here endeth the Epistle.

THE GRADUAL

FEAR the Lord, all ye saints of his: for they that fear him lack nothing. But they that seek the Lord: shall want no manner of thing that is good. Alleluia. Alleluia. The saints shall judge the nations and have dominion over the people: and their Lord shall reign for ever. Come unto me, all ye that labour and are heavy laden: and I will give you rest. Alleluia.

¶ Please stand

THE GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel is written in the fifth chapter of the Gospel according to St Matthew, beginning at the first verse.

Glory be to thee, O Lord.

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.

Praise be to thee, O Christ.

¶ Please remain standing

THE NICENE CREED (sung by the choir)

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, By whom all things were made: Who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven, And was incarnate by the Holy Ghost 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 Ghost, The Lord and 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 Catholick and Apostolick 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.

Please sit

THE SERMON The Revd Margaret Widdess

Please stand

THE OFFERTORY

O GOD, wonderful art thou in thy holy places; even the God of Israel, he will give strength and power unto his people: blessed be God, alleluia.

Offertory Hymn NEH 197 For all the saints *The congregation is invited to hum with closed mouths*

1 For all the saints, who from their labours rest, who the Lord do glorify, bright as the sun;
2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, in thee their Captain, like the sun, be glorified;
4 O blest communion! fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
5 And when we sing thy praises, Lord, yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
6 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.

Refrain
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!
Harmony
*4. O blest com - mu - nion, fel - lows - hip di - vine!
We fee - bly strug - gle, they in glo - ry shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia!

- 1 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.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 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.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 3 O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 4 The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 5 But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!
- 6 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.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Please sit

THE INTENTIONS

Let us pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here on earth:

THE PRAYER FOR THE CHURCH MILITANT

ALMIGHTY and ever living God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers, and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully to accept our oblations, and to receive these our prayers, which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty; beseeching thee to inspire continually the Universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: And grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love.

We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes and governors; and specially thy servant Elizabeth our Queen; that under her we may be godly and quietly governed: and grant unto her whole council, and to all that are put in authority under her, that they may truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true religion, and virtue.

Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may, both by their life and doctrine, set forth thy true and lively Word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments.

And to all thy People give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this congregation here present; that, with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear, and receive thy holy Word; truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life.

And we most humbly beseech thee, of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them who, in this transitory life, are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. **Amen.**

THE INVITATION TO CONFESSION

WE that do truly and earnestly repent you of your sins, and are in love and charity with your neighbours, and intend to lead a new life, following the commandments of God, and walking from henceforth in his holy ways; Draw near with faith, and take this holy Sacrament to your comfort; and make your humble confession to Almighty God, meekly kneeling upon your knees.

THE CONFESSION

ALMIGHTY God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, Maker of all things, Judge of all men; We acknowledge and bewail our manifold sins and wickedness, Which we, from time to time, most grievously have committed, By thought, word, and deed, Against thy Divine Majesty, Provoking most justly thy wrath and indignation against us. We do earnestly repent, And are heartily sorry for these our misdoings; The remembrance of them is grievous unto us; The burden of them is intolerable. Have mercy upon us, Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; For thy Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, Forgive us all that is past; And grant that we may ever hereafter Serve and please thee In newness of life, To the honour and glory of thy Name; Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE ABSOLUTION

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of his great mercy hath promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty repentance and true faith turn unto him; Have mercy upon you; + pardon and deliver you from all your sins; confirm and strengthen you in all goodness; and bring you to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

FEAR what comfortable words our Saviour Christ saith unto all who truly turn to him. *Come unto me, all ye that travail and are heavy laden, and I will refresh you. So God loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, to the end that all that believe in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.* Hear also what Saint Paul saith. *This is a true saying, and worthy of all men to be received, That Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.* Hear also what Saint John saith. *If any man sin, we have an Advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the propitiation for our sins.*

¶ *Please stand*

THE SURSUM CORDA (sung by Father Stephen and the choir)

The Lord be with you.
And with thy spirit.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks unto our Lord God.

It is meet and right so to do.

It is very meet, right, and our bounden duty, that we should at all times, and in all places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Therefore with Angels and Archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify thy glorious Name; evermore praising thee, and singing:

THE SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS (Wood in the Phrygian mode)

HOLY, holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory: Glory be to thee, O Lord most High. **Amen.** + Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

¶ *Please sit*

THE PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

WE do not presume to come to this thy Table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in thy manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under thy Table. But thou art the same Lord, whose property is always to have mercy: Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of thy dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

ALMIGHTY God, our heavenly Father, who of thy tender mercy, didst give thine only Son Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the Cross for our redemption; who made there (by his one oblation of himself once offered) a full, perfect, and sufficient sacrifice, oblation, and satisfaction, for the sins of the whole world; and did institute, and in his holy Gospel command us to continue, a perpetual memory of that his precious death, until his coming again: Hear us, O merciful Father, we most humbly beseech thee; and grant that by the power of the Holy Spirit, we receiving these thy creatures of bread and wine, according to thy Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed + Body and Blood: Who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took Bread; and when he had given thanks, he brake 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.* Likewise, after supper, he took the Cup; and, when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying: *Drink ye all of this; for this is my Blood of the New Testament, which is shed for you, and for many, for the remission of sins; Do this, as oft as ye shall drink it, in remembrance of me.* Amen.

THE AGNUS DEI (Wood in the Phrygian mode)

OLAMB of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. O Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

THE COMMUNION ANTIPHON

THE souls of the righteous are in the hand of God: and there shall no torment touch them.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

THE Body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for thee, preserve thy body and soul unto everlasting life: Take and eat this in remembrance that Christ died for thee, and feed on him in thy heart by faith with thanksgiving. Amen.

¶ Please come forward to receive the Holy Communion, maintaining a circular movement around the church

Communion Anthem
Tomás Luis de Victoria *O quam gloriosum*

*O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.*

O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Communion Hymn NEH 307 *Sweet Sacrament divine*
The congregation is invited to hum with closed mouths



SWEET Sacrament divine,
 Hid in thine earthly home,
 Lo, round thy lowly shrine,
 With suppliant hearts we come;
 Jesu, to thee our voice we raise
 In songs of love and heartfelt praise:
 Sweet Sacrament divine.

2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,
 Dear home for every heart,
 Where restless yearnings cease
 And sorrows all depart;
 There in thine ear all trustfully
 We tell our tale of misery:
 Sweet Sacrament of peace.

3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,
 Ark from the ocean's roar,
 Within thy shelter blest
 Soon may we reach the shore;
 Save us, for still the tempest raves,
 Save, lest we sink beneath the waves:
 Sweet Sacrament of rest.

4 Sweet Sacrament divine,
 Earth's light and jubilee,
 In thy far depths doth shine
 The Godhead's majesty;
 Sweet light, so shine on us, we pray
 That earthly joys may fade away:
 Sweet Sacrament divine.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

OUR Father,
 which art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done; in earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive them that 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.

THE PRAYER OF OBLATION

THREE O Lord and heavenly Father, we thy humble servants entirely desire thy fatherly goodness mercifully to accept this
 our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; most humbly beseeching thee to grant, that by the merits and death of thy Son
 Jesus Christ, and through faith in his blood, we and all thy whole Church may obtain remission of our sins, and all other
 benefits of his passion. And here we offer and present unto thee, O Lord, ourselves, our souls and bodies, to be a reasonable,
 holy, and lively sacrifice unto thee; humbly beseeching thee, that all we, who are partakers of this Holy Communion, may be
 fulfilled with thy grace and heavenly benediction. And although we be unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer unto thee
 any sacrifice, yet we beseech thee to accept this our bounden duty and service; not weighing our merits, but pardoning our
 offences, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, in the unity of the Holy Ghost, all honour and glory be
 unto thee, O Father Almighty, world without end. Amen.

Please stand

THE GLORIA (sung by the choir)

GLORY be to God on high,
 and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give
 thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesu
 Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that
 takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou
 that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only,
 O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Please sit

THE BLESSING

THE peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
 and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost,
 be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Recessional Hymn NEH 381 Jerusalem the golden
The congregation is invited to hum with closed mouths

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of four systems of music, each with a treble and bass staff. The key signature is three flats (B-flat, E-flat, A-flat), and the time signature is common time (C). The music is written in a simple, homophonic style, with the bass line providing a steady accompaniment and the treble line carrying the melody. There are some dynamic markings like 'v' (forte) and 'f' (forte) throughout the piece.

JERUSALEM the golden,
 With milk and honey blest,
 Beneath thy contemplation
 Sink heart and voice opprest.
 I know not, O I know not,
 What social joys are there,
 What radiancy of glory,
 What light beyond compare.

2 They stand, those halls of Sion,
 Conjubilant with song,
 And bright with many an angel,
 And all the martyr throng;
 The Prince is ever in them,
 The daylight is serene,
 The pastures of the blessed
 Are decked in glorious sheen.

3 There is the throne of David,
 And there, from care released,
 The song of them that triumph,
 The shout of them that feast;
 And they who, with their Leader,
 Have conquered in the fight,
 For ever and for ever
 Are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country,
 Shall I ever see thy face?
 O sweet and blessed country,
 Shall I ever win thy grace?
 Exult, O dust and ashes!
 The Lord shall be thy part:
 His only, his for ever,
 Thou shalt be, and thou art!

Closing Organ Voluntary J S Bach *Fugue on the Magnificat*

Music for personal reflection
Basil Harwood *O how Glorious*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KQ7nsJXw-nI>



Ikona for the Feast of All Souls

Icons for the Feast of All Souls developed from the 9th-century onwards, and do not vary much. The setting of the icon is Paradise, identifiable by the abundance of trees and shrubbery. In the bottom-left of the icon is Abraham holding a righteous soul to his chest, which also identifies the place as Paradise: the Bosom of Abraham is a name given to the place where the righteous dead rest until Judgement Day (Lk 16:19-31). To the right of the icon is Jacob, holding the “Twelve Tribes” in a cloth, whilst in the centre is Dismas the penitent thief who was told by Christ on the cross that *“this day you will be with me in paradise”* (Lk 23:39-43). These figures at the bottom of the icon can be seen to represent the saints of the “old testament”, before Christ’s Resurrection. Central to the icon is the great “cloud of witnesses” described by St Paul in his letter to the Hebrews (11:33-12:2). The Saints are gathered around Christ, Who is seated in glory on a rainbow. Beneath Him is the Throne of Preparation, before which Adam and Eve prostrate themselves, whilst the Cross is also present. These are all images present in the Last Judgment. The Saints themselves are gathered into ranks according to their “type”: martyrs with martyrs, ascetics with ascetics, holy fathers with holy fathers, Apostles with Apostles and so on. Some of the Saints are usually recognizable, but the idea is always that the number of Saints present is beyond counting, as was beheld by the Apostle John in the book of Revelation:

After these things I looked, and behold, a great multitude which no one could number, of all nations, tribes, peoples, and tongues, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, clothed with white robes, with palm branches in their hands, and crying out with a loud voice, saying, “Salvation belongs to our God who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb!” All the angels stood around the throne and the elders and the four living creatures, and fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God,

The “four living creatures” can be seen in the icon, along with the various kinds of angels. The resemblance between the iconography of All Saints and the vision from Revelation is another clear reference to the Last Judgment. Surrounding the multitude of Saints is a mandorla of light. This shows the communion of Saints: communion with each other and with God. The holy fathers describe how the Saints in heaven can hear our prayers through the grace of the Holy Spirit.

The icon reminds us of the Last Judgment in many of the details, yet this great shining cloud also reminds us that there is still room there for us.