

All Souls' Eucharist

In commemoration of the Faithful Departed

5 November 2023 at 6.00pm



Welcome to Liverpool Parish Church. Throughout the year we pray for members of our communities, living and departed, but at this time of year we particularly pray for those who have died. Whether you have lost someone recently or many years ago, please use this service as an opportunity to remember them and pray for them, and to give thanks for the blessings they brought to your life. At the Eucharist if you normally receive Holy Communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here.



Before the service

Organ: Vater unser im Himmelreich BuxWV219 – Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Opening hymn and Greeting

**The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended,
The darkness falls at thy behest;
To thee our morning hymns ascended;
The 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 for ever,
Till all thy creatures own thy sway.**

Words: John Ellerton (1826-93)

Music: 'St Clement' Clement Scholefield (1839-1904)

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

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

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.

Confession and Collect

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.

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.

We receive an absolution, assuring us of God's forgiveness

Everlasting 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. **Amen.**

Readings (we sit)

First Reading: (Wisdom 3.1-9)

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

The Saint Nicholas' Singers sing verses from Psalm 27

1. The Lord is my light and my salvation whom then shall I fear * the Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?

2. When the wicked, even mine enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh * they stumbled and fell.

3. Though an host of men were laid against me, yet shall not my heart be afraid * and though there rose up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him.

4. One thing have I desired of the Lord, which I will require * even that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, to behold the fair beauty of the Lord, and to visit his temple.

5. For in the time of trouble he shall hide me in his tabernacle * yea, in the secret place of his dwelling shall he hide me, and set me up upon a rock of stone.

15. I should utterly have fainted * but that I believe verily to see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living.

16. O tarry thou the Lord's leisure * be strong, and he shall comfort thine heart; and put thou thy trust in the Lord.

Second Reading: And death will have no dominion—Dylan Thomas

(1914-53)

And death shall have no dominion.
Dead men naked they shall be one
With the man in the wind and the west moon;
When their bones are picked clean and the clean bones gone,
They shall have stars at elbow and foot;
Though they go mad they shall be sane,
Though they sink through the sea they shall rise again;
Though lovers be lost love shall not;
And death shall have no dominion.

And death shall have no dominion.
Under the windings of the sea
They lying long shall not die windily;
Twisting on racks when sinews give way,
Strapped to a wheel, yet they shall not break;
Faith in their hands shall snap in two,
And the unicorn evils run them through;
Split all ends up they shan't crack;
And death shall have no dominion.

And death shall have no dominion.
No more may gulls cry at their ears
Or waves break loud on the seashores;
Where blew a flower may a flower no more
Lift its head to the blows of the rain;
Though they be mad and dead as nails,
Heads of the characters hammer through daisies;
Break in the sun till the sun breaks down,
And death shall have no dominion.

(We stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia. **Alleluia, 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.'

Alleluia, alleluia, Alleluia.

Please turn to face the Gospel reading (John 6.37-40)

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

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.**

Address— The Revd Tabitha Rao

Commemoration

You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

For you have created all things, and by your will they have their being.

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.

You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.

Names of the faithful departed are read out and you are invited to come forward and light a candle in their memory.

While the names are read, the Saint Nicholas' Singers sing Psalm 23:

1. Lord is my shepherd * therefore can I lack nothing.
2. He shall feed me in a green pasture * and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.
3. He shall convert my soul * and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.
4. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil * for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.
5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me * thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.
6. Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life * and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

(at the end)

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your hands. Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold, lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming. Enfold them in the arms of your mercy, in the blessed rest of everlasting peace, and in the glorious company of the saints in light. **Amen.**

The Peace (We stand)

The Peace is introduced, followed by:

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

**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.**

**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.**

**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.**

**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!**

*Words: Bernard of Cluny (12th century) translated by John Mason Neale
(1818-66)*

Music: 'Ewing' Alexander Ewing (1830-95)

The Eucharistic Prayer

A prayer is said over the gifts on the altar, to which we respond **Amen.**

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.

The seasonal part of the prayer follows and at the end the Saint Nicholas' Singers sing:

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts. Heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord: Hosanna in the highest.

[Communion in F—Herbert Sumsion (1899-1995)]

We pray for the Holy Spirit to transform us and the gifts, and then the words of Jesus at the Last Supper are recalled:

The following acclamation is then used:

Jesus Christ is Lord:

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.

You are the Saviour of the world.

The prayer continues with oblation and intercession, ending:

... all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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.

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.

The Saint Nicholas' Singers sing:

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.

○ Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

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.'

May we dwell in him as he lives in us.

During Communion, the Saint Nicholas' Singers sing:

I heard a voice from heaven, saying unto me, Write: from henceforth blessed are the dead which die in the Lord: Even so saith the Spirit, for they rest from their labours.

Words: Revelation 14.13

Music: John Goss (1800-80)

Post-Communion Prayers (We stand at 'Let us pray')

After the post-communion prayer we say together

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Notices (please sit)

Final hymn (we stand)

**Now is eternal life,
If risen with Christ we stand,
In him to life reborn,
And holden in his hand;
No more we fear death's ancient dread,
In Christ arisen from the dead.**

**For God, the living God,
Stooped down to man's estate;
By death destroying death,
Christ opened wide life's gate:
He lives, who died; he reigns on high;
Who lives in him shall never die.**

**Unfathomed love divine,
Reign thou within my heart;
From thee nor depth nor height,
Nor life nor death can part;
Our life is hid with God in thee,
Now and through all eternity.**

Words: George Wallace Briggs (1875-1959)

Music: 'Christchurch' Charles Steggall (1826-1905)

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

... and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Organ: Elegy— George Thalben-Ball (1896-1987)

Please join us after the service for refreshments. If you are interested in exploring the Christian faith in greater depth, please speak to one of the clergy.

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OUR LADY & ST NICHOLAS

Nine Lessons and Carols by candlelight



**Sunday 17 December
at 6pm**

Early arrival is recommended

Traditional carols for the congregation
and choral music from *St Nicholas' Singers*

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