

## All Souls' Eucharist

In commemoration of the Faithful Departed

3 November 2024 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: Elegy—George Thalben Ball (1898-1987)*

*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: (Lamentations 3.17-26, 31-33)

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

*The Saint Nicholas' Singers sing verses from Psalm 42.1-7*

1. Like as the hart desireth the water-brooks \* so longeth my soul after thee, O God.
2. My soul is athirst for God, yea, even for the living God \* when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?
3. My tears have been my meat day and night \* while they daily say unto me, Where is now thy God?
4. Now when I think thereupon, I pour out my heart by myself \* for I went with the multitude, and brought them forth into the house of God;
5. In the voice of praise and thanksgiving \* among such as keep holy-day.
6. Why art thou so full of heaviness, O my soul \* and why art thou so disquieted within me?
7. Put thy trust in God \* for I will yet give him thanks for the help of his countenance.

Second Reading 'The Bird's Wings' by Rumi (1207-1273)

Your grief for what you've lost lifts a mirror up to where you are bravely working.

Expecting the worst, you look, and instead, here's the joyful face you've been wanting to see.

Your hand opens and closes, and opens and closes. If it were always a fist or always stretched open, you would be paralyzed.

Your deepest presence is in every small contracting and expanding, the two as beautifully balanced and coordinated as birds' wings.

*(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— Fr Steven Shakespeare*

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. Amen

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

*[Communion in F major—Harold Darke (188-1976)]*

*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:*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues with oblation and intercession, ending:*

... all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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:*

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

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

O 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:*

Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto our pray'rs; but spare us, Lord most holy, O God most mighty.

O holy and most merciful Saviour, thou most worthy Judge eternal, suffer us not, at our last hour, for any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.

*Words: From the funeral sentences in the Book of Common Prayer*

*Music: Henry Purcell (1685-1759)*

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

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*After the post-communion prayer we say together*

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

*Notices (please sit)*

*Final hymn (we stand)*

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**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*

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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: Choral Song – Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76)*

*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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