

All Souls' Eucharist

In commemoration of the Faithful Departed

2 November 2025 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: Reflection – Daniel Bishop (born 1981)

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.

The Saint Nicholas Singers' sing:

Kyrie eleison Christe eleison Kyrie eleison

[Lord have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord have mercy]

[Requiem Opus 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1848-1924)]

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.
6. And now shall he lift up mine head * above mine enemies round about me.
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 'The Bright Field' - R. S. Thomas (1913-2000)

I have seen the sun break through
to illuminate a small field
for a while, and gone my way
and forgotten it. But that was the pearl
of great price, the one field that had
treasure in it. I realize now
that I must give all that I have
to possess it. Life is not hurrying
on to a receding future, nor hankering after
an imagined past. It is the turning
aside like Moses to the miracle
of the lit bush, to a brightness
that seemed as transitory as your youth
once, but is the eternity that awaits you.

(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— Revd Michelle Montrose

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

**Abide with me; fast falls the eventide;
The darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
Help of the helpless, O abide with me.**

**Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away;
Change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.**

**I need thy presence every passing hour;
What but thy grace can foil the tempter's power?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, O abide with me.**

**I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.**

**Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
Shine through the gloom, and point me to the skies:
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me!**

Words: Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

Music: 'Eventide' William Henry Monk ((1823-89)

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:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth. Pleni sunt coeli et terra gloria tua. Osanna in excelsis.

[Holy, holy, holy Lord God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Hosanna in the highest.]

[Requiem Opus 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1848-1924)]

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:

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.

[Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest.]

[Requiem Opus 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1848-1924)]

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:

Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis requiem. Pie Jesu, Domine, dona eis sempiternam requiem.

[Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them rest. Blessed Jesus, Lord, give them eternal rest.]

[Requiem Opus 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1848-1924)]

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

After the post-communion prayer we say together

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread. Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever. 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.**

As the procession leaves the Saint Nicholas' Singers sing:

In Paradisum deducant Angeli: in tuo adventu suscipiant te Martyres, et perducant te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem, Chorus Angelorum te Suscipiant, et cum Lazaro quondam paupere, aeternam habeas requiem.

[May the angels lead you into paradise; may the martyrs receive you and lead you to the holy city Jerusalem.]

[Requiem Opus 48 - Gabriel Fauré (1848-1924)]

If you are interested in exploring the Christian faith in greater depth, please speak to one of the clergy.

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