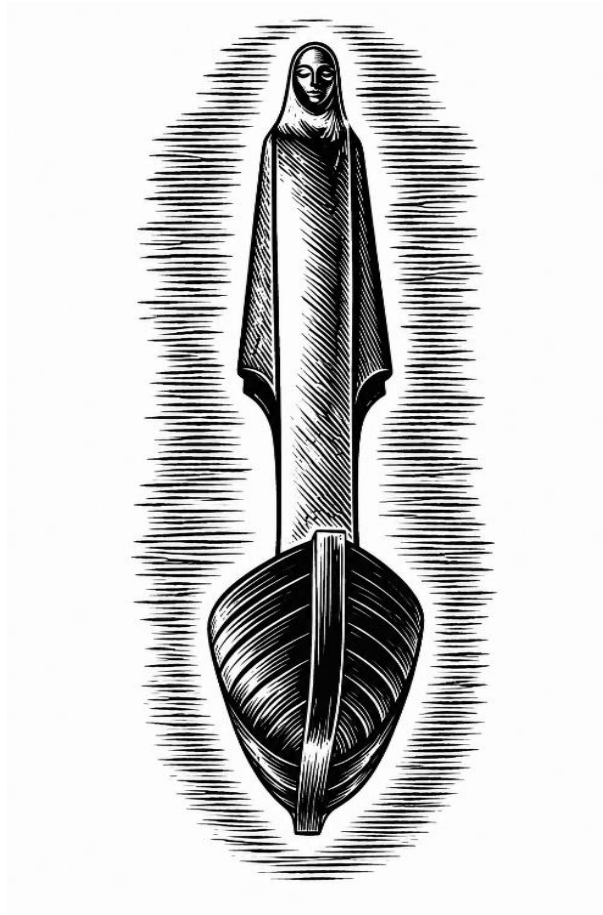


Liverpool Parish Church
Our Lady & St Nicholas

All Souls' Eucharist
In commemoration of the
Faithful Departed

I November 2026
6.00pm



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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.

Organ: Reflection – Daniel Bishop (born 1981)

OPENING HYMN

The bell rings. We stand, as we are able, and sing:

**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]

[Missa pro defunctis-Giovanni Francesco Anerio (1569-1630)]

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.**

FIRST READING (Wisdom 3.1-9)

The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace. For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them. In

the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them for ever. Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The Saint Nicholas' Singers sing the Psalm (23)

1. The 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.

The GOSPEL *S. John 6.37-40*

We stand and turn to face the Gospeller.

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.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to S. John

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to the crowds, 'Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

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

SERMON

Fr Bill Addy

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 27.1-5.15-16:

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

(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.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini. Osanna in excelsis.

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord. Hosanna in excelsis]

[Missa pro defunctis-Giovanni Francesco Anerio (1569-1630)]

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 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:

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

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

[Missa pro defunctis-Giovanni Francesco Anerio (1569-1630)]

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

Lux æterna luceat eis Domine. Cum sanctis tuis in æternum, quia pius es. Requiem æternam dona eis, Domine. Et lux perpetua luceat eis, cum sanctis tuis in æternum quia pius es.

[May eternal light shine upon them, O Lord, with Your saints forever, for You are merciful. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them, with Your saints forever, for You are merciful.]

[Missa pro defunctis-Giovanni Francesco Anerio (1569-1630)]

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

We stand at 'Let us pray'

After the post-communion prayer we say together:

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

FINAL HYMN

**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

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: Solemn Melody – Henry Walford Davies (1869-1941)

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