

A Service for All Souls'

1 November 2020

Welcome and Introduction

The Gathering

As we meet today to remember those dear to us who have died, we give thanks to God for the gift of music and word to console and to heal, to inspire and to bring new hope. We pray for ourselves and one another as we renew our trust and confidence in God that, together with the departed, we may be one in that same Jesus Christ, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

We say together

Eternal God, our heavenly Father, who loves us with an everlasting love and can turn the shadow of death into the brightness of morning, give us faith and hope, that we may be lifted above our darkness and distress into the light and peace of your presence, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn: *Lord of all hopefulness*

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust, ever childlike,
no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking,
and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
At the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled
at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours
and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord,
At the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome,
Your arms to embrace.

Be there at our homing,
and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord,
At the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment,
whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping,
and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord,
At the end of the day.

Reading: Romans 8: 35, 37-39

This is the Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Reflection

Act of Remembrance

Almighty God, we rejoice in your light and peace. As we remember by name those who have died, give us all a sure confidence in your loving care, so that we cast all our sorrows on you, and know the consolation of your presence. Lord in your mercy,
All: Hear our prayer

Candles are lit as the names are read

A prayer for loved ones departed

You shared your life with us,
God give eternal life to you.
You gave your love to us,
God give His deep love to you.
You gave your time to us,
God give His eternity to you.
You gave your light to us,
God give everlasting light to you.
Go upon your journey dear soul
To love, light and life eternal.

Hymn: *Oh to see the Dawn*

Oh, to see the dawn
Of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary.
Tried by sinful men,
Torn and beaten, then
Nailed to a cross of wood.

Chorus

This, the pow'r of the cross:
Christ became sin for us.
Took the blame, bore the wrath.
We stand forgiven at the cross.

Oh, to see the pain
Written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin.
Ev'ry bitter thought,
Ev'ry evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow.

Chorus

Now the daylight flees;
Now the ground beneath
Quakes as its Maker bows His head.
Curtain torn in two,
Dead are raised to life,
"Finished!" the vict'ry cry.

Chorus

Oh, to see my name
Written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free.
Death is crushed to death;
Life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love.

Chorus

Prayers

The response to 'Lord in your mercy'
Is : '**Hear our prayer**'

As our Saviour taught us so we pray:
Our Father, who art in heaven.....

Choir: *Thou Knowest, Lord, the
secrets of our hearts (Henry Purcell)*

Closing Prayer

Support us, O Lord,
all the day long of this troublous life,
until the shadows lengthen and the
evening comes,
the busy world is hushed,
the fever of life is over
and our work is done.
Then, Lord, in your mercy
grant us a safe lodging,
a holy rest, and peace at the last;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessing & Dismissal