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HOLY COMMUNION FROM ALL SAINTS
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Welcome to this service from St Mary Magdalene, Madingley

If you are new or visiting please make yourself known to the ministers or sidespeople. We'd love to say "Hello".

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members together in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him, one Church, above, beneath; though now divided by the stream, the narrow stream of death.

(Charles Wesley)

This season, sometimes known as "Remembrance-tide" begins with All Saints' Day, when we celebrate men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (All Souls) then celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

Remembrance Sunday goes on to explore the theme of memory, both corporate and individual, as we confront issues of war and peace, loss and memory and forgetting.

The annual cycle of the Church's year now ends with the Feast of Christ the King. The year that begins with the hope of the coming Messiah ends with the proclamation of his universal sovereignty.

The Gathering

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

The Greeting

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

Words of welcome may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

A minister invites the people to confess their sins and then we pray:

Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

cf Psalm 51

The president proclaims God's forgiveness.

Gloria in Excelsis

The Gloria in excelsis may be used

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

Silence is kept before the prayer for the day.

Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel. At the end of each:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A hymn may be sung before the Gospel.

Gospel reading

Please stand.

This acclamation may herald the Gospel:

Alleluia, alleluia.
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light. (1 Peter 2.9)
Alleluia.

When the Gospel is announced:

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

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

The Sermon

Please sit down.

The Creed

The Nicene Creed may be declared. Please stand.

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy: hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

A minister introduces the peace, then says:

The peace of the Lord be always with you and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

A hymn may be sung.

Preparation of the Table

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

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 priest praises God for his mighty acts.

... Forever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

The minister continues to praise God, and recalls the Last Supper. One of these acclamations may be used:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

(or)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

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

The Lord's Prayer

With saints and martyrs through the ages, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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.

Forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever for ever. Amen.

Breaking of the bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Agnus Dei

The Agnus Dei may be said:

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia. The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion. Please follow the directions of the stewards. If you would prefer a blessing please leave your hands by your sides.

A hymn may be sung or music may be played while the people receive.

Prayer after Communion

After all have received, silence may be kept.

After the Post Communion prayer we pray:

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.

The Dismissal

A hymn may be sung.

Acclamation

On All Saints' Sunday:

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised: there is no end of his greatness.

One generation shall praise your works to another and shall declare your power.

All your works praise you, Lord,

and your faithful servants bless you.

They make known the glory of your kingdom and speak of your power.

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

let everything bless his holy name for ever and ever.

The Blessing

The priest uses this or another blessing:

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

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

Amen!

The Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

The ministers and people depart.

Please say hello to us if you're new! Coffee may be served from the servery at the back of the church..



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