

*St Mary's Apsley End and St Benedict's Bennetts End*

# **The Eucharist Kingdom Season (All Saints to Advent)**

## **Remembrance Sunday**



**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> November 2020**

**10.00am**

**By Revd Guy Buckler via Zoom**

Musician Melanie Henley via Zoom

**WELCOME via 'Zoom'!**

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# 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.**

## Hymn No 689 Thy hand, O God, has guided verses 1, 3, 4 & 5

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| 1. Thy hand, O God, has guided<br>thy flock from age to age;<br>the wondrous tale is written<br>full clear, on ev'ry page;<br>our forebears owned thy goodness,<br>and we their deeds record;<br>and both of this bear witness:<br>one church, one faith, one Lord!     | 4. And we, shall we be faithless?<br>Shall hearts fail, hands hang down?<br>Shall we evade the conflict,<br>and cast away our crown?<br>not so: in God's deep counsels<br>some better thing is stored:<br>we will maintain, unflinching,<br>one Church, one Faith, one Lord. |
| 3. Through many a day of darkness,<br>through many a scene of strife,<br>the faithful few fought bravely<br>to guard the nation's life.<br>Their gospel of redemption,<br>sin pardoned, hope restored,<br>was all in this enfolded:<br>one Church, one Faith, one Lord. | 5. Thy mercy will not fail us,<br>nor leave thy work undone;<br>with thy right hand to help us<br>the vict'ry shall be won;<br>and then by all creation,<br>thy name shall be adored;<br>and this shall be their anthem:<br>one church, one faith, one Lord!                 |

## 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

Jesus says, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand."  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We have wounded your love  
and marred your image in us.  
We are sorry and ashamed,  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past:  
and lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light.  
Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon us,  
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,  
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,  
and keep us in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### The Collect

God, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Word

First reading, read by Bob Day

**A reading from the Wisdom of Solomon**

**6.12-16**

Wisdom is radiant and unfading, and she is easily discerned by those who love her, and is found by those who seek her. She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her. One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty, for she will be found sitting at the gate. To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding, and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care, because she goes about seeking those worthy of her, and she graciously appears to them in their paths, and meets them in every thought.

This is the word of the Lord. **THANKS BE TO GOD!**

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

**25.1-13**

**GLORY TO YOU, O LORD!**

'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! There will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST!**

Sermon

*A short period of silence may follow.*

## The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

**Amen.**

## Prayers of Intercession lead by Fiona Shirley

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

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace – God's peace is shared

To crown all things there must be love,  
to bind all together and complete the whole.  
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## Offertory Hymn No 340 Jerusalem the golden

*During this hymn please consider giving to St Benedict's or St Mary's. At the offertory we present both ourselves and our resources to be blessed by God and used in his service. You will find links & QR codes at the end of this service sheet to help you do this.*

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| 1. Jerusalem the golden,<br>with milk and honey blest,<br>beneath thy contemplation<br>sink heart and voice oppressed.<br>I know not, ah, I know not,<br>what joys await us there;<br>what radiancy of glory,<br>what bliss beyond compare.              | 3. There is the throne of David;<br>and there, from care released,<br>the shout of them that triumph,<br>the shout of them that feast;<br>and they, who with their leader<br>have fully run the race,<br>are robed in white for ever<br>before their Saviour's face. |
| 2. They stand, those halls of Zion,<br>all jubilant with song,<br>and bright with many angels,<br>and all the martyr throng;<br>the Prince is ever with them,<br>the daylight is serene;<br>the pastures of the blessed<br>are decked in glorious sheen. | 4. O sweet and blessed country,<br>the home of God's elect!<br>O sweet and blessed country<br>that eager hearts expect!<br>Jesus, in mercy, bring us<br>to that dear land of rest;<br>who art, with God the Father<br>and Spirit, ever blest.                        |

### Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God,  
by whose grace creation is renewed,  
by whose love heaven is opened,  
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### 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.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.  
For you are the hope of the nations,

the builder of the city that is to come.  
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
brings home the lost, restores the sinner  
and gives dignity to the despised.  
In his face your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one in your kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.  
Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation  
we glorify your name, for ever 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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup

we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

### The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and 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

**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.**

*You may like to use the following words, 'An act of spiritual communion' to reflect on at this point:*

My Jesus, I believe that you are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.

I love you above all things, and I desire to receive you into my soul.

Since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as if you were already there and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you.

Amen.

## Prayer after Communion

**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.**

# The Dismissal

## Hymn No 186 For the healing of the nations

For the healing of the nations,  
Lord, we pay with one accord;  
For a just and equal sharing  
Of the things that earth affords.  
To a life of love in action  
Help us rise and pledge our word.

Lead us, Father, into freedom,  
From despair your world release;  
That, redeemed from war and hatred,  
All may come and go in peace.  
Show us how through car and goodness  
Fear will die and hope increase.

All that kills abundant living,  
Let it from the earth be banned;  
Pride of status, race or schooling  
Dogmas that obscure your plan.  
In our common quest for justice  
May we hallow life's brief span.

You, creator-God, have written  
Your great name on humankind;  
For our growing in your likeness  
Bring the life of Christ to mind;  
That by our response and service  
Earth its destiny may find.

## Act of Remembrance

*All stand while the minister says*

Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his sure keeping  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;  
and all who have lived and died  
in the service of humankind.

### The Silence.

*Then the minister says*

Almighty and eternal God,  
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,  
either by death or life:  
hear our prayers and thanksgivings  
for all whom we remember this day;  
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;  
and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Act of Commitment

*The minister, or some other person appointed, says*

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God  
and our fellow men and women:  
that we may help, encourage, and comfort others,  
and support those working for the relief of the needy  
and for the peace and welfare of the nations.

Lord God our Father,  
 we pledge ourselves  
 to serve you and all humankind,  
 in the cause of peace,  
 for the relief of want and suffering,  
 and for the praise of your name.

Guide us by your Spirit;  
 give us wisdom;  
 give us courage;  
 give us hope;  
 and keep us faithful  
 now and always. **Amen.**



### Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,  
 that you may reign with him in glory;  
 and the blessing of God almighty,  
 the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
 be among you and remain with you always.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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