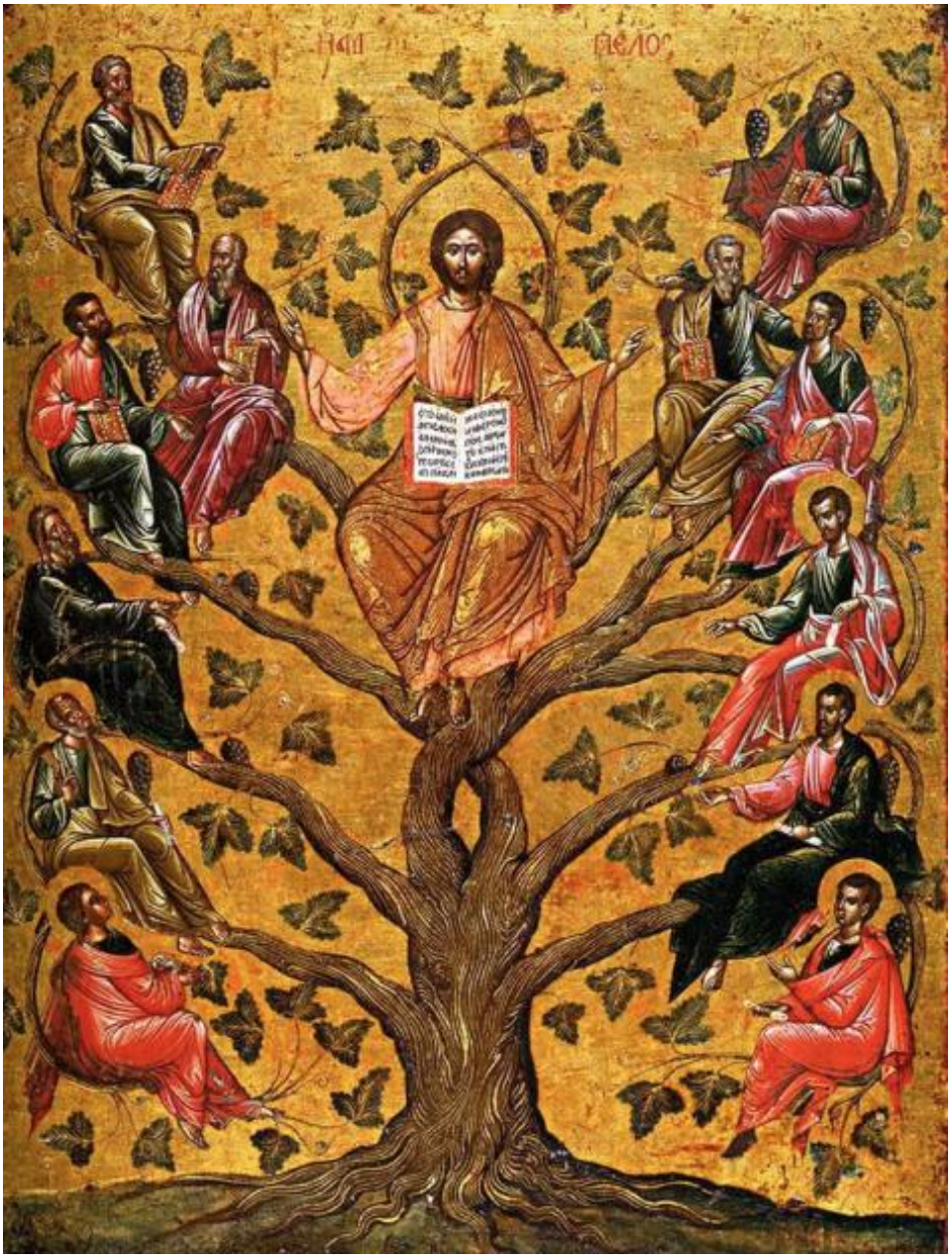
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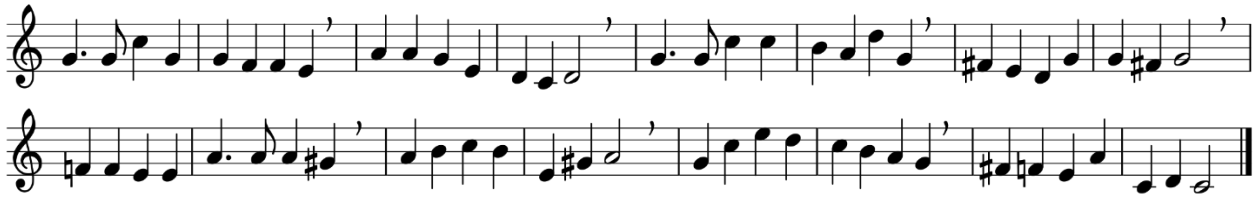


Choral Evensong for All Saints Day

Sunday 1 November

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Welcome to All Saints Church for Choral Evensong on our feast day. Please join in the hymns and all text in bold.
The hymns (other than the first) are taken from the New English Hymnal.
The service will be streamed on the Oakham Team Ministry Facebook page.

Hymn



1. God, we praise you, God, we bless you!
God, we name you sovereign Lord!
Mighty King whom angels worship,
Father, by your Church adored:
all creation shows your glory,
heaven and earth draw near your throne,
singing, 'Holy, holy, holy,
Lord of hosts, and God alone!'

2. True apostles, faithful prophets,
saints who set their world ablaze,
martyrs, once unknown, unheeded,
join one growing song of praise,
while your Church on earth confesses
one majestic Trinity:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,
God, our hope eternally.

3. Jesus Christ, the King of glory,
everlasting Son of God,
humble was your virgin mother,
hard the lonely path you trod.
By your cross is sin defeated,
hell confronted face to face,
heaven opened to believers,
sinners justified by grace.

4. Christ, at God's right hand victorious,
you will judge the world you made;
Lord, in mercy help your servants
for whose freedom you have paid.
Raise us up from dust to glory,
guard us from all sin today;
King enthroned above all praises,
save your people, God, we pray!

Words: based on Te Deum laudamus *(A Song of the Church), Christopher Idle (b 1938)* ©
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Music: Lux Eoi, *Arthur Seymour Sullivan (1842-1900)*
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Introduction to Confession

Sit or kneel as the Minister introduces the Confession

General Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.

The Absolution

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness, and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his Ministers, to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the Absolution and Remission of their sins: He pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent, and unfeignedly believe his holy Gospel. Wherefore let us

beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him, which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure, and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that 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.

Responses

The responses will be sung.

O Lord, open thou our lips.
All **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**
O God, make speed to save us.
All **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
All **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.
All **The Lord's Name be praised.**

Sit

Psalm 148

Laudate Dominum

1. O praise the Lord of heaven : praise him in the height.
2. Praise him all ye angels of his : praise him all his host
3. Praise him sun and moon : praise him all ye stars and light.

4. Praise him all ye heavens : and ye waters that are above the heavens.
5. Let them praise the name of the Lord : for he spake the word and they were made, he commanded and they were created.
6. He hath made them fast for ever and ever : he hath given them a law which shall not be broken
7. Praise the Lord upon earth : ye dragons and all deeps.
8. Fire and hail snow and vapours : wind and storm fulfilling his word.
9. Mountains and all hills : fruitful trees and all cedars.
10. Beasts and all cattle : worms and feathered fowls.
11. Kings of the earth and all people : princes and all judges of the world.
12. Young men and maidens, old men and children, praise the Name of the Lord : for his Name only is excellent, and his praise above heaven and earth.
13. He shalt exalt the horn of his people, all his saints shall praise him : even the children of Israel, even the people that serveth him.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

First Lesson *Isaiah 65.17-3*

A reading from the prophet Isaiah.

For I am about to create new heavens
and a new earth;
the former things shall not be remembered
or come to mind.
But be glad and rejoice for ever
in what I am creating;
for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy,
and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem,
and delight in my people;
no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,
or the cry of distress.
No more shall there be in it
an infant that lives but a few days,
or an old person who does not live out a lifetime;
for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth,
and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.
They shall build houses and inhabit them;
they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.
They shall not build and another inhabit;
they shall not plant and another eat;
for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be,
and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.
They shall not labour in vain,
or bear children for calamity;
for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord—
and their descendants as well.
Before they call I will answer,
while they are yet speaking I will hear.
The wolf and the lamb shall feed together,
the lion shall eat straw like the ox;
but the serpent—its food shall be dust!
They shall not hurt or destroy
on all my holy mountain,
says the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Office Hymn

Stand

No.341 Blest are the pure in heart

Sit

Magnificat

Luke 1.46-55

My soul doth magnify the Lord :
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

All stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Second Lesson *Hebrews 11.32-12.2*

Sit

A reading from the letter to the Hebrews.

And what more should I say? For time would fail me to tell of Gideon, Barak, Samson, Jephthah, of David and Samuel and the prophets— who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, obtained promises, shut the mouths of lions, quenched raging fire, escaped the

edge of the sword, won strength out of weakness, became mighty in war, put foreign armies to flight. Women received their dead by resurrection. Others were tortured, refusing to accept release, in order to obtain a better resurrection. Others suffered mocking and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were stoned to death, they were sawn in two, they were killed by the sword; they went about in skins of sheep and goats, destitute, persecuted, tormented— of whom the world was not worthy. They wandered in deserts and mountains, and in caves and holes in the ground.
Yet all these, though they were commended for their faith, did not receive what was promised, since God had provided something better so that they would not, without us, be made perfect.
Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, and let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us, looking to Jesus the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who for the sake of the joy that was set before him endured the cross, disregarding its shame, and has taken his seat at the right hand of the throne of God.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Nunc Dimittis

Luke 1.67-80

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen :
thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

All stand

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :
world without end. Amen.

Apostles' Creed

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth:
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord, Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, dead, and buried: He descended into hell; The third day he rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; The holy Catholick Church; The Communion of Saints; The Forgiveness of sins; The Resurrection of the body, And the Life everlasting. Amen.**

Responses

The Lord be with you.
All **And with thy spirit.**

Sit or kneel.

Let us pray.
Lord, have mercy upon us.
All **Christ, have mercy upon us.**
Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.
All **And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the King.

All **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

All **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

All **And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

All **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

All **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

The Collect for All Saints

Almighty God,
you have knit together your elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:
grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints
in all virtuous and godly living
that we may come to those inexpressible joys
that you have prepared for those who truly love you;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
Amen.

The Collect for Peace

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

The Collect for Aid against all Perils

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Sit

Anthem *How beauteous are their feet*
Charles Villiers Stanford (1852-1924)

Prayers

Sit or kneel
The prayers may end with the Grace

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,
be with us evermore. *2 Corinthians 13*

All **Amen.**

Hymn after the Prayers

Stand

No.381 Jerusalem the golden

Thanksgiving for the Holy Ones of God

For Abraham and Sarah, our ancestors in faith,
and all who journey into the unknown trusting God's promises:
For Jacob, deceitful younger brother, yet chosen by God,
the father of all who are called by virtue not of their own:
For Moses the lawgiver and Aaron the priest,
and all who lead God's people to freedom and newness of life:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Esther and Deborah, saviours of their nation,
and for all who dare to act courageously at God's call:
For Hannah and Ruth, and all who through love and devotion
witness to the faithfulness of God:
For Isaiah, John the Baptist and all the prophets,
and all who speak the truth without counting the cost:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Mary the Virgin, the mother of our Lord and God,
and all who obey God's call without question:
For Andrew and John and the first disciples,
and for all who forsake everything to follow Jesus:
For Mary Magdalene, Salome and Mary,
first witnesses of the resurrection,
and for all who bear witness to Christ:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Peter and Paul and the apostles,
who preached the gospel to Jew and Gentile,
and for all who take the good news to the ends of the earth:
For Barnabas, Silas and Timothy,
and for all who bring encouragement and steadfastness:
For the writers of the Gospels
and for all who bring the faith of Christ alive for each generation:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Ambrose, Augustine, Gregory and Jerome,
and for all who contend for the truth of the gospel:
For Basil, Gregory of Nazianzus, Athanasius and John Chrysostom,
and all who enable us to reflect on the mystery of Christ:
For Cyprian, Antony and Ephrem,
and for all who lead the Church into new paths of discipleship:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Stephen, Alban, Agnes, Lucy and the whole army of martyrs,
and all who have faced death for love of Christ:
For Augustine of Canterbury and Aidan, for Boniface and Patrick,
and for all who have carried the gospel to this and other lands:
For Aelred, Bernard and Cuthbert,
and for all who live and teach the love of God:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Anselm and Richard Hooker,
and for all who reveal to us the depths of God's wisdom:
For Benedict and Francis, Hilda and Bede,
and for all who deepen our common life in Christ:
For Julian of Norwich, Bridget of Sweden and Teresa of Avila,
and for all who renew our vision of the mystery of God:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Thomas Cranmer
and all who reform the Church of God:
For Thomas More
and all who hold firm to its continuing faith:
For Gregory and Dunstan, George Herbert and John Keble,
and for all who praise God in poetry and song:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For Lancelot Andrewes, John Wesley and Charles Simeon,
and for all who preach the word of God:
For William Wilberforce and Josephine Butler,
and for all who work to transform the world:
For Monica, and for Mary Sumner,
and for all who nurture faith in home and family:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

For the martyrs and peacemakers of our own time,
who shine as lights in the darkness:
For all the unsung heroes and heroines of our faith,
whose names are known to God alone:
For all those in our own lives
who have revealed to us the love of God
and shown to us the way of holiness:
Let us bless the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

A Last Beatitude

And blessèd are the ones we overlook;
The faithful servers on the coffee rota,
The ones who hold no candle, bell or book
But keep the books and tally up the quota,
The gentle souls who come to 'do the flowers',
The quiet ones who organise the fete,
Church sitters who give up their weekday hours,
Doorkeepers who may open heaven's gate.
God knows the depths that often go unspoken
Amongst the shy, the quiet, and the kind,
Or the slow healing of a heart long broken
Placing each flower so for a year's mind.
Invisible on earth, without a voice,
In heaven their angels glory and rejoice.

Malcolm Guite
from Sounding the Seasons,
published by Canterbury Press

At the end of the Thanksgiving

Reader Let us rejoice and praise them with thankful hearts
All **and glorify our God in whom they put their trust.**

Hymn after the Thanksgiving

Stand

No.197 For all the saints

Blessing

The peace of God, which passeth all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost,
be amongst you and remain with you always.

All **Amen**

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