

SAFFRON WALDEN AND VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY
Order of service for Holy Communion at 9.30am on Wednesday
November 2020 All Saints to Christ the King

November is often called the 'Kingdom season', marking the end of the Church's year when we think about the Last Things and the Second Coming. Starting with All Saints, we end with the feast of Christ the King. Red vestments may be worn. You might like to light a candle at home while you use this leaflet, and to say the responses and prayers out loud. Also to have your Bible or Grapevine to hand, with readings marked when they are not from the Grapevine.

Introduction

We gather together, united in purpose though separate in place, in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

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

We prepare for worship by saying together:

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

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

Hearing God's forgiveness

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins,
 heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
 and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Readings

Some weeks, we use the readings for the day; on others those on the Grapevine. Feel free simply to listen or to follow in your Bible

Weds 4 November: Philippians 2: 12-18; Luke 14: 25-33

Weds 11 November: I Thessalonians 4: 13- 18; Matthew 25: 1-13 *(as Grapevine)*

Weds 18 November: I Thessalonians 5: 1-11; Matthew 25: 14-30 *(as Grapevine)*

Weds 25 November: Ephesians 1: 15 - 23; Matthew 25: 31-46 *(as Grapevine)*

Before and after the Gospel reading:

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*

Glory to you, O Lord

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

Reflection

Prayers of Intercession

Our prayers of intercession will be led by the preacher using the customary responses, unless otherwise stated:

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

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

Sharing Christ's Peace

We are the body of Christ. In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body. Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life. The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

As you say this, hold in your mind all who are joining in these prayers today. The altar and elements are prepared, with a suitable prayer.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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**

Father, you made the world and love your creation.

you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.

His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And so we gladly thank you,

with saints and angels 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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord;
and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died, he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended, he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.
Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death
and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith
Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes, and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.
Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.
Through Christ, and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.

The 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.

The Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

While only the priest can physically receive the consecrated bread and wine, you are all invited to say together this prayer of Spiritual Communion, inviting Jesus to enter your deepest being.

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.

A post communion prayer is said

We ask God's grace for the week ahead

Heavenly Father, sustain us in our joys and in our anxieties. Enfold us in your peace in our waking and in our sleeping, and may we know your presence with us now and always: in the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

The Blessing

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always.

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