

## SAFFRON WALDEN AND VILLAGES TEAM MINISTRY

### Online Holy Communion SUNDAY 1 November 2020 11.00am All Saints and All Souls

*As we enter a season of Remembrance, we look back with thanksgiving to God for all whom we have met and loved. Those who's example has enabled us to live lives more closely following the ways of God, as Jesus described in the beatitudes, and those who have shown us that we are loved by God as his children. You might like to light a candle at home while you use this leaflet, symbolising Jesus as the Light of the World: and to say the prayers and readings out loud.*

#### Introduction

As God's people we have gathered, apart from each other, yet joined in love. Let us recognise God's presence with us now, as we worship him, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

We have come together as the family of God in our communities, responding to his call to come and feast with him. Faithful one, whose word is life: come with saving power to free our praise, inspire our prayer and shape our lives for the kingdom of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We say together (or why not **sing!**) an opening hymn*

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| 1. For all the saints, who from their labours rest,<br>who thee by faith before the world confessed,<br>thy Name, O Jesus, be forever blessed.<br>Alleluia, Alleluia!                     | 4. The golden evening brightens in the west;<br>soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;<br>sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.<br>Alleluia, Alleluia!                  |
| 2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress and their Might;<br>thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;<br>thou, in the darkness drear, their one true Light. Alleluia, Alleluia! | 5. But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;<br>the saints triumphant rise in bright array;<br>the King of glory passes on his way.<br>Alleluia, Alleluia!                          |
| 3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,<br>fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,<br>and win, with them the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, Alleluia!                    | 6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,<br>through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,<br>and singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost:<br>Alleluia, Alleluia! |

## Prayers of Penitence

**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*

## Hearing God's forgiveness

May the Father of all mercies cleanse *us* from *our* sins, and restore *us* in his image to the praise and glory of his name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

*As God's forgiven people, in thankfulness we sing the Gloria to a familiar tune:*

1. Glory be to God in heaven,  
songs of joy and peace we bring,  
thankful hearts and voices raising,  
to creation, Lord we sing.  
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless  
you,  
glory be to God our King.

2. Lamb of God, who on your shoulders  
bore the load of this world's sin,  
only Son of God the Father,

you have brought us peace within.  
Lord have mercy, Christ have mercy,  
now your glorious reign begin.

3. You, O Son of God, are holy,  
you we praise with one accord,  
none in heaven or earth is like you,  
only you are Christ the Lord -  
with the Father, and the Spirit,  
ever worshipped and adored.

*Edwin Grice*

**Collect and Readings** we now follow the readings on the Grapevine

**Reflection** *If you are using this prayer sheet privately, you may wish to read the Reflection on the Grapevine. In a moment of quiet, think what message this may have for you, and ask God to help you live it out in your life this week.*

## We declare our faith together

**We believe and trust in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and  
fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

Father, we thank you for the inspiration of Holy scripture and your promise that we are your children. We ask that you help us follow the example of those who have gone before us in faith and seek the coming of your Kingdom in all that we do as your saints here on earth. *Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer***

We pray for your Church throughout the world, especially in those places where Christians face hardship or persecution. We pray for all the people, communities and churches of this Saffron Walden and Villages Team Ministry, and for our Bishops. Give us all strength and wisdom as we seek to show your love. *Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer***

We pray for all who have suffered through the effects of Covid 19, directly by contracting the virus or indirectly through bereavement or by having jobs and livelihoods affected. Help us support and care for one another, particularly those who struggle without the intimate contact of family and friends and who face financial hardship *Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer***

We pray for your troubled world, remembering those areas that are disrupted by conflict, hardship and social instability. We pray for good, just and compassionate governments seeking the common good for all. Make the work of diplomats, peace envoys and all aid workers fruitful. Remembering the tragic loss of life this week of desperate people trying to cross the Channel, grant safety and security for refugee and asylum seekers. *Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer***

We pray for all those who are sick in mind, body or spirit and for those lonely and afraid. We name before you in the silence of our hearts those known personally to us ..... Hold them in your loving arms and through your Holy Spirit and the care of other people bring them healing, peace and comfort. *Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer***

*In a moment of silence, offer to God any other needs on your heart.*

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

## **Sharing God's Peace**

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 and 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.*

*If you are joining the Eucharist celebrated live via Zoom, do follow the priest saying the Eucharistic prayer, with the standard responses. While only the priest can physically receive the consecrated bread and wine, you are invited to say 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.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *Let us pray together as Jesus has taught us*

**Our Father, who art in heaven, ...**

**We pray for our lives as disciples in the week ahead**

**God of power, may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, and may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always. Amen**

*We say together (or why not **sing!**) a final hymn*

*Verse 1*

*Blessed assurance Jesus is mine  
O what a foretaste of glory divine  
Heir of salvation purchase of God  
Born of His Spirit washed in His blood*

*Chorus*

*This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Saviour all the day long  
This is my story this is my song  
Praising my Saviour all the day long*

*Verse 2*

*Perfect submission perfect delight  
Visions of rapture now burst on my sight  
Angels descending bring from above  
Echoes of mercy whispers of love*

*Verse 3*

*Perfect submission all is at rest  
I in my Saviour am happy and blest  
Watching and waiting looking above  
Filled with His goodness lost in His love*

## **A Final Blessing**

May God give you and to all whom you love his comfort and his peace, his light and his joy, in this world and the next. And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and Holy Spirit, be with you now and for ever. **Amen.** Let us now go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ. Amen.**