

St. Andrew's Gorleston
Worship Together – Morning Praise
Sunday 3rd November 2024
(All Saints' Day transferred from 1st November)



Approach

This is the day that the Lord has made: **let us rejoice and be glad in it.** O give thanks to the Lord for he is good: **his steadfast love endures for ever.** Our God, your eyes are open day and night watching your children, your ears are always ready to listen to their prayer: we have come to worship you. We come as sinners, in need of your forgiveness; we come tired from our work, in need of refreshment; we come with worries, in need of your guidance. But first, lift us out of our pre-occupation with our own needs; allow us to see you with the eyes of faith, and to hear with understanding what you say to us; make us thankful for all the good we have received from you; awaken in us a longing to do what is right, and make us aware of the great company, past, present and to come, with whom we join to worship you in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Praise

Let the people praise you, O God: **Let all the people praise you!** Let your ways be known on earth; **your saving power in all the world! Amen.**

Hymn For all the saints, who from their labours rest,

who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be for ever blest. *Alleluia.*

Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true Light. *Alleluia.*

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia.*

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way. *Alleluia.*

From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost *Alleluia.*

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Confession

Let us confess our sins to God and ask for his forgiveness: O God, our Father in heaven, we confess to you our failure to live as children of your grace and heirs of your promises: When we make this world's goods our treasure, and are mindless of your kingdom and your reward: in your mercy, **Father, forgive us and help us.** When we forget that here we have no enduring city, and fail to look for the city which is to come: in your mercy, **Father, forgive us and help us.** When we measure worth by the standards of this passing age and

reject your eternal truth: in your mercy, **Father, forgive us and help us.**
When we lose the vision of Christ and no longer run to win the prize of your
call to heaven: in your mercy, **Father, forgive us and help us. Father, you
have raised us together with Christ: set our hearts and minds on things
above, where he is seated in glory at your right hand for evermore.**
Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, whose will is for all people to repent and be forgiven, have
mercy upon you, pardon all your sins and wrongdoing and strengthen your
commitment to follow his ways, through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song One shall tell another,
and He shall tell his friend,
husbands, wives and children
shall come following on.
From house to house in families
shall more be gathered in,
and lights will shine in every street,
so warm and welcoming.

*Come on in and taste the new wine,
the wine of the kingdom,
the wine of the kingdom of God.
Here is healing and forgiveness,
the wine of the kingdom,
the wine of the kingdom of God.*

Compassion of the Father
is ready now to flow,
through acts of love and mercy
we must let it show.
He turns now from His anger
to show a smiling face,
and longs that men should stand beneath
the fountain of His grace.

He longs to do much more than
our faith has yet allowed,
to thrill us and surprise us
with His sovereign power.
Where darkness has been darkest
the brightest light will shine,
his invitation comes to us,
it's yours and it is mine.

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Collect

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 our Lord. **Amen.**

Revelation 21:1-6

Then I saw “a new heaven and a new earth,” for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, “Look! God’s dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. ‘He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away.’” He who was seated on the throne said, “I am making everything new!” Then he said, “Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true.” He said to me: “It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

For the Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Song We'll walk the land with hearts on fire,
and every step will be a prayer.
Hope is rising, new day dawning,
sound of singing fills the air.

*Let the flame burn brighter
in the heart of the darkness,
turning night to glorious day.
Let the song grow louder
as our love grows stronger,
let it shine! Let it shine!*

Two thousand years and still the flame
Is burning bright across the land.
Hearts are waiting, longing, aching,
for awakening once again.

We'll walk for truth, speak out for love;
in Jesus' name we shall be strong,
to lift the fallen, to save the children,
to fill the nation with your song.

Let it shine! Let it shine!
Shine! Let the flame burn.

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Bible reading

John 11:32-44

When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, “Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.”

When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled. “Where have you laid him?” he asked. “Come and see, Lord,” they replied. Jesus wept. Then the Jews said, “See how he loved him!” But some of them said, “Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?”

Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance. "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odour, for he has been there four days." Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?" So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me." When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!" The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

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Message

Creed

Let us declare our faith in God:

Hymn We believe in God the Father,

God almighty, by whose plan
earth and heaven sprang to being,
all created things began.
We believe in Christ the Saviour,
Son of God in human frame,
virgin-born, the child of Mary
upon whom the Spirit came.

Christ, who on the cross forsaken,
like a lamb to slaughter led,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
he descended to the dead.
We believe in Jesus risen,
heaven's king to rule and reign,
to the Father's side ascended
till as judge he comes again.

We believe in God the Spirit;
in one Church, below, above:
saints of God in one communion,
one in holiness and love.
So by faith, our sins forgiven,
Christ our Saviour, Lord and friend,
we shall rise with him in glory
to the life that knows no end.

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**Prayers of intercession
The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

**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

Notices and Birthdays

Hymn Love divine, all loves excelling,

joy of heaven to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

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Final Prayer

Lord of heaven, in our worship you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints, pour upon you the riches of his grace. May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises. May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. And the blessing of almighty God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, rest upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

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

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