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FOR ALL WE HAVE AND ARE

The Chapel *of* The Transfiguration

Sung Eucharist

All Saints' Sunday

Sunday 1st November 2026
7.30 am

We remember the saints, the holy people of God who have gone before us and perhaps surround us. It is tempting to think of the saints as the superstars of faith. Yet the blessings or beatitudes here in Matthew remind us that in God's upside-down kingdom it is not those with the most who are revered, but instead those with the least who are lifted up. What does it mean to live our lives in a way that prioritizes those at the margins rather than celebrating the rich or powerful?

Music before the service

O wie selig seid ihr doch, ihr Frommen Op.122 No. 6
(Blessed are ye faithful souls)

O Welt, ich muss dich lassen, Op. 122 No. 11
(O World, I now must leave thee)

Johannes Brahms (1833–97)

Order of Service

The congregation is asked to join in all text printed in **bold**.

If you are unable to stand at any point during the service, please feel free to remain seated.

The service is sung by
The Chapel Choir

Please remain silent before the service

The Gathering

Remain seated as the Choir enters and takes their place

All stand as the Servers and Clergy enter and move to the sanctuary

The Celebrant continues

Let us proceed in peace.
In the name of Christ. Amen

Processional Hymn

during which the altar is censed



For all the Saints who from their labours rest,
Who thee by faith before the world confest.
Thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might;]
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well fought fight;
Thou in the darkness drear their one true Light.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

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.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

O blest communion! fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
Yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
Steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
And hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

[Choir only]
The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
The Saints triumphant rise in bright array:
The King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

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.
Alleluya! Alleluya!

Words: William W. How (1926–2024) Tune: Sine Nomine
Ralph V. Williams (1872-1958)

All remain standing. The Celebrant continues

The Greeting

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

"So then, you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God" Ephesians 2.19

Silence is kept

Blessed be God.
Blessed be God's reign for ever. Amen.

The Lay Assistant continues

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.

The Lay Assistant invites all to confess their sins

Prayers of Penitence

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

All kneel and silence is kept

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought,
word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The Choir sings

Kyrie Eleison	*Lord, have mercy*
Christe Eleison	*Christ, have mercy*
Kyrie Eleison	*Lord, have mercy*

The Celebrant pronounces the Absolution

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

All stand to sing

Gloria

Glory be to God on high,
and in earth peace, good will towards men,
We praise thee we bless thee,
we worship thee, we glorify thee.
We give thanks to thee for thy great
glory, O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father Almighty.

O Lord, the only begotten Son,
Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb
of God, Son of the Father that
takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that
takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us. Thou that
takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer. Thou that
sittest at the right hand of God the
Father, have mercy upon us.

For thou only art holy, thou only art the Lord: thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Spirit, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Remain standing. Silence is kept

The Lay Assistant continues

The Collect for the Day

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit.

Let us pray

All kneel

O Almighty God,
who hast knit together thine elect
in one communion and fellowship
in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord:
Grant us grace so to follow thy blessed Saints
in all virtuous and godly living,
that we may come unto those unspeakable joys
which thou hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;
through the same thy Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who liveth and reigneth with thee,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.
Amen.

All sit

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Revelation 7. 9–17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple,

and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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

Psalm 34

I will bless the Lord at all times; •
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
My soul shall glory in the Lord; •
let the humble hear and be glad.

O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together.
I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look upon him and be radiant •
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me •
and saved me from all my troubles.

The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him •
and delivers them.
O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; •
blessed is the one who trusts in him.

Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, • for those who fear him lack nothing.
Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those
who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

The Epistle
1 John 3. 1–3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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

All stand to sing

Gradual Hymn



Glory to thee, O God,
for all thy saints in light,
who nobly strove and conquered
in the well-fought fight.
Their praises sing,
who life out-poured
by fire and sword
for Christ their King.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord,
for saints thy Spirit stirred
in humble paths to live thy life
and speak thy word.
Unnumbered they,
whose candles shine
to lead our footsteps
after thine.

Lord God of truth and love,
'thy kingdom come', we pray;
give us thy grace to know thy truth
and walk thy way:
that here on earth
thy will be done,
till saints in earth
and heaven are one.

Words: Howard Gaunt (1902–83)

Tune: Love unknown
John Ireland (1879–62)

Remain standing and face the Gospel

The Gospel Reading

Choir: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

All repeat:



Choir: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood,
a holy nation, God's own people,
called out of darkness into his marvellous light
Alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St. Matthew 5th Chapter, beginning at the 1st verse
Glory be to thee, O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him.
Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:
'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.
'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.
'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.
'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

At the end
This is the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
Praise be to thee, O Christ

Remain standing until invited to be seated

Sermon

given by
Rev. Suren Watson
Assistant Chaplain

All stand

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

We believe 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.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

All kneel or sit

Prayers of Intercession

during which the following response is used
Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

Greeting of Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints
and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord,
who came and preached peace to those who were far off
and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Preparation of the Table

Offertory Hymn

during which the bread, wine and water are placed on the altar, and a collection is taken for the work of the chapel



Jerusalem the golden,
With milk and honey blest,
Beneath thy contemplation
Sink heart and voice oppress.
I know not, O I know not,
What social joys are there,
What radiancy of glory,
What light beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion,
Conjubilant with song,
And bright with many an angel,
And all the martyr throng;
The Prince is ever in them,
The daylight is serene,
The pastures of the blessèd
Are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David,
And there, from care released,
The song of them that triumph,
The shout of them that feast;
And they who, with their Leader,
Have conquered in the fight,
For ever and for ever
Are clad in robes of white.

O sweet and blessèd country,
Shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
Shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
His only, his for ever,
Thou shalt be, and thou art!

Words: Bernard of Cluny (12th cent) Tune: Ewing
Alexander Ewing (1669?-1707)

Remain standing. The Celebrant invites all to say,

All things come from you
and of your own do we give you, Creator and Lord of the universe, ever adored by the holy Angels. Accept these gifts of bread and wine and these offerings which we present at your holy table and with them the dedication of our lives for your service, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Remain standing. The Celebrant continues

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And with thy spirit

Lift up your hearts
We lift them up unto the Lord

Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God
It is meet and right so to do

It is very meet, right, and our bounden
duty, that we should at all times, and in all
places, give thanks unto thee, O Lord,
Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God.

And now we give thee thanks
because in him thou hast received us as thy sons and daughters,
joined us in one fellowship with the saints,
and made us citizens of thy kingdom.

Therefore with Angels, and Archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we laud and magnify thy glorious Name,
evermore praising thee, and saying:

The Choir sings
Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.
Glory be to thee,
O Lord most high.

The people may sit, kneel or remain standing

Holy indeed are you Almighty Father eternal Sovereign, who in all your gifts and works manifests your holiness to all humanity. Holy is your Only Begotten Son Jesus Christ, through whom you did order the universe. And Holy is your ever blessed Spirit who reveals all things, even the deep things of you O God. Just as you yourself are holy, so also you created us in your own image that we might live in holy fellowship.

And when we disobeyed your commandments, you did not abandon us but you guided us as a merciful Father; you revealed yourself to us through the Sages, the Law and the Prophets, and through your redeeming acts in history, and when the time was ripe, you came among us through your Son Jesus, whom you sent into the world to share our human nature in order that the Lord Jesus might revive your own image in us.

Generous God, Jesus loves us
and sacrificed himself for us
and heralded the new life
in breaking bread with companions.

On the very night that he was betrayed to suffer death upon the cross for us, the Lord Jesus took bread and when he had given thanks to you Almighty Father, 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 manner after supper, he took the cup also,
and after giving thanks, he gave it to them saying:
Drink, all of you from this,
for this is my blood of the new covenant
which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Christ is the Bread of Life
When we eat this bread and drink this cup
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory

And so Father, we present this bread and cup in communion with your whole church, in fellowship with Blessed Mary, St. Thomas and all the saints, and in union with all creation we celebrate your Son's death and victory; giving thanks for all that Christ has done for us; for preparing us for all that lies ahead, we receive the benefits of Christ's life, death, resurrection and session in glory, and we eagerly await the heavenly banquet after Christ's coming again.

And we entreat you most merciful God to hear us and send your All Holy Spirit on us and on these your gifts, that they being blessed and hallowed by that life giving power, may be for us the Body and Blood of your most dearly loved Son, to the end that we receiving the same may be sanctified and filled with your grace and heavenly blessing.

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving; make us one body in Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom and with whom and in whom in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honour and glory be to you Almighty Father, world without end.
All sing: **Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The bread which we break
is it not a sharing in the body of Christ?
We being many are one bread,
one body for we all partake of the one bread.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has taught us, we now pray

All sing
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 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.

The Celebrant continues

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you.

The gifts of God for the people of God

The Choir sings

Benedictus

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.

Deep Silence

The Choir sings

Agnus Dei

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world
Have mercy upon us.
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world
Grant us thy peace.

Giving of Communion

The Celebrant invites the people to receive the Holy Communion, saying

Draw near with faith and take this Holy Sacrament to your comfort.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word and I shall be healed.

All sit. If you receive communion in your own church, you are welcome to do so here.

Remain seated or kneeling to sing

Communion Hymn



Children of the heavenly King,
As ye journey sweetly sing;
Sing your Saviour's worthy praise,
Glorious in his works and ways.

We are travelling home to God,
In the way the fathers trod;
They are happy now, and we
Soon their happiness shall see.

Fear not, brethren; joyful stand
On the borders of your land:
Jesus Christ your Father's Son,
Bids you undismayed go on.

Lord, obediently we go,
Gladly leaving all below;
Only thou our leader be,
And we still will follow thee.

Words: John Cennick (1718–55)

Tune: Northampton
Charles John King (1859–1934)

The Choir sings

Anthem

Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God,
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.

Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.

Words: John Keble (1792–1866) Music: Walford Davies (1869–1941)

All kneel or remain seated

Prayers after Communion

The Celebrant says,

Give thanks to the Lord for God is gracious.
God's mercy endures forever.

"Giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light."

Colossians 1:12

Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the Body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through Christ we offer you ourselves
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live
and work to your praise and glory.
Amen.

Remain kneeling or seated

The Dismissal

The Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love
in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises,
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

All stand

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

Recessional Hymn

during which the servers and clergy depart



Who are these like stars appearing,
these, before God's throne who stand?
Each a golden crown is wearing:
who are all this glorious band?
Alleluia, hark, they sing,
praising loud their heavenly King.

Who are these in dazzling brightness,
clothed in God's own righteousness,
these, whose robes of purest whiteness
shall their lustre still possess,
still untouched by time's rude hand –
Whence came all this glorious band?

These are they who have contended
for their Saviour's honour long,
wrestling on till life was ended,
following not the sinful throng;
these, who well the fight sustained,
triumph by the Lamb have gained.

These are they whose hearts were riven,
sore with woe and anguish tried,
who in prayer full oft have striven
with the God they glorified;
now, their painful conflict o'er,
God has bid them weep no more.

These, th'Almighty contemplating,
did as priests before him stand,
soul and body always waiting
day and night at his command:
now in God's most holy place
blest they stand before his face.

Words: Heinrich Schenck, 1656-1727
Tr: Frances Elizabeth Cox, 1812-1897

Tune: All Saints
William Monk (1823–89)

Remain standing as the Choir moves out, then sit.
You are invited to be seated for the playing of the organ voluntary or you may leave quietly at this point.

Music after the Service

Postlude — Rosalie Bonighton (1946–2011)

Sunday Fellowship
You are all invited to a time of fellowship on the chapel steps.

November 8th
Remembrance Sunday
7.30 am — Sung Eucharist
A service to honour and pray for all those who gave their lives in service, remembering their sacrifice with gratitude and reverence.

Music will include
O God, our help in ages past - *Croft*
Thy hand O God hath guided - *Harwood*
For the Fallen - *Guest*
Give us the wings of faith - *Bullock*
Nimrod - *Elgar*
and more.
All are welcome