



ALL SAINTS' & ALL SOULS' DAY

Sunday 1st November 2020

COLLECT

God our Father, we praise your name for all who have finished this life loving and trusting you, for the example of their lives, the life and gave you gave them and the peace in which they rest. Meet us in our sadness and fill our hearts with praise and thanksgiving, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

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, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

FIRST 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 worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might be to our God forever 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 center 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."

GOSPEL READING

ST MATTHEW 5: 1-12

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.

POST COMMUNION

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

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY - Unfortunately there can be no civic service and parade from St Paul's this year. Instead there will be a short service of remembrance at the War Memorial at **2 pm** on Sunday, 8th November, led by Bishop Nigel, with a limited number of 6 participants. The Royal British Legion and Town Council wreaths will be laid during the service, and the names of the other organisations whose wreaths will have already been laid will be read out. The Last Post and Reveille will be played, and the Mayor will read out the names of those whose sacrifice is commemorated on the town's War Memorial. We also remember that in August we celebrated the 75th anniversary of VJ Day. The area around the War Memorial will be cordoned off, and we very much hope that those wanting to watch the proceedings will follow the social distancing measures to ensure everyone's safety. There will also be a short ceremony of remembrance at the War Memorial on the **11th November at 11 am.**

NEEDED - Does anyone have experience of audio-visual equipment? The Worship Committee has raised the possibility of having a drop-down screen with projector, etc, for use both in our services and for presentations. We would like to set up a small group of people willing to look at just what we need and what is available—and suitable for our church building - with estimated costs. Please have a word with the Churchwardens.

CLEANING OUR CHURCH - As we start to get our regular church cleaning rota back in place, please can anyone spare one hour per month to clean a portion of our church? We are looking for one or two people to clean the social area for what will be, hopefully, a temporary period. Please speak to Rosemary Hoyle 015395 58108: rosemary-hoyle@sky.com if you would be willing to take on this role.