

Saint Edmund, Chingford

All Saints' Sunday

All Age Communion

Sunday 1 November 2026 10.00



Hymn (AMR 272)

Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in heaven and earth are one.

One family, we dwell in him,
one church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,
to his command we bow:
part of the host have crossed the flood,
and part are crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home
there pass some spirits blest;
while others to the margin come,
waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
and bring us safe to heaven.

The Beginning

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We Say Sorry

Father in heaven
we have not loved you
with our whole heart.

We have hurt you and others
with what we have said.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have hurt you and others
with what we have thought.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We have hurt you and others
with what we have done.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

We Sing A Song Of Praise – The Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory in the highest.

To God be glory for ever.

To God be glory for ever.

Alleluia, Amen.

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Alleluia, Amen.

The Prayer For The Week

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

A reading from the book of Revelation.

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.'

Second Reading

A reading from the first letter of John.

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.

Gradual Hymn

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come,
who was, and is, and is to come.

Lift up his name with the sound of singing,
lift up his name in all the earth,
lift up your voice and give him glory,
for he is worthy to be praised.

We Hear The Word Of The Lord (Gospel)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.
Glory to you, 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.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – We Talk About What We Have Heard

Caroline Harding

We Declare What We Believe

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with 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.**

Kneel or sit

We Pray For The Church And For The World

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

Stand

We Share God's Peace

God has called us to live in peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

We offer each other a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive.
Built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,
where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:
All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.

We Offer Our Gifts To God

Bless these gifts for our use,
and us for your service.
In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

The Prayer of Thanksgiving

The children are invited to join the president behind the Altar.

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.
When we turned away, you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord:
peoples, nations. Alleluia!

In Christ, you share our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened wide his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord:
peoples, nations. Alleluia!

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord:
peoples, nations. Alleluia!

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you, for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.

Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord:
peoples, nations. Alleluia!

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

Sing, praise and bless the Lord.
Sing, praise and bless the Lord:
peoples, nations. Alleluia!

With your whole Church throughout the world,
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the ternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy holy,
holy Lord God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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.**

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.**

Agnus Dei

We sing

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

We Are Invited To Share Communion

This is the table
not of the Church but of the Lord.
It is to be made ready
for those who love him
and who want to love him more.

So, come,
you that have much faith,
and you who have little;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow
and you who have failed.

Come, not because it is I who invite you;
it is our Lord.
It is his will that those who want him
should be here.

Everyone who normally receives communion is invited to do so.

Prayer after Communion

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

**We thank you, Lord,
that you have fed us with this sacrament,
united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet,
prepared for all people.
Amen.**

Notices

Blessing

The Lord bless you and watch over you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you
and be gracious to you,
the Lord look kindly on you,
and give you his peace;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Song 'My Lighthouse'

In my wrestling, and in my doubts,
in my failures, you won't walk out.
Your great love will lead me through:
you are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa oh,
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

In the silence, you won't let go.
In the questions, your truth will hold.
Your great love will lead me through:
You are the peace in my troubled sea. Whoa oh,
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
shining in the darkness,
I will follow you! oh
My Lighthouse, my Lighthouse
I will trust the promise
you will carry me safe to shore.
Safe to shore, safe to shore, safe to shore.

I won't fear what tomorrow brings.
With each morning I'll rise and sing.
My God's love will lead me through.
You are the peace in my troubled sea, whoa oh
you are the peace in my troubled sea.

The Dismissal

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

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