

Saint Margaret's, Rosyth

Working in Partnership with Rosyth Methodist Church

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS

31 October 2021



Welcome to our eucharist this morning, at which the Rev Dr Michael Paterson will preside and preach.

As always, as part of our coronavirus protocol, we ask for your cooperation in hand sanitising as you both enter and leave our premises and before taking communion (when just the bread will be given), in maintaining social distancing, and by wearing a face mask at all times when indoors. Unless you are in the choir, this includes during the singing of the hymns and when we all join to sing the setting from the *Mass of St Thomas* by David Thorne.

While there should be no physical contact, you can still share the Peace with a nod, smile or gesture to your nearest neighbour.

This sheet contains all the liturgy, with the responses in bold type. Please help us by taking it home with you for recycling, rather than leaving it in the church. Note that we are continuing to record your attendance as part of our commitment to the Government's Test and Protect scheme.

Opening Hymn

(NEH 197 *Sine nomine*)

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

The golden evening brightens in the west,
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh rest:
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
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!

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(share the Peace with a nod, smile or gesture to your nearest neighbours)

Collect for Purity

**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.**

Confession and Absolution

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us lay aside the things that bind us
and confess our sins to the God of all holiness.

Lord you are gracious and compassionate.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation.
Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless you
and speak of the glory of your kingdom.
Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

God, who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria

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

Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

**Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you,
we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.**

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

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.**

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

**For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.**

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

The Collect of the Day

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in
the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness
and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

First Reading – Isaiah 25.6–9

Gradual Hymn

(tune NEH 86 *Love unknown*)

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 outpoured
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 heav'n are one.

Gospel – Matthew 5.1–12

When the Gospel is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

After the reading:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Homily

Remembering our saints and loved ones

During the Litany you will be invited to place a lighted candle on the altar in memory of loved ones and all who have died as a result of COVID-19.

Remembering our saints and our loved ones we pray:

For all the saints who went before us,
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire:

We praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beside us,
Whose weaknesses and strengths
are woven into our own:

We praise you, O God.

For all the saints who live beyond us,
who challenge us to change the world with them:

We praise you, O God.

For Abraham and Sarah
and all our fathers and mothers in the faith:

We praise you, O God.

For Moses and Aaron
and all who shepherd your people:

We praise you, O God.

For Isaiah and Jeremiah
and all who speak your prophetic word:

We praise you, O God.

For Peter and John and all your apostles:

We praise you, O God.

For Mary Magdalene and the holy women
who announce your resurrection:

We praise you, O God.

For Margaret and Ninian
and all Saints of Scotland:

We praise you, O God.

For all whom we have loved and lost:

Raise them up, Lord, on the last day

For ...

Raise them up, Lord, on the last day.

For all who have died of COVID:

Raise them up, Lord, on the last day.

For all those who have no one to remember them:

Raise them up, Lord, on the last day.

For those whose names are known to God alone:

Raise them up, Lord, on the last day.

For ourselves that we may lead lives

worthy of remembrance:

Raise us up, Lord, on the last day.

God of infinite mercy,

God of saints and sinners,

God of the living and of the dead,

hear us and grant our prayer. **Amen.**

Offertory Hymn

(StF 611 *Servant song*)

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God,
for you are preparing a rich banquet for all your saints
that we might rejoice forever in your salvation.

Through your prophets you gave us a vision
of a world made new,
and of suffering and grief abolished for ever.

In your son, Jesus Christ,
we have seen your anguish over the death of your faithful,
and in his life-giving ministry we have seen your glory.

In him is our hope of resurrection
and vindication for all who have trusted you,
for their souls are safe in your hands.

Therefore with saints and angels we join in one unending song of praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed are you, God of the journey
and blessed is your son, Jesus,
who emptied himself of power:
heaven's child laid in a manger;
God's anointed laid in a tomb.

Who, on the night before he died,
sharing supper with his friends
took bread, blessed it, broke it and said:
'This is my body – broken for you.'

And after supper took wine and said:
'This is the cup of my blood
poured out for you.
Do this to remember me.'

Therefore, as God's people in this place,
we remember the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.

**Made one with him,
we lay before you these gifts of bread and wine,
tokens of love and thanksgiving,
and present ourselves,
broken and whole
as a living offering for your service.**

Come now, O Spirit of Christ,
and brood over this bread and this wine
that they may be for us your body and blood,
**vibrant with life,
healing, renewing
and making us whole.**

Embrace us with your life-giving power,
that as bread and wine are made one with us,
we may become one with you,
**bone of your bone,
flesh of your flesh,
living our prayer
and praying our life
until love and fidelity embrace,
peace and justice kiss,
and all rise with Christ
from the tombs that hold them captive.**

For through Christ, in Christ and with Christ
all honour and glory belong to you
God, our Creator,
in the unity of the life-giving Spirit,
today and for evermore. **Amen.**

Breaking of the bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.

Lord, unite us in this sign.

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come; thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those 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.**

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us.**

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have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us peace.**

The sacrament is distributed

As directed by the sidesperson, please sanitise your hands and move forward individually to the steps. Remove your facemask to receive communion, then move to one side to consume the bread, before replacing your mask and returning to your seat, if possible using a side aisle, and observing social distancing.

Communion Anthem

a setting by H. Walford Davies

God be in my head, and in my understanding;
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

Sentence

We give thanks to you Lord,
for you are gracious:
and your mercy endures for ever.

Post-Communion Prayer

Lord of hosts, we praise your glory reflected in your saints. May we who share at this table be filled with the joy of your eternal kingdom, where Jesus is Lord, now and for ever. 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. **Amen.**

May God give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises. **Amen.**

May God strengthen you to follow the saints in the way of holiness and to come to the full radiance of glory. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God, Creator, Redeemer and life-giving Spirit be upon you and upon all those you love on earth and in heaven. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

(StF 744 *St Matthew*)

Come, let us join our friends above
who have obtained the prize,
and on the eagle wings of love
to joys celestial rise:
let all the saints terrestrial sing
with those to glory gone,
for all the servants of our King,
in earth and heaven, 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 his host have crossed the flood,
and part are crossing now.

Ten thousand to their endless home
this solemn moment fly;
and we are to the margin come,
and we expect to die;
e'en now by faith we join our hands
with those that went before,
and greet the blood-besprinkled bands
on the eternal shore.

Our spirits too shall quickly join,
like theirs with glory crowned,
and shout to see our Captain's sign,
to hear his trumpet sound.
O that we now might grasp our guide!
O that the word were given!
Come, Lord of hosts, the waves divide,
and land us all in heaven.

Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness
let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.