

1st November 2020

Service of Holy
Communion



All Saints' Day

*This Order of Service is kindly provided by
Julie Webb in memory of her mum, Hazel
Mary Nash – a much loved mother, mother-in-
law, nana, great nana and friend to many in
the community.
Greatly missed, forever in our hearts.*

The Greeting

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

Prayer of Preparation

God of our times and years, we set this time
apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ so that our
lives may glorify you. Amen.

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.

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 your name and
speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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.

2.

The 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 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.

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.

Gospel Reading

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

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.

3.

'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

The Creed

Let us say together The Apostles' Creed.

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

The response is

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

4.

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

The Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church acclaim you.

5.

In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

6.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with Cuthbert, Aidan and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.

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.

Breaking of the 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.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

When directed, please move forward in silence to receive the bread. The priest will receive the wine on behalf of us all.

Prayers 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.**

7.

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

The Blackburn Diocesan Vision Prayer for Vision 2026

Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us
to make disciples, to be witnesses and to
grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your
vision, ears to hear the prompting of your
Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps
of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

The Blessing

God, who has prepared for us a city with
eternal foundations, give you grace to share
the inheritance of the saints in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father,
the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you
and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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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