



The Blyth Valley
Team Ministry

2021
Sunday Eucharist
All Saints with
Light and Life



St Andrew's Church, Wissett

Welcome to our service this morning

For those of you who maybe have not been to a church service for a while, there is NO must or should. We have put some suggestions for what to do in italics in the order of service, but if you choose to or would feel happier just staying seated, that is absolutely fine. Where the words are in bold or it says all in red, you can join in saying the words. You can choose not to join in the words at all or in the words of our creed (our statement of faith), although they are worth reading and thinking about because they set out what we truly believe is the core of our faith and beliefs. If you are interested in finding out a bit more, see the back cover of this order of service and some suggested reading is set out there.

Anyone is welcome to come to the altar to take communion, or if you feel it's not right to do so, you can ask for a blessing (if the latter, just hold your service book in front of you). If you do decide to take communion, please follow the directions of the person guiding everyone. Please sanitise your hands at the station on the way to the altar. We start from the back of church. However, no-one is going to mind (or judge you) if you do not wish to come up. Just stay seated. This year we are asking you to stay seated to prevent C-19 worries whilst the names are read out and the candles are lit.

Today is All Saints' Day and we celebrate men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed (which falls tomorrow, but which we are using a little of today) celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith.

The Gathering

Please stand, unless it is uncomfortable to do so

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

All: Amen.

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All: and also with you.

Deacon: 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.

Hymn

The Penitence

Please sit for prayer

Deacon: 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.

Silence

Deacon: Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Deacon: Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Deacon: 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.

All: Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with
all the saints.

Deacon: 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.

All: Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Isaiah 25 6-9*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: *Revelation 21 1-6*

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

The Gospel Acclamation

Please stand, unless it is uncomfortable to do so

Deacon: Alleluia, alleluia.

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

All: Alleluia.

Hymn

The Gospel Reading: *John 11 32-34*

Deacon: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

Deacon: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

Please sit after the introduction.

Silence follows the Sermon.

The Creed

Please stand to say the creed, unless it is uncomfortable to do so

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven**

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

The prayers

The prayers will conclude with these words:

We give you thanks
for the whole company of your saints in glory,
with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises;
by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in
your love.

**All: Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour and power,
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Peace

Please stand, unless it is uncomfortable to do so

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.

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace by waving or smiling at each other in a lovely warm, socially distanced way.

Hymn

The Preparation of the Altar

Please sit

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered
together from the corners of the earth
into your kingdom.

All: Amen.

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: and also with you.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks for the glorious pledge of the hope of
our calling
which you have given us in your saints;
that, following their example and strengthened by their fellowship,
we may run with perseverance the race that is set before us,
and with them receive the unfading crown of glory.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All: 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!**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
who, in the same night that he was betrayed,

took bread and gave you thanks;
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 way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Deacon: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

**All: Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
All who share in this one bread and one cup
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,

through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

Silence is kept.

The Lord's Prayer

With saints and martyrs through the ages, let us pray with confidence as
our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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.**

Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body,
 because we all share in one bread.**

Giving of Communion

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All: Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

The altar party and choir receive communion first. It is taken to them.

Everyone who wishes to comes up to the altar for communion from the back of church first. Please follow the instructions.

During the distribution, hymns and anthems are sung quietly by the choir. Please avoid joining in.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Please remain seated.

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.

**All: For you have created all things,
and by your will they have their being.**

You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain,
and by your blood you ransomed for God
saints from every tribe and language and nation.

**All: You have made them to be a kingdom and priests
serving our God,
and they will reign with you on earth.**

Members of the Pastoral Ministry Team come forward.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.

Candles are lit on two side tables at once.

Silence is kept after all the names have been read.

After the silence we pray together. These words are used:

**All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,
and unto earth shall we return.

For so you ordained when you created me, saying:
'Dust you are and to dust you shall return.'

All of us go down to the dust,
yet weeping at the grave, we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

**All: Give rest, O Christ, to your servant with the saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.**

Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock,
sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.

All: Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Deacon: God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this eucharist
bring us, with all the faithful departed,
into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

All: Amen.

Hymn

The Blessing

May God give you
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

The ministers and people depart.

Want to know more?

EXPLORE our website; join our bible study group; join CAFÉ Worship on Wednesdays; read *Blyth Valley Times*; volunteer at the Foodbank or Community Larder or other Church-led community projects.

A good book to read is “Being Christian” by Rowan Williams.

And if you have questions you would like to explore, just talk to Dominic.

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