

**Evensong (BCP) on Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> November  
for All Souls**

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life.

*John 3:16*

Beloved, we are come together in the presence of Almighty God and of the whole company of heaven to offer unto him through our Lord Jesus Christ our worship and praise and thanksgiving; to make confession of our sins; to pray, as well for others as for ourselves, that we may know more truly the greatness of God's love and shew forth in our lives the fruits of his grace; and to ask on behalf of all such things as their well-being doth require.

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*A general Confession to be said of the whole Congregation after the Minister, all kneeling.*

**ALMIGHTY and most merciful Father, We have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep, We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts, We have offended against thy holy laws, We have left undone those things which we ought to have done, And we have done those things which we ought not to have done, And there is no health in us: But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us miserable offenders; Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults, Restore thou them that are penitent, According to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord: And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, That we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, To the glory of thy holy Name. Amen.**

*The Absolution or Remission of sins to be pronounced by the Priest, standing: the people still kneeling.*

May the Almighty and merciful Lord grant unto you pardon and remission of your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

*Cantor (sung).* O Lord, open thou our lips.

*Answer.* **And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

*Cantor.* O God, make speed to save us.

*Answer.* **O Lord, make haste to help us.**

*Here, all standing up, the Cantor shall say,*

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;

*Answer.* **As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.  
Amen.**

*Cantor.* Praise ye the Lord.

*Answer.* **The Lord's Name be praised.**

*Then shall be said the Psalm.*

**Psalm 23** *said by everyone page 372 in the BCP books.*

1 THE Lord is my shepherd : therefore can I lack nothing.

2 He shall feed me in a green pasture : and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3 He shall convert my soul : and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4 Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil : for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5 Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me : thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6 Surely thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life : and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

*Then a Lesson of the Old Testament.*

**Lamentations 3:17-26.**

<sup>17</sup> My soul is bereft of peace;

I have forgotten what happiness is;

<sup>18</sup> so I say, 'Gone is my glory,

and all that I had hoped for from the LORD.'

<sup>19</sup> The thought of my affliction and my homelessness

is wormwood and gall!

<sup>20</sup> My soul continually thinks of it

and is bowed down within me.

<sup>21</sup> But this I call to mind,

and therefore I have hope:

<sup>22</sup> The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases,

his mercies never come to an end;

<sup>23</sup> they are new every morning;

great is your faithfulness.

<sup>24</sup> 'The LORD is my portion,' says my soul,

'therefore I will hope in him.'

<sup>25</sup> The LORD is good to those who wait for him,

to the soul that seeks him.

<sup>26</sup> It is good that one should wait quietly  
for the salvation of the LORD.

*And after that Magnificat (or the Song of the Blessed Virgin Mary).*

**MAGNIFICAT (SUNG) Luke 1**

MY soul doth magnify the Lord :  
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.

For he hath regarded :  
the lowliness of his hand-maiden.

For behold, from henceforth :  
all generations shall call me blessed.

For he that is mighty hath magnified me :  
and holy is his Name.

And his mercy is on them that fear him :  
throughout all generations.

He hath shewed strength with his arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagination of their hearts.

He hath put down the mighty from their seat :  
and hath exalted the humble and meek.

He hath filled the hungry with good things :  
and the rich he hath sent empty away.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his servant Israel :  
as he promised to our forefathers, Abraham and his seed, for ever.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*Then a Lesson of the New Testament.*

**John 6:37-40**

<sup>37</sup>Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; <sup>38</sup>for I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me. <sup>39</sup>And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup>This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

*And after that Nunc dimittis (or the Song of Simeon).*

**NUNC DIMITTIS (SUNG) Luke 2.29**

LORD, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace :  
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen :  
thy salvation;

Which thou hast prepared :  
before the face of all people;

To be a light to lighten the Gentiles :  
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

*Then shall be said or sung the Apostles' Creed, by the Minister and the people standing.*

**The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth:  
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
Born of the Virgin Mary,  
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, dead, and buried:  
He descended into hell;  
The third day he rose again from the dead;**

He ascended into heaven,  
And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
The holy Catholick Church;  
The Communion of Saints;  
The Forgiveness of sins;  
The Resurrection of the body,  
And the Life everlasting.  
Amen.

*And after that these Prayers following, all devoutly kneeling: the Minister first pronouncing with a loud voice,*

*Minister.* The Lord be with you.

*Answer.* **And with thy spirit.**

*Minister.* Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Answer.* **Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Then the Minister and people shall say the Lord's Prayer with a loud voice.*

**OUR Father, which art in heaven, Hallowed be thy Name, Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, in earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; And forgive us our trespasses, As we forgive them that trespass against us; And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil. Amen.**

*Then the Cantor standing up shall sing,*

*Cantor.* O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

*Answer.* **And grant us thy salvation.**

*Cantor.* O Lord, save the Queen.

*Answer.* **And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

*Cantor.* Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

*Answer.* **And make thy chosen people joyful.**

*Cantor.* O Lord, save thy people.

*Answer.* **And bless thine inheritance.**

*Cantor.* Give peace in our time, O Lord.

*Answer.* **Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but only thou, O God.**

*Cantor.* O God, make clean our hearts within us.

*Answer.* **And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*The First Collect at Evening Prayer*

Everlasting God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son's saving passion and glorious resurrection, that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; 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 Second Collect at Evening Prayer*

O GOD, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed: Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give; that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. **Amen.**

*The Third Collect, for Aid against all Perils*

LIGHTEN our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord; and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night; for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

*The Prayers*

With thankful hearts we bring our prayers to our heavenly Father.

We pray for those who have died.

Eternal God and Father,

We praise you that you have made people to share life together and to reflect your glory in the world.

We remember with honour and love all who have died.

We thank you for the gifts and talents which you gave them and for all that was good in their lives.

We particularly thank you for those we love who have died, for every happy memory we cherish and for all that they meant to us.

Help us to trust in your promises of eternal life,

won for us through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,

and may all who have died know everlasting peace and light with you forever.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We pray for those who mourn.

Gracious God,

Surround all who mourn with your continuing compassion and care,

Give them comfort and hope in their loss and confusion,

And strengthen their faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection, who lives and reigns with you, now and always. Amen.

Now we remember with thanksgiving those whom we love but see no longer and among them:

*The names of those to be remembered are read out.*

*Silence is kept after the names have been read.*

May they and all who have died share in the joy of heaven, where there is neither sorrow nor pain but life everlasting, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Choir Hymn(s): 331 Abide with me and 115 Now the green blade riseth*

*During which you are invited to light a candle in memory of a loved one or loved ones who you remember tonight. Please feel free to stand for a short time in front of your candle before returning to your seat if you would like.*

*After the candles are lit:*

Generous God, hear our prayers as we remember in love those who have died; renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead, strengthen our faith that all who have died in the love of Christ will share in his resurrection; that you will enfold them in the arms of your mercy and give them the blessed rest of everlasting peace, through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you, now and forever. **Amen.**

*Homily*

*Blessing*

May God give you his comfort and his peace,  
His light and his joy, in this world and the next;  
And the blessing...

*Here endeth the Order of Evensong.*