Prayers of Intercession

The response to 'Lord in your mercy' is 'hear our prayer.'

Gathering our prayers and praises together, we pray:

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.

Blessing

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

We listen to *The Lord Bless you and Keep you*, John Rutter.

'And now faith, hope, and love abide, these three - and the greatest of these is love.'

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St John's Church, Newbury



All Saints' Day Memorial Service

Remembering those we love but see no longer.

Welcome and Introduction

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

We come together today to remember with thanksgiving those we have known and loved who have died. We give thanks for the years that we shared, for the memories we treasure, and for the love given and received. We come seeking to learn of God's love and to open our hearts to the help and strength that God can give us. We pray for ourselves and all who mourn that we may be comforted and made one in Christ through whom heaven and earth are united.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Blessed be God for ever.

The paschal candle is lit

Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

A light no darkness can quench.

Let us pray.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at the last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; 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.

Psalm 121

On God alone my soul in stillness waits.

I lift up my eyes to the hills from where will my help come? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth.

He will not let your foot be moved; he who keeps you will not slumber. He who keeps Israel will neither slumber nor sleep.

The LORD is your keeper; the LORD is your shade at your right hand. The sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.

The LORD will keep you from all evil; he will keep your life.

The LORD will keep your going out and your coming in from this time on and for evermore.

Lord, ever watchful and faithful, we look to you to be our defence and we lift our hearts to know your help; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

New Testament Reading

A reading from 1 Peter chapter 5.

Be steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters in all the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering.

And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Homily or Reflection

Remembering with Thanksgiving

Music is played as all, who wish to, come forward to light a candle of thanksgiving and remembrance. Flowers can also be placed.

Benedictus. Karl Jenkins

When all the candles are lit, names are read aloud, and silence is kept.

Jesus said this is the will of him that sent me that I should lose nothing of all these that he has given me. And I will raise them up on the last day.

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember with thanksgiving those we love but see no longer. According to your gracious promises, grant us with them a share in your eternal kingdom. Amen.

Those who we have lost and who are dearly missed

Malcolm Baldwin Rosemary Ann Butler

Vera Chandler Hilda Crosby

Geoff Dixon

Roberta Donnan Patricia Garland Bill Gothard Philip Heath Iris Hobbs

Jim Hobbs Margaret Howell

Bob Howell
Pam Hughes

Nancy Johntson

Elizabeth Landon Simon Maltby Carole Mann Dolcie Mann

Archie Mann

Peter Mann Neville McBain Norman Mitchell Pamela Phillips AudreyPovey Stan Rogers Gordon Rogers Margaret Sheppard Elizabeth Grace Stevens

Joy Tuite-Dalton

Mabel Smith Harry Smith The Pegg Family Vera Mann Ken Speare

Reg Oats John Oats Phylis Bailey