

Sunday 31 October 2021, 10am



A Parish Eucharist for the Feast of All Saints

Presider Revd Sally Hitchiner

Preacher Revd Richard Carter The Choir of St Martin-in-the-Fields

Directed by Jennifer Sterling

Organist Richard Tanner

Setting
St Martin's Mass Bednall

Thank you for joining us today, whether you are in the building or worshiping online.

Please note the following guidelines for worship in the building. These are gestures of the care we have for one another.

- Wear face coverings indoors unless you are medically exempt. This is particularly important now we have reintroduced congregational hymn singing.
- Be respectful of those who wish to maintain social distancing.
- Make use of hand sanitiser stations as needed.
- At the Peace you are invited to shake hands with neighbours, but please be respectful of those who would rather share the peace in non-physical ways.
- Receive communion in one kind the bread only.
- Leave contact information to be kept securely for 30 days for Test and Trace.
- Take a lateral flow test before coming to church. Tests are available from the stewards.

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Alison Hardwick

Alison Hardwick, loved reading, theatre and good films. If you talked to her about what she was planning to see at the theatre while she served coffee each Sunday, her eyes would sparkle and she always had a good recommendation. If you did not know Alison you might think she was quiet, elderly, reserved. If you did know her you would begin to realise that you were in the presence of the most delightful person who had served our church so faithfully for more than 50 years. Alison irrigated St Martin's and all of us all with her kindness, her sense of humour, her intelligent insight, her long and devoted service, her courage in the face of her own loss and suffering. She made us better people. And she died peacefully as she lived, without fanfare or complaint but with a deep love and affection for all around her and the flowers in her front garden that she could see from her bed, and in the knowledge that her husband David and daughter Ruth whom she loved so dearly had gone before her. She was truly an example to us all. A true and dedicated servant of our church. At the very heart and on the edge.

Annie Nairn (Blaber)

Annie was a woman who not only recognised human need she also knew how to help, encourage and empower in the most wonderful and creative way. In her own life she knew what it was like, while still a child, to feel abandoned and she became the most supportive friend to many. She loved music and her ability to support and initiate transformation and change in people's lives helped so many realise their own talents and potential. Annie was not only very generous but also a tireless organiser. She became the Coordinator of Woven Gold - a choir of those from the Helen Bamber Foundation who have sought asylum in the UK and Woven Gold inspired and moved us all at St Martin's with music from around the world including the brilliant cantata Consider the Lilies with music by John Barber, a young composer Annie had encouraged to write. And Annie encouraged the formation of our International Group at St Martin's paying for the rice cookers, dishes and carrying box and other essential equipment that got the group going. She loved coming to St Martin's and said it was the home of Woven Gold, and her granddaughter Lyla was baptised here. Her Memorial Service on 9 October at St Martin's celebrated her generous life with the most beautiful music and words - including Covent Garden Opera stars, St Martin's Voices and of course her beloved Woven Gold.

Charity Charity

Charity Charity was, by common consent, deeply intellectual, wickedly mischievous, strikingly elegant and a force of nature. As Winston Churchill said of Russia, she was a riddle, wrapped in a mystery, inside an enigma. She was a hugely creative advertising executive, with a trail of famous brands and campaigns in her portfolio, being a trailblazing woman in a notoriously male environment. She became global creative director at Saatchi & Saatchi in 2008 and later volunteered in marketing for several charities. She worshiped on the Isle of Dogs when Nick Holtam was vicar and later became involved with St Martin's, serving on the Arts Advisory Panel. Her life was cut short by a rapid debilitating illness at 62.

Jean Caroline Claxton

Jean was born near Great Yarmouth but in summer 1940 came to Leytonstone – people expected East Anglia to be invaded but London to stay safe. At secondary school, she won a prize with a recital of T S Eliot's Macavity: The Mystery Cat. At Congregational Church, she met Brian (Jeff's Dad's youngest brother).

After school, teacher training led to a job teaching RE at Ruckholt Road School, linked with St Luke's, Leyton. In 1961, she married Brian. In 1965, a certain Barry Arscott became Vicar at St Luke's and a life-long friendship started. Jean and Barry led youth groups together and Jean and Brian's home became a centre of welcome, which continued after Jean's early retirement due to ill-health.

The East Anglia connection continued with holidays in Aldeburgh. After Brian's death, a deeper companionship grew with Barry,

supporting each other after Brian's death and Barry's retirement. Links with St Martin's were initially for Evensong, and then to other services as well as the Jazz evenings.

In 2007, Jean's hospitality was spotted by a ginger Tom who parked in her garden. Initially refusing to feed him and attempting to reunite him with his owners, Jean gave up, realising he had chosen. She named him Macavity.

A diagnosis of lung cancer at the start of 2017 didn't thwart her. There were trips out – the favourite being to Dunwich and then Aldeburgh with fish and chips and a glass of wine. To the end, caring for others was her priority, especially for Macavity. Her breathing was so bad that her passing was a merciful release and she was at peace, having fought so strongly.

Sir Nicholas Goodison

Sir Nicholas Goodison was a remarkable, unusual, renaissance man. His life was one of both commerce and the arts, banking and imagining, numbers and poetry, the bottom line and the far pavilions. Perhaps no one person can sum up all that he was to his family, to the economy, and to our culture. He was chair of the Stock Exchange during the big bang in the 1980s, having previously led his family stockbroker firm. He had a vast range of interests, chairing several institutions like English National Opera and Lloyds Bank. He chaired the Arts Advisory Panel at St Martin's as it commissioned a remarkable series of works, most famously the east window. His legacy at St Martin's will be long cherished.

Rod Beadles

Rod Beadles served St Martin-in-the-Fields as Churchwarden from 2009-2015. Rod was a very dedicated member of the congregation chairing the Education Committee and working for the St Martin's Charity and helping in countless ways. He was always a person who made everyone feel welcome and included. He had a great compassion for the marginalised and less fortunate, a strong sense of social justice, a sharp tongue, a great sense of humour, and was hugely conscientious in administration. Rod was always ready to help and showed great kindness especially to the elderly members of our congregation and newcomers, making everyone feel included and always ready to speak out against injustice. Rod had a deep and prayerful faith believing in God's inclusive love and mercy for all. He is remembered with love and prayer and entrusted into God's eternal love and mercy.

We remember

Revd Prof Mark McIntosh Chong Nui Fung Jean Caroline Claxton Paul Greene Snr

Ashley Reed Revd David Walford

Hiromasa Inagaki Geoff Foster Haruko Inagaki **Chris Bratt**

Rod Beadles Sir Nicholas Goodison

Charity Charity Peter Phillips Alison Hardwick Annie Blaber Michael Saucede Paul Rolph

Michael Edgenorton William L.E. Philion

Baroness Shirley Williams Ben Coates

Briar Aitken Sue Jennings Tony Thorne Briar Aitken Gwen Wilkinson Digby Hulme

Rosina Mathias Susan Lilian Portsmouth

Ruth Mason Ken Wyrick Adeniyi Sangowawa Tom Tyler Matthew's kidney donor Pam Gilbert

Justina George Canon Peter Ball

Angeline R Nelson Bishop Elinah Wamukoya

Richard Tank Alison Parker Monica Mcloud Gabrielle Stewart Donnavan Thompson Kevin O'Dwyer **Dennis Thompson** Terry Stent

Inez Smith Georgina

Martn Webb David Hedderly Luis Castro David Burgess

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Sarah Ward Ron Sansom

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Pat Kyriacous Jenny Jorden

His Royal Highness Prince Philip, the Duke **Arthur Thomas Smith**

Claudio Bonnefoy of Edinburgh

Roger Pinfold Maricoy Obias Bonnefoy

The Gathering

Welcome

Please stand. Silence is kept.

The Greeting

Rejoice people of God, praise the Lord! Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints.

The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Visit us Lord, by your Holy Spirit.

All Though in many places, we are united us as one body. Though from many backgrounds, we share one hope.

Opening Hymn

- 1 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.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
- Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might; thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight; thou in the darkness, still their one true light: *Alleluia, alleluia!*
- O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold, fight as the saints who nobly fought of old, and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. *Alleluia, alleluia!*
- O blest communion, fellowship divine! We feebly struggle, they in glory shine; yet all are one in thee, for all are thine: *Alleluia*, *alleluia*!

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- 5 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. *Alleluia, alleluia!*
- The golden evening brightens in the west; soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest: sweet is the calm of paradise the blest.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 7 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day; the saints triumphant rise in bright array: the King of glory passes on his way.

 Alleluia, alleluia!
- 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.

 Alleluia, alleluia!

William W How (1823-1897)

Please sit or kneel.

Confession

Since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight and sin that clings to us and set our eyes on Jesus who leads us into life.

Silence is kept.

Lord you give us the gift of faith, but we are afraid to believe. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord, you call us to lives of holiness, but we refuse your blessing. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

You surround us with many witnesses; but we do not welcome their company.

Lord, have mercy.

All 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.

All Amen.

Please stand.

Gloria in Excelsis (overleaf)

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.

All Amen.

Please sit.

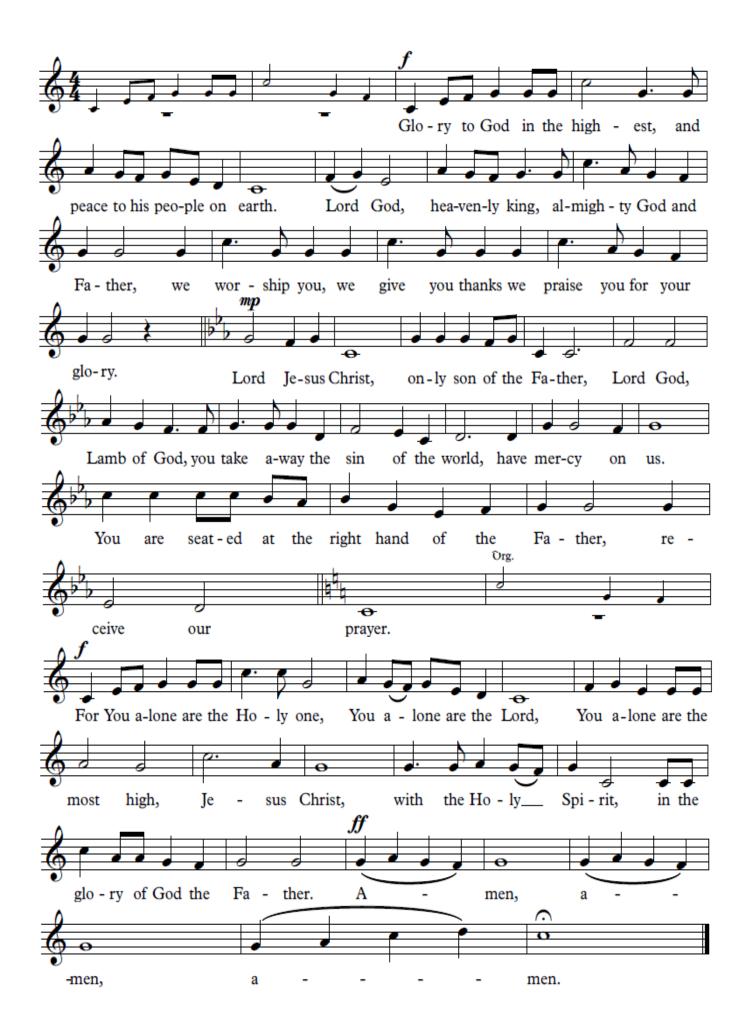
The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Isaiah 25: 6-9 read by Ramesh Puvaneswaren

On this mountain the Lord of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death for ever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the Lord has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the Lord for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.



Second Reading Revelation 21: 1-6a read by Anna Gregorowski

Then I saw a new heaven and a new earth; for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and the sea was no more. And I saw the holy city, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, 'See, the home of God is among mortals. He will dwell with them; they will be his peoples, and God himself will be with them; he will wipe every tear from their eyes. Death will be no more; mourning and crying and pain will be no more, for the first things have passed away.' And the one who was seated on the throne said, 'See, I am making all things new.' Also he said, 'Write this, for these words are trustworthy and true.' Then he said to me, 'It is done! I am the Alpha and the Omega, the beginning and the end.

To the thirsty I will give water as a gift from the spring of the water of life.

Hear the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand.

Gospel Hymn

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here; come bow before him now with reverence and fear: in Him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground. Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around; he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned: how awesome is the sight, our radiant King of light! Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.
- Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place: he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace. No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

David J Evans (born 1957)

Gospel Reading John 11: 32-44

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Mary came where Jesus was and saw him, she knelt at his feet and said to him, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died.' When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who came with her also weeping, he was greatly disturbed in spirit and deeply moved. He said, 'Where have you laid him?' They said to him, 'Lord, come and see.' Jesus began to weep. So the Jews said, 'See how he loved him!' But some of them said, 'Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?' Then Jesus, again greatly disturbed, came to the tomb. It was a cave, and a stone was lying against it. Jesus said, 'Take away the stone.' Martha, the sister of the dead man, said to him, 'Lord, already there is a stench because he has been dead for four days.' Jesus said to her, 'Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?' So they took away the stone. And Jesus looked upwards and said, 'Father, I thank you for having heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I have said this for the sake of the crowd standing here. so that they may believe that you sent me.' When he had said this, he cried with a loud voice, 'Lazarus, come out!' The dead man came out, his hands and feet bound with strips of cloth, and his face wrapped in a cloth. Jesus said to them, 'Unbind him, and let him go.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit.

Sermon Revd Richard Carter

Anthem Holy is the True Light Harris

Holy is the True Light, and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict. From Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendour, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore. Alleluia!

Words from the Salisbury Diurnal by G.H. Palmer

Please stand.

Nicene Creed

All 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.

Please sit or kneel.

The Prayers of Intercession led by Jim Sikorski

The response to the prayers is: Lord, in your mercy,

All hear our prayer.

All

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

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the kingdom 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.

All And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace. You are invited to shake hands with neighbours, but please be respectful of those who would rather share the peace in non-physical ways.

Those who join us online may wish to write the word 'Peace' or another suitable greeting in the comments bar. As we place bread and wine on the altar during the next hymn, members of the congregation watching online are invited to write a short phrase in the comments section of the Facebook livestream placing an experience they have had this week on the altar. Supporting St Martin's

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Offertory Hymn

- 1 Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest, beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice opprest. I know not, O I know not what joys await us there, what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.
- They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song, and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng; the Prince is ever with them, the daylight is serene, the pastures of the blessèd are decked in glorious sheen.
- There is the throne of David; and there, from care released, the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast; and they, who with their leader have conquered in the fight, for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.

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4 O sweet and blessèd country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country that eager hearts expect!
Jesus in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest; who art, with God the Father and Spirit, ever blest.

De contemptu mundi (poem) Bernard of Cluny (fl c 1140), John Mason Neale (1818-66) Hymns Ancient and Modern(1861), Stopford Augustus Brooke (1832-1916)

The Preparation of the Table The Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you *All* and also with you.

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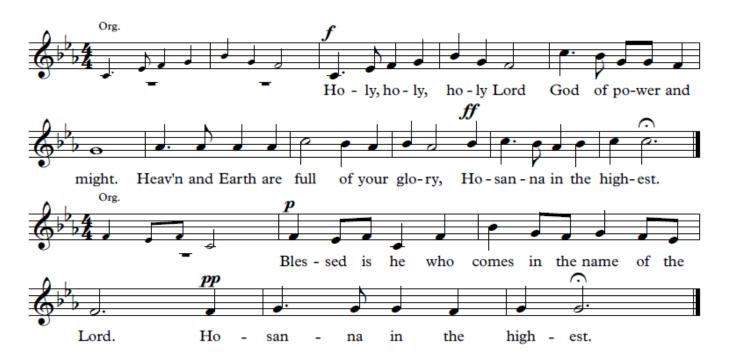
Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Creating and redeeming God, in Adam, Abraham and Moses, in Deborah, Esther, and Mary, you have chosen not simply to direct the course of events but to be in relationship with us and to entrust your children with the embodiment and exercise of your will. In the dying and rising Christ you give us not just a saviour but an example, and in every generation you call people to imitate the pattern of his life and death and so witness to your glory. You call us to be not heroes that go it alone but saints whose every breath depends on others and on you. We rejoice that those saints take their place in the company of heaven, with whom we join in singing the unending hymn of your joy and praise.



Transforming God, in this gathering you take the fruit of the vine and human hands and make them a blessing for your people now and forever. As our earthly bodies decay and die, and resemble your Son's body taken down from the cross, send your Spirit and remake us in the image of your Son's resurrected body, that our scars may become signs of your glory and our hearts may be one with yours. Sanctify this bread and cup that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, 'Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.' After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, 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.'

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Resurrecting God, bless those who mourn, that they may be comforted. Bless the poor in spirit, that they may inherit the kingdom of heaven. Bless the pure in heart, that they may see you. Visit those who face death amid persecution and violence, that they may know the gladness and rejoicing of your kingdom. Be close to any who end their days in agony and isolation, that they may enter the joy of their reward. Where your children feel all is lost, meet them in their fear, touch them in their loneliness, and raise them by your mercy, so that on the last day, when you bring a new heaven and a new earth, they may discover you as an infinite circle whose centre is everywhere and whose circumference is nowhere, and be changed from glory into glory, with and by you, one God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

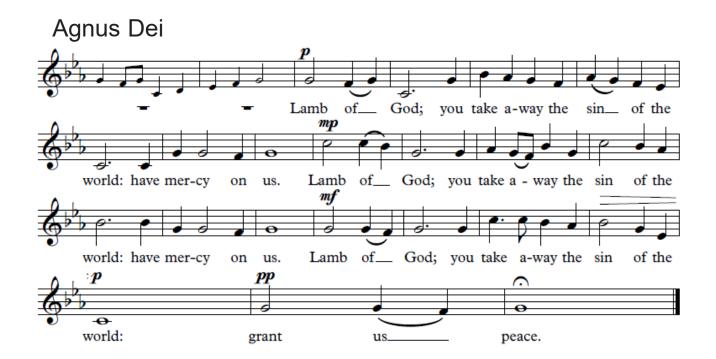
As our Saviour taught us, so we pray each in our own first language.

All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

The 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.



The 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 share the supper of the Lamb.

Communion Anthem O Quam Gloriosum Victoria

O quam gloriosum est regnum in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti; amicti stolis albis sequuntur Agnum quocunque ierit.

O how glorious is the kingdom wherein with Christ all the saints rejoice; clothed in white robes they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Motet for Vespers of All Saints

Silence is kept.

The Prayer 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.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

Notices

Please stand.

Blessing

God give us grace to follow the saints in faith and hope and love. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Thanksgiving Hymn

- 1 Ye watchers and ye holy ones, bright Seraphs, Cherubim and Thrones, raise the glad strain, *Alleluia*.
 Cry out, Dominions, Princedoms, Powers, Virtues, Archangels, Angels' choirs, *Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*
- O higher than the Cherubim, more glorious than the Seraphim, lead their praises, *Alleluia*. Thou Bearer of the eternal Word, most gracious, magnify the Lord. *Alleluia*.
- 3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye Patriarchs and Prophets blest, Alleluia, alleluia.
 Ye holy Twelve, ye Martyrs strong, all Saints triumphant, raise the song Alleluia.

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O friends, in gladness let us sing, supernal anthems echoing, Alleluia, alleluia.
 To God the Father, God the Son, and God the Spirit, Three in One, Alleluia.

Athelstan Riley (1858–1945)

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

Organ Voluntary

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