Pilgrim Service All Saints, Year A,  01.11.2020

On screen before service:

*The month of November, as the church year draws to a close, is marked by a number of occasions which feature 'remembering'. This all begins with All Saints Day on 1 November.*

**Hymn** **For All The Saints**

For all the saints who from their labours rest, who thee by faith before the world confessed

thy name, O Jesus, 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 drear 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!

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 cometh rest

Sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, alleluia!

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!

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you and also with you.

**Confession:**

**Loving God, we seek your forgiveness: for failing to give account of the faith that is in us; for falling silent when we should have spoken out; for being too quick to condemn and criticise; for being too slow to show compassion;  
for not living as examples of your love; for not behaving as the saints we were called to be. Have mercy on us and forgive us. Amen.**

**Absolution**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour

forgive *you your* sins and make *you* holy to serve him in the world,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*We sing the Peruvian* **Gloria**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen.

**Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**

To God be glory forever. **To God be glory forever.**

Alleluia, amen. **Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen. Alleluia, amen.**

*We pray the special prayer for today, the* **Collect**

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. **Amen.**

## First Reading 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 St Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## Matthew 5: 1-12

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach 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 be shown mercy. Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God. Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God. Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. “Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward 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.**

**Address**

**The Creed**

*We stand to reaffirm our faith*

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,

who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God

and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,** **Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

**Prayers of Intercession**

Across the ages you, Jesus, have called women and men to follow you, and to walk in the way of righteousness and truth. We praise you for the witness of Christians in every generation, for those who have served you, those who taught the Gospel to the people,  
for the ones who struggled for the poor and oppressed and those who have died a martyr's death.

Christ who calls us, **hear our prayer.**

Bless your followers today, we pray. We remember all who make sacrifices to serve you,  
and your persecuted disciples in many lands. Strengthen their faith in the time of need.  
Grant them hope in the teeth of despair, and the love that knows no boundaries.

Christ who calls us, **hear our prayer.**

Give to the world your deep peace, and help us overcome the oppression and violence that destroys lives. We pray especially for those nations tinged with hatred and injustice,   
and look to a world in which all may have enough.

Christ who calls us, **hear our prayer.**

Comfort and hold all who are sick and sorrowing, and give your wisdom and peace to those who care for them. We pray especially for …

Christ who calls us, **hear our prayer.**

Teach us, each one, to follow you, Lord Jesus, to be your disciples, the heralds of your kingdom. Though we sometimes feel weary, strengthen us to persevere, and so to run the race that lies before us, in thankfulness and hope.

Christ who calls us, **hear our prayer.**

And grant us the peace that comes in serving you. **Amen.**

Merciful Father, **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

**The Peace**

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

**Offertory hymn – Make me a channel of your peace**

*Make me a channel of your peace where there is hatred let me bring your love*

*Where there is injury your pardon Lord and where there’s doubt true faith in you.*

*Make me a channel of your peace where there’s despair in life let me bring hope*

*Where there is darkness only light and where there’s sadness ever joy.*

*O Master grant that I may never seek so much to be consoled as to console*

*To be understood as to understand to be loved as to love with all my soul*

*Make me a channel of your peace it is in pardoning that we are pardoned*

*In giving of ourselves, that we receive and in dying that we’re born to eternal life.*

**Prayers at the 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. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross**

**and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks;

he broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:**

**his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:**

**his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With your whole Church throughout the world

we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy

**Holy, holy, holy**

God of power and might,

**God of power and might.**

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

**Heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

**Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

**Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest, Hosanna in the highest.**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

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.

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.**

Jesus, Lamb of God

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins

**Have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy on us.**

Jesus, redeemer of the world

**Grant us your peace, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,**

**but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**Quiet Music: Light in our Darkness (The Truth That Sets Us Free, Wild Goose)**

**Prayer after Communion**

*Silence is kept.*

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.**

**The Blessing**

May Christ who makes saints of sinners,

who has transformed those we remember today,

raise and strengthen you that you may transform the world;

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

**Hymn – For I’m building a people of power**

For I’m building a people of power

And I’m making a people of praise

That will move through this land by my Spirit

And will glorify my precious name.

*Build your Church, Lord,*

*Make us strong, Lord,*

*Join our hearts , Lord, through your Son.*

*Make us one, Lord, in your body,*

*In the kingdom of your Son.*