

**Sunday 1 November 2020 (All Saints Day)**

This short act of worship has been prepared for you to use whilst we are unable to use Methodist Church premises. If you are well enough why not spend a few moments with God, knowing that other people are sharing this act of worship with you.

**Call to worship**

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: For All the Saints (StF745)**

Sing/ Read /pray /proclaim the words or  
listen to it here:

[https://www.youtube.com/watch?  
v=1OaBgaMcOvM](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=1OaBgaMcOvM)

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 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!

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!

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 Walsham How (1823-1867)*

**Prayer**

Let us pray together

With all Your people, on earth and in  
heaven, we praise your name, O Father  
our eternal God, for You alone are  
worthy of adoration. And You reign  
supreme beyond space and time.

In You is the fullness of perfection;  
in You is our hope of salvation;  
in You is the promise of life eternal.

With all Your people, we praise Your  
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**Amen.**

Let us make our confession to God.  
God of mercy, forgive us our limited  
vision and our reluctance to trust in what  
we cannot see.

Forgive our preoccupation with the here and now and our failure to seek the things above.

Forgive our earthbound thinking and our feeble sense of the communion of saints.

Rekindle in us, by Your Holy Spirit, the fire of Your love that with clean hands and pure hearts we may serve you faithfully on earth and come at last, with all your saints, to the peace and joy of heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

In Christ we are set free.  
Through repentance and faith in Christ we are forgiven by the grace of God.  
**Amen. Thanks be to God.**

#### **Collect of the Day**

Holy God, You have called witnesses from every nation and revealed Your glory in their lives. Grant to us the same faith and love that, following their example, we may be sustained by their fellowship and rejoice in their triumph; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.** (from *MWB, page 558*)

#### **Today's Gospel Reading:**

Matthew 5.1-12

**Read Rev. Ken's Sunday Sermon - Are we really blessed when we are poor and mourn?**

**Hymn: 260 H&P Jesus is Lord!**

#### **Take a time to sit quietly**

##### **A time of prayer**

United in the company of all the faithful, let us pray for the church throughout the world and for all who seek to follow Christ in this generation. Through them and through us, Your kingdom come **Your will be done.**

Let us pray for the world and all its peoples. Let us pray that those in authority in this and all nations may seek justice and peace for all.

Your kingdom come **Your will be done.**

Let us pray for those in need, especially.....

and for all who minister to those in need. Draw near to all with Your healing love. Your Kingdom come **Your will be done.**

Remember in your mercy all who have gone before us especially those who were significant in each of our faith journeys.

Join our prayers with those of the whole company saints.

Your kingdom come **Your will be done.**

Lord of the church, **hear our prayer and make us one in heart and mind to serve you now and always. Amen.**

#### **The Lord's Prayer**

*Our Father .....*

**Hymn: Sing a verse of a hymn that comes to mind**

#### **A prayer of blessing**

**Heavenly Father, Holy, Righteous and Faithful God** give us grace to follow Your saints in faith and hope and love; and the blessing of the most Holy Trinity, Spirit, Son and Father, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.** (partly from *MWB page 59*)

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