

## Sunday 3rd November 2019: ALL SAINTS' DAY

### Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body of thy Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow thy blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou hast prepared for those who unfeignedly love thee; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### *A reading from the Book of Daniel*

Daniel 7. 1-3, 15-18

In the first year of King Belshazzar of Babylon, Daniel had a dream and visions of his head as he lay in bed. Then he wrote down the dream: I, Daniel, saw in my vision by night the four winds of heaven stirring up the great sea, and four great beasts came up out of the sea, different from one another. As for me, Daniel, my spirit was troubled within me, and the visions of my head terrified me. I approached one of the attendants to ask him the truth concerning all this. So he said that he would disclose to me the interpretation of the matter: 'As for these four great beasts, four kings shall arise out of the earth. But the holy ones of the Most High shall receive the kingdom and possess the kingdom for ever—for ever and ever.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 149

- 1 Praise ye the Lord. O sing unto the Lord a new song:  
praise him in the assembly of his servants.
- 2 Let Israel rejoice in him that made him:  
and let the children of Zion be joyful in their King.
- 3 Let them praise his name in the dance:  
let them sing praises unto him with timbrel and harp.
- 4 For the Lord hath pleasure in his people:  
and giveth victory to them that are oppressed.
- 5 Let the godly be joyful with glory:  
let them rejoice upon their beds.
- 6 Let the praises of God be in their mouth:  
and a two-edged sword in their hands,
- 7 To inflict vengeance on the nations:  
and punishment on the peoples,
- 8 To bind their kings in chains:  
and their nobles with links of iron.
- 9 To execute upon them the judgement that hath been written:  
such honour have all his servants. Praise ye the Lord.

***A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Ephesians***

Ephesians 1. 11–23

In Christ we have also obtained an inheritance, having been destined according to the purpose of him who accomplishes all things according to his counsel and will, so that we, who were the first to set our hope on Christ, might live for the praise of his glory. In him you also, when you had heard the word of truth, the gospel of your salvation, and had believed in him, were marked with the seal of the promised Holy Spirit; this is the pledge of our inheritance towards redemption as God's own people, to the praise of his glory. I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.*

Luke 6. 20-31

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: 'Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. 'Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. 'Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh. 'Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. Rejoice on that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets. 'But woe to you who are rich, for you have received your consolation. 'Woe to you who are full now, for you will be hungry. 'Woe to you who are laughing now, for you will mourn and weep. 'Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets. 'But I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sunday 10th November 2019: REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

### Collect

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### *A reading from the Book of Job*

Job 19. 23-27

‘O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever! For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 17. 1-8

1. Hear the right, consider my cry O Lord:  
and hearken unto my prayer, that goeth not out of lying lips.
- 2 Let judgement for me come forth from thy presence:  
and let thine eyes look upon the thing that is just.
- 3 Thou hast proved and visited my heart in the nightseason:  
if thou try me thou shalt find no wickedness in me; my mouth shall not offend.
- 4 As for the doings of men:  
because of the words of thy lips I have kept me from the ways of the violent.
- 5 My feet have held firm in thy paths:  
and my footsteps have not slipped.
- 6 I have called thee O God, for thou shalt hear me:  
incline thine ear to me and hearken unto my words.
- 7 Shew thy marvelous loving-kindness:  
thou that art the saviour of them that put their trust in thee, from such as resist thy right hand.
- 8 Keep me as the apple of an eye:  
hide me under the shadow of thy wings.

## ***A reading from St Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians***

2 Thess. 2. 1-5, 13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.*

Luke 20. 27-38

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sunday 17th November 2019: THIRD SUNDAY of the KINGDOM

### Collect

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### *A reading from the Book of Malachi*

Malachi 4. 1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 98

1. O sing unto the Lord a new song:  
for he hath done marvellous things;
- 2 With his own right hand and with his holy arm:  
hath he gotten himself the victory.
- 3 The Lord hath made known his victory:  
his righteousness hath he openly shewed in the sight of the nations.
- 4 He hath remembered his mercy and faithfulness toward the house of Israel:  
and all the ends of the world have seen the victory of our God.
- 5 Shew yourselves joyful in the Lord, all ye lands:  
sing and rejoice with the sound of melody.
- 6 Make melody unto the Lord upon the harp:  
even upon the harp and psaltery.
- 7 With trumpets also and horns:  
shout with joy before the Lord the King.
- 8 Let the sea roar and all that therein is:  
the world and they that dwell therein.
- 9 Let the rivers clap their hands:  
and let the hills rejoice together before the Lord;
- 10 For he cometh to judge the earth:  
in righteousness shall he judge the world, and the peoples with equity.

***A reading from St Paul's Second Letter to the Thessalonians***      2 Thess. 3. 6-13

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.*

Luke 21. 5-19

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, he said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sunday 24th November 2019: CHRIST THE KING

### Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; grant this for the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### *A reading from the Prophet Jeremiah*

Jeremiah 23. 1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

### Psalm 46

1 God is our hope and strength:  
a very present help in trouble.

2 Therefore will we not fear, though the earth be moved:  
and though the hills be carried into the midst of the sea;

3 Though the waters thereof rage and swell:  
and though the mountains shake at the tempest of the same.

4 There is a river, the streams whereof make glad the city of God:  
the holy dwelling place of the Most Highest.

5 God is in the midst of her, therefore shall she not be removed:  
God shall help her, and that right early.

6 The nations make much ado and the kingdoms are moved:  
but God hath shewed his voice, and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us:  
the God of Jacob is our refuge.

8 O come hither and behold the works of the Lord:  
what destruction he hath brought upon the earth.

9 He maketh wars to cease in all the world:

he breaketh the bow and knappeth the spear in sunder, and burneth the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still then and know that I am God:

I will be exalted among the nations, and I will be exalted in the earth.

11 The Lord of hosts is with us:

the God of Jacob is our refuge.

***A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Colossians***

Colossians 1. 11– 20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

*Listen to the Gospel of Christ according to Saint Luke.*

Luke 23. 33-43

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. [Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'] And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

*This is the Gospel of the Lord.*

**Praise to you, O Christ.**