

St Mary's Scottish Episcopal Church, Dunblane



All Saints Celebration
1st November, 2020

A warm welcome to St Mary's!

No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

Charles Wesley

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

The Service of the Word is authorised for use under Canon 22 by the General Synod of the Scottish Episcopal Church 2015. The liturgy used in this service is largely taken from the first part of the 1982 Eucharist authorised for use under Canon 22 on behalf of the College of Bishops of the Scottish Episcopal Church. This liturgy contains the changes permitted by the College of Bishops in 2010 to make its language more gender inclusive.

PREPARATION

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Hymn

Light of the world,
You stepped down into darkness,
opened my eyes, let me see
beauty that made this heart adore You,
hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,
here I am to bow down,
here I am to say that You're my God:
You're altogether lovely,
altogether worthy,
altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
O so highly exalted,
glorious in heaven above,
humbly You came to the earth You created,
all for love's sake became poor.

So here I am to worship ...

And I'll never know how much it cost
to see my sin upon that cross.

So here I am to worship ...

Tim Hughes

Opening prayers

Day and night the vaults of heaven resound to the praise of God.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty.

All heaven falls down and worships you, declaring:
You are worthy, our Lord God, to receive glory, honour and power.

Saints and angels in heaven stand around the throne singing your praise.

To Him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb, be praise and honour, Glory and power for ever. Amen.

Confession and Absolution

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

God our Father, we confess to you and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ that we have sinned in thought, word and deed, and in what we have failed to do. We are truly sorry. Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil, for the sake of your Son who died for us, Jesus Christ, our Lord.

God, who is both power and love, forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria

(we stay seated)

Organ: *Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis,*
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.**

Organ: *Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.**

Organ: *Gloria, gloria in excelsis, in excelsis,
Gloria, gloria in excelsis Deo.*

**For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion in the mystical body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord: grant that we may attain, with all your saints, the whole measure of the fullness of Christ; who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

THE WORD OF GOD

Readings

Revelation 7.9-17

Matthew 5.1-12

Sermon followed by a time of reflection

All heaven declares
the glory of the risen Lord;
who can compare with
the beauty of the Lord?
Forever He will be
The Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee,
And worship Him alone.

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile man to God.
Forever You will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow the knee
and worship You alone.

Noel and Tricia Richards

Profession of Faith

Do you believe in God the Father who made the world?

I believe.

Do you believe in God the Son who redeemed humanity?

I believe.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit who gives life to God's people?

I believe.

This is the faith of the Church. **This is our faith.**

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

PRAYERS

Prayers of intercession are offered for the world, for those who suffer and those in need, and for the Church.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour has 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.
Do not bring us
to the time of trial
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.**

CONCLUSION

Final Hymn

We are walking in the light of God,
we are walking in the light of God. (x 2)
We are walking, Oh,
We are walking in the light of God. (x 2)

We are living in the love of God ...

We are moving in the power of God ...

Xhosa text and melody

Blessing

God give you grace to follow his 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. **Amen**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.



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