

**ST NICHOLAS CHURCH, SIGHTHILL**

**29 October 2023**

**THEME: ALL SAINTS (1 NOVEMBER)**

**GATHERING SONG: MAJESTY, WORSHIP HIS MAJESTY X2**

Majesty worship His majesty  
Unto Jesus be all glory  
Honour and praise  
Majesty kingdom authority  
Flow from His throne  
Unto His own His anthem raise

So exalt lift up on high  
The name of Jesus  
Magnify come glorify  
Christ Jesus the King  
Majesty worship His majesty  
Jesus who died now glorified  
King of all kings

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**CALL TO WORSHIP**

Come, people of God, to a new heaven and earth,  
To the holy city, God's new Jerusalem,  
The dwelling place of God is with humanity:  
God wipes away the tears from our eyes.

Our help is in the Lord our God,  
Who made heaven and earth.  
In life and in death we belong to our loving Father.  
Baptized into Christ's death, we live for Him.  
United by the Holy Spirit - we shine in Him  
So, come, let us Worship the Lord, our God!

**OPENING HYMN: CH3 1 - ALL PEOPLE THAT ON EARTH DO DWELL  
(VS 1-4)**

1. All people that on earth do dwell  
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice  
Him serve with fear His praise forth tell  
Come ye before Him and rejoice

2. The Lord ye know is God indeed  
Without our aid He did us make  
We are His flock He doth us feed  
And for His sheep He doth us take

3. O enter then His gates with praise  
Approach with joy His courts unto  
Praise laud and bless His name always  
For it is seemly so to do

4. For why the Lord our God is good  
His mercy is forever sure  
His truth at all times firmly stood  
And shall from age to age endure

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#### **OPENING PRAYER AND LORD'S PRAYER**

Leader: We've come as saints of God, to a new heaven  
and earth, to the holy city, God's new  
Jerusalem,

**All: The dwelling place of God is with humanity:  
God wipes away the tears from our eyes.**

Leader: The earth is God's and the fullness thereof,  
The words and all who dwell therein.

**All: Who shall ascend the hill of God,  
And who shall stand in God's holy place?**

Leader: All whose hands are clean and hearts pure  
Shall know God's vindication and blessing.

**All: We give thanks to God, who has qualified us  
to share the in the heritage of the saints.**

**We continue in prayer...**

Our father, on Wednesday - 1<sup>st</sup> November - we will remember  
and celebrate the countless number of saints of yesterday

and of today who have made and marked a path of courage through time. Now, we remember with gratitude:

- The tender touch of loved ones,
- the example of heroes,
- the healing words of comforters
- the remarkable acts of fearless ones
- The gentle strength of grandparents,
- the loyalty of friends,
- the kindness of strangers,
- the joy of children,
- the sacrifice of parents or carers
- and many other faithful people who set their hopes on Christ and who, with their lives, praised you.

May our hearts and minds be open to new realities in Christ. We want to be counted among saints who will inherit your kingdom. We desire to know your love, care and forgiveness when and where we have failed you in word, thought and deed.

May we, in this hour, walk in your grace and forgiveness and May we commit ourselves to living lives that are pleasing to you, and may we hear you remind us of words in the Holy Scriptures that

**We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord. Amen**

### **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

**BIBLE READING: 1 KINGS 5:1-5; IJOHN 3.1-3**

**MESSAGE:**

**OFFERING SONG: PLACE OF FREEDOM (HIGHLANDS WORSHIP) BY JILLANA JONES - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=NmU4JMMn-lU>**

### **PRAYER FOR OFFERINGS**

**All: Holy one, all that we have is yours,  
accept our monetary offerings,  
may they be a sign and symbol  
of all that we offer this day.**

**Lord, we offer our hearts, minds and spirits,  
so that your kingdom may increase**

and that your word can be shared  
in every corner of the world, Amen.

**PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION**

**SONG: JP 260 - TURN YOUR EYES UPON JESUS**

Turn Your eyes upon Jesus  
Look full in His wonderful face  
And the things of earth  
Will grow strangely dim  
In the light of His glory and grace

Keep Your eyes upon Jesus  
Let nobody else take his place;  
So that hour by hour you will know His power  
Till at last you have run the great race.

CCLI Song # 15960, Helen H. Lemmel

**HOLY COMMUNION**

**A MORDERN AFFIRMATION**

Leader: Where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is the  
one true Church, apostolic and universal, whose  
holy faith we now declare:

**All: We believe in God the Father, infinite in  
wisdom, power and love, whose mercy is over  
all his works, and whose will is ever directed  
to his children's good.**

**We believe in Jesus Christ, Son of God and Son  
of man, the gift of the Father's unfailing  
grace, the ground of our hope, and the promise  
of our deliverance from sin and death.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit as the divine  
presence in our lives, whereby we are kept in  
perpetual remembrance of the truth of Christ,  
and find strength and help in time of need.**

**We believe that this faith should manifest  
itself in the service of love, as set forth in  
the example of our blessed Lord, to the end**

**that the kingdom of God may come upon the earth. Amen.**

#### Invitations to Communion

This is a special time of remembering, remembering those Saints who died in the Lord. We remember at his table the one who made us all Saints, the Special One Jesus Christ. He invited his followers to do this in remembrance of him. All are invited to bring memories to this table and present them to Jesus - who is here.

Many of the Saints whom we honour were people with whom we shared meals, Family meals at the diner table, holiday feasts in the dining room, picnic table barbecues, or a carry-in dinner. Jesus ate meals with saints and sinners. So powerful was his presence in life that even in death those who had shared meals with him sensed He was still present when they broke bread and shared a cup.

The love feast of the early church is repeated here today when we share the meal at this communion table and sense his continued love in our lives.

#### **Holy Communion**

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. All who come to me shall not hunger, and all who believe in me shall not thirst. With Christians around the world and throughout the centuries, we gather around these symbols of bread and wine - simple, simple elements that speak of life, nourishment and transformation.

#### **Let us pray.**

Loving God, we thank you that you are as close to us as breath, that your love is constant and unfailing. We thank you for all that sustains life, and especially for Jesus Christ, who teaches us how to live out an ethic of justice and peace, and for the promise of transformation made manifest in his life, death and resurrection.

We ask you to bless this bread and this cup. Through this meal, make us the body of Christ, that we may join with you in promoting the well-being of all creation.  
Amen.

We remember on the night when Jesus and the disciples had their last meal together, Jesus took the bread, gave thanks, broke it and gave it to the disciples, saying "This is my body which is broken for you. **Take and eat it, and as often as you do, remember me.**"

In the symbol of the broken bread, we participate in the life of Christ and dedicate ourselves to being his disciples.

In the same way he took the cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to the disciples, saying: "Drink this, all of you. This cup is the new covenant, poured out for you and for many. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

In the symbol of this cup, we participate in the new life Christ brings.

So come one, come all - Come to this table, not because you must but because you may, not because you are strong, but because you are weak.

Come, not because any goodness of your own gives you a right to come, but because you need mercy and help. Come, because you love the Lord a little and would like to love him more. Come, because he loved you and gave himself for you. Come and meet the risen Christ, for we are his Body....

**The body of Christ broken for you...**

**The blood of Christ shed for you**

**Prayer after holy Communion**

Let us pray. We give thanks, loving God, that you have refreshed us at your table. Strengthen our faith; increase our love for one another. As we have been fed by the seed that became grain, and then became bread, may we go out into the world to plant seeds of justice, transformation, and hope. Amen.



PEACE OF THE LORD...

**CLOSING HYMN: MP 760 - TRUST AND OBEY**

1. When we walk with the Lord  
In the light of His Word  
What a glory He sheds on our way  
While we do His good will  
He abides with us still  
And with all who will trust and obey

**Chorus**

**Trust and obey  
For there's no other way  
To be happy in Jesus  
But to trust and obey**

2. Not a shadow can rise  
Not a cloud in the skies  
But His smile quickly drives it away  
Not a doubt nor a fear  
Not a sigh nor a tear  
Can abide while we trust and obey

3. Not a burden we bear  
Not a sorrow we share  
But our toil He doth richly repay  
Not a grief nor a loss  
Not a frown nor a cross  
But is blessed if we trust and obey

4. But we never can prove  
The delights of His love  
Until all on the altar we lay  
For the favor He shows  
And the joy He bestows  
Are for those who will trust and obey

5. Then in fellowship sweet  
We will sit at His feet

Or we'll walk by His side in the way  
What He says we will do  
Where He sends we will go  
Never fear only trust and obey

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#### **BENEDICTION AND AMEN**

Now to him who can keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Saviour, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever.

#### **BENEDICTION AND AMEN**

**SUGGESTED VIDEO AFTER SERVICE - 'OH WHEN THE SAINTS GO MARCHING IN'** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=advlnJPEbEw>