



The Parish Churches of S Philip
and S Augustine and S Matthew
with S Mary the Virgin Newcastle

Liturgy of the
Word and
Spiritual
Communion for
All Saints' Day

Notes

This service is intended for use on Sundays and some feast days. It is a version of the Liturgy of the Word, which turns on the Our Father into an act of spiritual communion, undertaken in the words of the Anima Christi.

The bulk of the service inheres in the readings and the intercessions. These will be sent out each week.

The Te Deum is included at the end, since it is said at the end of the Office on Sundays outside Lent and Advent. I have used the Tudor version, since the words have a greater umph.

+ In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of His love with all the saints in earth and Heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from Him both mercy and forgiveness.

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ: Kyrie eleison.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples: Christe eleison.

We often fail to walk the way of the Cross: Kyrie eleison.

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Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins and bring us to life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Glory be to God on high.
And in earth peace, goodwill towards men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
O Lord God, heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only-begotten Son, Jesus Christ:
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
that takest away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that takest away the sins of the world,
receive our prayer.
Thou that sittest at the right
hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy, Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most high,
+ in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Let us pray:

Almighty God, You have knit together Your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical Body of Your Son Christ our Lord: grant us grace so to follow Your blessed saints in all virtuous and Godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that You have prepared for those who truly love You: in and through the same Your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, Who lives with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, throughout all ages, world without end. Amen.

A Reading from the first Letter of Saint John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are. The reason why the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; it does not yet appear what we shall be, but we know that when he appears we shall be like him, for we shall see him as he is. And every one who thus hopes in him purifies himself as he is pure.

The earth is the Lord's and all that fills it, ♦ the compass of the world and all who dwell therein.

For he has founded it upon the seas ♦ and set it firm upon the rivers of the deep.

‘Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord, ♦ or who can rise up in his holy place?’

‘Those who have clean hands and a pure heart, ♦ who have not lifted up their soul to an idol, nor sworn an oath to a lie;

‘They shall receive a blessing from the Lord, ♦ a just reward from the God of their salvation.’

Such is the company of those who seek him, ♦ of those who seek your face, O God of Jacob.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint Matthew.

Seeing the crowds, Jesus went up on the mountain, and when he sat down his disciples came to him. And he opened his mouth and taught them, saying: "Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. "Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted. "Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth. "Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.

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"Blessed are the merciful, for they shall obtain mercy.
"Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.
"Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God. "Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.
"Blessed are you when men revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for so men persecuted the prophets who were before you.

The Intercessions follow; these will include petitions from the weekly cycle; and may include the Covid 19 prayer in the notes; at the end:

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, Saint John the Baptist, Saint Matthew, Saint Philip, Saint Augustine and all the saints:

Our Father, Who art in Heaven, hallowed by Thy Name; Thy Kingdom come, Thy Will be done on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For Thine is the Kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us Thy peace.

In place of receiving Holy Communion, you should use the prayer over the page:

Soul of Christ, sanctify me;
Body of Christ, save me;
Blood of Christ, refresh me;
Water from the side of Christ, wash me.
Passion of Christ, strengthen me.
O good Jesu, hear me.
Within Thy wounds, hide me.
Do not permit me to be separated from Thee;
From the malicious enemy defend me,
In the hour of my death call me
And bid me come to Thee,
That with Thy saints I may praise Thee;
For ever and ever. Amen.

It is appropriate that a time of reflexion follows. If, like the Vicar, you have a mind that easily lured by the frivolous and ephemeral, you might use the following to help stay on task:

Here today are gathered, shown to be the first fruits of the Church, having held it as the type of that above. And they cried out to Christ, “You are my God; preserve me.

Having gathered from every city and being our compatriots, they came out from all the world, and have taken us from the world, and have made us participants in the feast. Together with that above, creation below dances, for the Angels cry out with us: “O God, You are truly wondrous among Your Saints, O Most-Merciful One.”

Let us celebrate a sacred feast, for the things on earth have become heaven. The lights among the firmament, have shone upon the Church and enlightened the whole world, that David might therefore say with us, that “Your lightning has shown upon the earth, O Most-Merciful One.”

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They were not swayed by vain wealth, for they loved Your Kingdom. They neglected things of this life, and kept in memory the incorruptible things. They went forth on the road, that they might pass on to Your life and be fed with Your good things, O Most-Merciful One.

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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 by welcomed with all Your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of Your Kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

WE praise thee, O God : we acknowledge thee to be the Lord.
All the earth doth worship thee : the Father everlasting.
To thee all Angels cry aloud : the heavens, and all the powers therein.
To thee Cherubin and Seraphin : continually do cry,
Holy, Holy, Holy : Lord God of Sabaoth;
Heaven and earth are full of the Majesty : of thy glory.
The glorious company of the Apostles : praise thee.
The goodly fellowship of the Prophets : praise thee.
The noble army of Martyrs : praise thee.
The holy Church throughout all the world : doth acknowledge thee;
The Father : of an infinite Majesty;
Thine honourable, true : and only Son;
Also the Holy Ghost : the Comforter.
Thou art the King of Glory : O Christ.
Thou art the everlasting Son : of the Father.

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When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man : thou didst not
abhor the Virgin's womb.

When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death : thou didst
open the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

Thou sittest at the right hand of God : in the glory of the
Father.

We believe that thou shalt come : to be our Judge.

We therefore pray thee, help thy servants : whom thou hast
redeemed with thy precious blood.

Make them to be numbered with thy Saints : in glory
everlasting.

O Lord, save thy people : and bless thine heritage.

Govern them : and lift them up for ever.

Day by day : we magnify thee;

And we worship thy Name : ever world without end.

Vouchsafe, O Lord : to keep us this day without sin.

O Lord, have mercy upon us : have mercy upon us.

O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us : as our trust is in thee.

O Lord, in thee have I trusted : let me never be confounded.

+ The Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and
the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all, evermore.
Amen.