



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 Souls' 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.

+ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord; and let light perpetual shine upon them.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation: everything old has passed away; everything becomes new. That we may put behind us all that is past, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

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.

Let us pray:

O God the Creator and Preserver of all,
Grant to those whom we remember today, and all who have died
the sure benefits of Your Son's saving Passion,
that in the last day when all things shall be gathered up in Him,
they shall know the fullness of Your love:
in and through the same, Your Son, Jesus Christ,
Who is alive and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit,
God, throughout all ages, world without end.
Amen.

A Reading from the Letter of Saint Paul to the Church in Rome.

Hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit which has been given to us. While we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Why, one will hardly die for a righteous man -- though perhaps for a good man one will dare even to die. But God shows his love for us in that while we were yet sinners Christ died for us. Since, therefore, we are now justified by his blood, much more shall we be saved by him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies we were reconciled to God by the death of his Son, much more, now that we are reconciled, shall we be saved by his life. Not only so, but we also rejoice in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received our reconciliation.

Out of the depths have I cried to you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice; ♦ let your ears consider well the voice of my supplication.

If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, ♦ O Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, ♦ so that you shall be feared.

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; ♦ in his word is my hope.

My soul waits for the Lord, more than the night watch for the morning, ♦ more than the night watch for the morning.

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O Israel, wait for the Lord, ♦ for with the Lord there is
mercy;
With him is plenteous redemption ♦ and he shall redeem
Israel from all their sins.

A Reading from the Gospel according to Saint John.

All that the Father gives me will come to me; and him who comes to me I will not cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will, but the will of him who sent me; and this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up at the last day. For this is the will of my Father, that every one who sees the Son and believes in him should have eternal life; and I will raise him up at the last day."

*The **Intercessions** follow; these will those whom we wish to remember today. Please note that all Requiem Liturgies are offered not just for the people named, but for all the departed. It would be consonant with precepts of Christian charity to remember at least a few people, who are beyond the scope of your personal recollection. At the end:*

These and the prayers of my Christian community I lay before God in union with our Lady, 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.

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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:

Give rest, O Christ, to Thy servant with Thy saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Thou only art immortal, the Creator and Maker of man: and we are mortal, formed of the earth, and unto earth shall we return. For so Thou didst ordain when Thou createst me, saying: 'Dust thou art and unto dust shalt thou return.' All we go down to the dust: and weeping o'er the grave, we make our song: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Give rest &c

Lord our God, may the Death and Resurrection of Christ, which we celebrate in this Eucharist bring those whom we remember and all who have died to the peace of Your eternal home. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

+ May they rest in peace. Amen.