



St EDWARD

KING & MARTYR

1 November 2020 / All Saints' Day

Welcome to St. Edward's!

We hope you are blessed by your time with us and we look forward to seeing you again. There is an Induction Loop in the Nave for those using a hearing aid and wheelchair access is available at the West door. There is also a toilet available in the vestry. Children are always welcome but currently our children area is closed due to Covid-19 precautions.

Hymn 323—Who Are These Like Stars Appearing

Welcome & Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

And also with you.

Preparation *(Please sit or kneel)*

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

Prayer of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.' The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

Confession

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.

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Absolution

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

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

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.

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.

The Collect

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; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

New Testament Lesson (Revelation 7:9-17)

9 After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. 10 They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' 11 And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.' 13 Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' 14 I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and

night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.¹⁶ They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; ¹⁷ for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Alleluia 11

(Al-le-lu - ia) Al-le - lu - ia, al-le - lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia! (Al-le-lu - ia)

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From Psalm 34:1-10 *(Please remain seated as the psalm is sung)*

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times;
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
- 2 My soul shall glory in the Lord;
let the humble hear and be glad.
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me;
let us exalt his name together.
- 4 I sought the Lord and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

- 5 Look upon him and be radiant
and your faces shall not be ashamed.
- 6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me
and saved me from all my troubles.
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him
and delivers them.
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious;
blessed is the one who trusts in him.
- 9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
- 10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger,
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning is now and shall be forever. Amen.**

Gospel (*We stand as we welcome the Gospel*)

Alleluia, alleluia. You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (5:1-12) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. ²Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ³'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. ⁴'Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted. ⁵'Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth ⁶'Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for

they will be filled. 7 'Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy. 8 'Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God 9 'Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God. 10 'Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. 11 'Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. 12 Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon 'All Saints' Day' – Matthias Grebe

Affirmation of Faith *(We stand to declare our faith together)*

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and

the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel for our intercessions)*

(Intercessor says) Lord, in your mercy

(We respond) **Hear our prayer.**

(at the end we pray together) **Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace *(We stand to share the peace)*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.** Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn 238—Blest Are The Pure In Heart

(During the hymn the collection will be taken)

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Christ is the bread of life:

When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St. Edward all the saints to feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity

of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(Please sit or kneel)*

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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. Lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. **Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.**

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may

evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(All who regularly receive communion in their church are welcome to receive here. Those who do not receive communion are invited to come forward for a blessing, with their hands downwards on the altar rail. If you require a gluten-free wafer, please raise one finger at the altar rail.)

Prayer after Communion

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Hymn 305 – For All The Saints

Notices

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

(Please stay for coffee & refreshments just after the service,

in the left hand chapel at the front of the church)

Notices

King Ed & Friends: A small group for younger adults is now meeting via Zoom on Tuesdays at 7pm. It is a time of discussion, prayer, and personal sharing. If you are interested in joining then please email Dorota at dorka.molin@gmail.com.

Regular Parish Giving: We are grateful for all of your gifts! Offerings may be given during the services or for Standing Orders, via BACS [**SORT: 20-17-19 / ACCT #: 30851477 - "St Edwards Church Vestry Fund"**]

Services Next Week: Friday 10:30am BCP Service (In person and Recorded); Sunday 11am BCP Holy Communion (In person, Live-streamed, and Recorded).

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