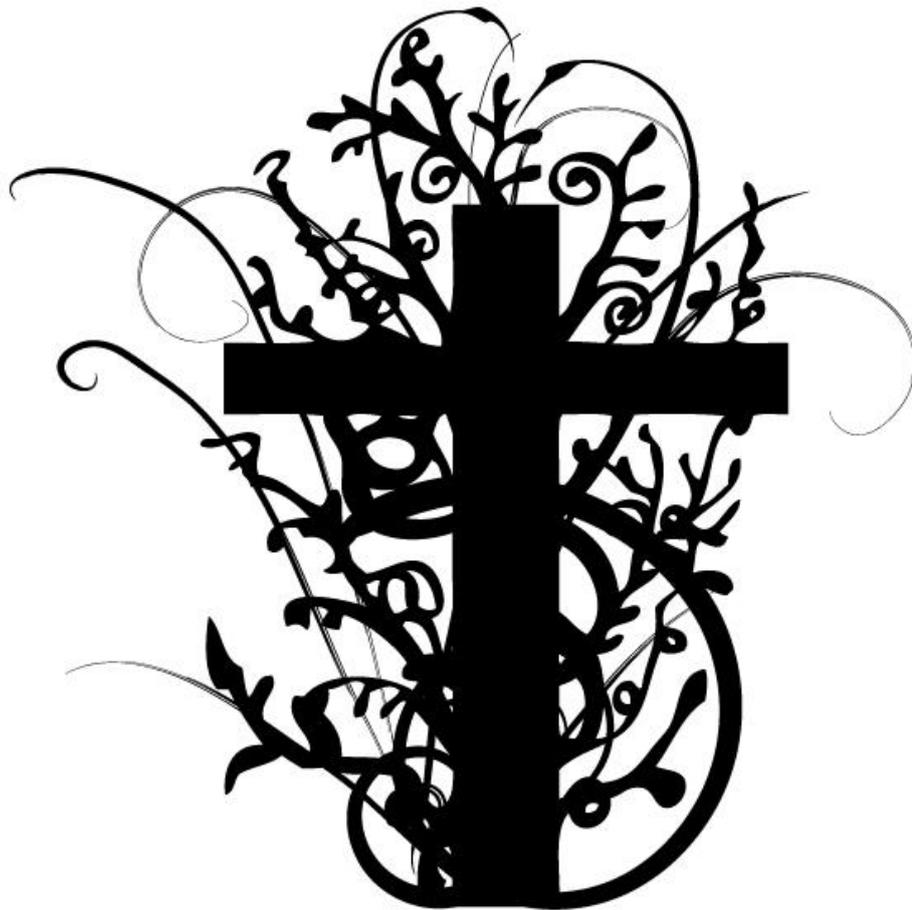


Loved and Lost



A service of remembering at
All Souls Tide
Huddersfield Parish Church

The Gathering

In the name of our God who is love, I welcome you:
May grace and mercy and peace be with you all. **And also with you.**

Words of welcome are given.

Come among us God. You, who cast the planets into space
and cradle the sparrow in her nest. **Come God and meet us here.**

Come among us God. You, who bless the poor and the broken
and stand by the sad and the strong. **Come God and meet us here.**

Come among us God. You, who move in the silence and shine in the darkness
Come God and meet us here.

Hymn

**O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:**

***Refrain: Then sings my soul, my Saviour God; to thee,
How great thou art, how great thou art!
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How great thou art, how great thou art!***

**When through the woods and forest glades I wander,
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze;**

**But when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die-I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, our burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away our sin;**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home-what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: My God, how great thou art!**

Prayers of Penitence

As we meet God's presence together though far apart, we give thanks that God has shone light in our hearts, helping us to know God's glory. But we know that we are frail and human, in our words, in our actions and when we don't speak and act for what is right. Let us remember all this openly before the God of grace.

Silence is kept

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken hearted.

Christ have mercy on us. **Christ have mercy on us.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.

Lord, have mercy on us. **Lord, have mercy on us.**

May the God of love and power 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.

Candles are lit on the altar as we hear the prayer for All Souls.

Prayer for All Souls

God we are surrounded by a cloud of faithful witnesses
who have gone before:

those who have loved where we would have hated;

those who have healed where we would have hurt;

those who have spoken out when we remained silent.

God may we walk in their footsteps, learning courage from their sacrifice,
gaining strength from their faithfulness.

May we learn to give so that others may receive.

May we learn to love so that others may be set free.

May we learn to die to self so that others might live.

God, may we join that cloud of faithful witnesses, treading paths of loving obedience, leaving footprints for others to walk in. **Amen.**

Readings

A reading from Wisdom, chapter 3, verses 1-9

But the souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, and no torment will ever touch them. In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died, and their departure was thought to be a disaster, and their going from us to be their destruction; but they are at peace.

For though in the sight of others they were punished, their hope is full of immortality. Having been disciplined a little, they will receive great good, because God tested them and found them worthy of himself; like gold in the furnace he tried them, and like a sacrificial burnt-offering he accepted them.

In the time of their visitation they will shine forth, and will run like sparks through the stubble. They will govern nations and rule over peoples, and the Lord will reign over them forever.

Those who trust in him will understand truth, and the faithful will abide with him in love, because grace and mercy are upon his holy ones, and he watches over his elect.

Anthem

As we hear the In Paradisum from Faure's Requiem sung by the choir of St Peter's the names of our loved ones appear on the screen. You are invited to switch of the lights at home and light your own candles in memory of those we remember today. We take time to bring into the present things we want to recall, time to grieve broken relationships and time to give thanks.

We Remember Those Who Have Died

Almighty God, as you bring us face to face with our mortality, we thank you for making each of us in your image and for giving us gifts in body, mind and spirit. We thank you now as we remember before you those whom we love but see no more. Grant us grace, O Lord, to entrust them to your never-failing love and to find the strength to meet the days to come; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Everything that the Father gives me will come to me, and anyone who comes to me I will never drive away; 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 on the last day. This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

We reflect on what God's word is saying to each of us as we remember our loved ones today.

The Prayers

When invited we pray together.

**Heavenly Father, shine the light of your love upon us
that we might be comforted.**

Help us to trust your love and more freely follow your will.

**Keep us, and those we remember, safely in your care,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Help us Lord, to receive and understand your Gospel, so that we may find light in our darkness, faith in our doubts and comfort for one another in your saving truth.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Fill the emptiness of our hearts with the presence of your love.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

Increase our faith, and strengthen our hope.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

And we pray for all those who mourn,
that they too may be comforted in their loss.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer.**

As our Saviour 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.

Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Hymn

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer, pilgrim though this barren land;

I am weak, but thou art mighty; hold me with thy powerful hand;

Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven

feed me now and evermore

feed me now and evermore

Open now the crystal fountain,

whence the healing stream doth flow;

let the fiery cloudy pillar lead me all my journey through;

strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer

be thou still my Strength and Shield;

be thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan, bid my anxious fears subside;

bear me through the swelling current,

land me safe on Canaan's side;

songs of praises, songs of praises

I will ever give to thee;

I will ever give to thee.

The Blessing & Sending Out

For all your servants departed this life: **We thank you, good Lord.**

For the memory of their words and deeds: **We thank you, good Lord.**

For the sure and certain hope of reunion with them hereafter:

We thank you, good Lord.

For the joy that is now theirs: **We thank you good Lord.**

And for our communion with them in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

We thank you, good Lord.

Let us ask together for God's blessing on our lives:

Bless to us O God the road that is before us.

Bless to us O God the friends who are around us.

Bless to us O God the love which is within us.

Bless to us O God the light that leads us home.

And the blessing of God Almighty..... **Amen**

Neither death nor life can separate us from the love of God.

Go and thank God for it. **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers and people depart.

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