
**A SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND
REMEMBRANCE FOR ALL SOULS DAY**

NOVEMBER 1ST 2020 6.30PM

A warm welcome to our service this evening, especially if you are mourning the death of someone you love in the past 2 years.

These are strange and difficult times, but we are all held in God's love, and give thanks that our loved ones know even more about that love than we do.

Welcome and Opening Sentence

"For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Romans 8:38-39

Opening Responses

Minister
All If we come in certainty or confusion, in anger or in anguish
This time is for us

Minister
All If we come in silent suffering or hidden sorrow, in pain or promise
This time is for us

Minister
All If we come for our own or another's need, for a private wound or the wound of the world
This time is for us

Minister
All If we come and do not know why, to be here is enough
This time is for us

Minister
All Come now, Christ of the loving warmth
Come now, Christ of the yearning tears
Come now, Christ of the transforming touch
This time is for you

Minister
All We bring before you, Lord, those times in our own lives when we we have failed to respond to your love and show it to others
And especially we hold out to you now those occasions in the past when we failed to act as we would have wished towards those whom we love but no longer see
(Silence)

All **Forgive our wrongdoings, Lord, heal our disloyalties,
renew the goodness that is planted within us,
and transform our shame into a new sense of life's
glory, that we may love you and one another once again.
Amen**

Absolution

We say together Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy Kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread,
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

Reading John 20:11-18

Sermon The Reverend Jane Richards

Act of Commemoration This service is not just about loss and grief.
For at the heart of grief is love. Tonight we use our Easter candle to
symbolise the light and the love of God, and then we invite you to take
a candle at home, and light it for your loved one.

We acknowledge our loved ones, in the light and love of God.

The names of those who have died in the past 2 years, or who are
especially remembered today are shown on the screen

Minister The light-giving spirit of God always moves ahead of us,
giving strength and new life. As we and our loved ones are held by
God, let us rest in this hope.

All **Lord and Father of all, who through the death and resurrection
of your blessed Son, Jesus Christ, brought to all your children the
hope of eternal life,
hear us as we remember in love those whom we have placed in your
hands.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company
of the saints in light. Amen**

Closing Responses

Minister O Lord in grief we have gathered
All In pain we have shared

Minister Help us trust you with what is dear
All For you share in all we face and fear

Minister All our laughter, all our sadness
All We entrust to you

Minister All our anger, all our gladness
All We entrust to you

Minister All our stories, all our memories
All We entrust to you

Minister Those we remember, those we love
All We entrust to you

Blessing
