

Worship at a distance

Welcome to Morning Praise

All Saints 2020

Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Sing psalms, hymns and sacred songs:

let us sing to God with thankful hearts.

Open our lips, Lord:

and we shall praise your name.

We sing:

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win with them the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

And when the fight is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

But lo! there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array;
the King of glory passes on his way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

From earth's wide bounds,
from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

William Walsham How

We say sorry to God

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever.

Amen.

We listen to our first reading from Revelation 7:9-end

1. After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. And they cried out in a loud voice: 'Salvation belongs to our God, who sits on the throne, and to the Lamb.'

All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, saying:

'Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honour
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!'

Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they come from?'

I answered, 'Sir, you know.'

2. And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. Therefore, they are before the throne of God and serve him day and night in his temple; and he who sits on the throne will shelter them with his presence. Never again will they hunger; never again will they thirst. The sun will not beat down on them, nor any scorching heat. For the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd; he will lead them to springs of living water. And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Children's song

Blessed are the poor in spirit
Those who see the sin in their hearts
Blessed are the ones who are weeping
'Cause sin has torn the whole world apart

Blessed are the meek and humble
God will freely give them all things
Blessed are the ones who are hungry
And thirst for justice and wait on their King

Chorus:

*We are the salt of the earth
We're gonna to shake, shake, shake
like a salt-shaker
We are the light of the world
So we're gonna to shine, shine, shine
'til the night's no more
We're gonna to shine, shine, shine
'til the night's no more*

Blessed are the merciful
Whose sins are forgiven so they can forgive
Blessed are the pure in heart
God will show His face to them

We are the salt of the earth...

Blessed are the ones who make peace
Loving others with the Saviour's love
Blessed are those bullied for their faith
Great in God's kingdom will be their reward

We are the salt of the earth...

(repeat chorus and at the end of the second time)

*We're gonna to shine, shine, shine
'til the night's no more*

Matt Mason & Mandi Mapes

Gospel reading: Matthew 5:1-12

3. Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them.

He said:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn,
for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek,
for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

4. Blessed are the merciful,
for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers,
for they will be called children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness,
for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

'Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Talk

We affirm our faith together

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

We sing

For all the saints who've shown your love
in how they live and where they move,
for mindful women, caring men,
accept our gratitude again.

For all the saints who loved your name,
whose faith increased the Saviour's fame,
who sang your songs and share your word,
accept our gratitude, good Lord.

For all the saints who named your will,
and showed the kingdom coming still
through selfless protest, prayer, and praise,
accept the gratitude we raise.

Bless all whose will or name or love
reflects the grace of heaven above.
Though unclaimed by earthly powers,
your life through theirs has hallowed ours.

John Bell

Intercessions

These responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer

(or)

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

The intercessions may end:

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

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.

Amen.

We say together the Lord's 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.**

Peacemakers who sow in peace
raise a harvest of righteousness.
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

We share the peace

We sing

Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before!
Christ, the royal Master,
leads against the foe;
Forward into battle,
see his banner go!

*Onward, Christian soldiers,
marching as to war,
With the cross of Jesus
going on before!*

At the sign of triumph
Satan's host doth flee;
On, then, Christian soldiers,
on to victory!
Hell's foundations quiver
at the shout of praise;
Brothers, lift your voices,
loud your anthems raise!

Like a mighty army
moves the church of God;
Brothers, we are treading
where the saints have trod;
We are not divided;
all one body we,
One in hope and doctrine,
one in charity.

Onward, then, ye people,
join our happy throng,
Blend with ours your voices
in the triumph song;
Glory, laud, and honour,
unto Christ the King;
This thro' countless ages
men and angels sing.

S. Baring-Gould

*We turn to our door or window as a sign of our
sharing our faith in the world. Then we say:*

**We go into the world, to walk in his light, to
rejoice in God's love and to reflect God's glory.**

The blessing

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good
things: may we who have worshipped together
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly
feast on the day of your kingdom;
And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.