

# Worship at a distance

## Evensong: All Saints 2020

*As ever in our online services, the system cannot cope with multiple people speaking, so please stay muted at all times unless you're reading, or preaching.*

### *Welcome and Introduction*

The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit: a broken and contrite heart, O God, thou wilt not despise.

*Psalm li. 17.*

To the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, though we have rebelled against him; neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he set before us.

*Daniel ix. 9, 10.*

### *Hymn.*

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*

Dearly beloved, the Scripture moveth us in sundry places to acknowledge and confess our manifold sins and wickedness; and that we should not dissemble nor cloak them before the face of almighty God our heavenly Father; but confess them with an humble, lowly, penitent and obedient heart; to the end that we may obtain forgiveness of the same by his infinite goodness and mercy. And although we ought at all times humbly to acknowledge our sins before God;

yet ought we most chiefly so to do, when we assemble and meet together to render thanks for the great benefits that we have received at his hands, to set forth his most worthy praise, to hear his most holy word, and to ask those things which are requisite and necessary, as well for the body as the soul. Wherefore I pray and beseech you, as many as are here present, to accompany me with a pure heart, and humble voice, unto the throne of the heavenly grace, saying:

**Almighty and most merciful Father, we have erred, and strayed from thy ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against thy holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But thou, O Lord, have mercy upon us, miserable offenders. Spare thou them, O God, which confess their faults. Restore thou them that are penitent; according to thy promises declared unto mankind in Christ Jesu our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of thy holy name. Amen.**

Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who desireth not the death of a sinner, but rather that he may turn from his wickedness and live; and hath given power, and commandment, to his ministers to declare and pronounce to his people, being penitent, the absolution and remission of their sins: he pardoneth and absolveth all them that truly repent and unfeignedly believe his holy gospel. Wherefore let us beseech him to grant us true repentance, and his Holy Spirit, that those things may please him which we do at this present; and that the rest of our life hereafter may be pure and holy; so that at the last we may come to his eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*Ferial versicles and responses (sung)*

O Lord, open thou our lips.

**And our mouth shall shew forth thy praise.**

O God, make speed to save us.

**O Lord, make haste to help us.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,  
and to the Holy Ghost;

**As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen.**

Praise ye the Lord.

**The Lord's Name be praised.**

*Psalm 148*

*We will say the psalm antiphonally, by which we mean  
that the leader will say the odd-numbered verses and  
the congregation say the even-numbered verses.*

*We all say the Gloria together.*

1 Praise ye the Lord.

Praise ye the Lord from the heavens:  
praise him in the heights.

**2 Praise ye him, all his angels:  
praise ye him, all his hosts.**

3 Praise ye him, sun and moon:  
praise him, all ye stars of light.

**4 Praise him, ye heavens of heavens,  
and ye waters that be above the heavens.**

5 Let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for he commanded, and they were created.

**6 He hath also stablished them for ever and ever:  
he hath made a decree which shall not pass.**

7 Praise the Lord from the earth,  
ye dragons, and all deeps:

**8 fire, and hail; snow, and vapour;  
stormy wind fulfilling his word:**

9 mountains, and all hills;  
fruitful trees, and all cedars:

**10 beasts, and all cattle;  
creeping things, and flying fowl:**

11 kings of the earth, and all people;  
princes, and all judges of the earth:

**12 both young men, and maidens;  
old men, and children:**

13 let them praise the name of the Lord:  
for his name alone is excellent;  
his glory is above the earth and heaven.

**14 He also exalteth the horn of his people,  
the praise of all his saints;  
even of the children of Israel,  
a people near unto him.**

**Praise ye the Lord.**

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.**

*Reading: Isaiah 65:1-17*

“See, I will create  
new heavens and a new earth.  
The former things will not be remembered,  
nor will they come to mind.  
But be glad and rejoice forever  
in what I will create,  
for I will create Jerusalem to be a delight  
and its people a joy.  
I will rejoice over Jerusalem  
and take delight in my people;  
the sound of weeping and of crying  
will be heard in it no more.

“Never again will there be in it  
an infant who lives but a few days,  
or an old man who does not live out his years;  
the one who dies at a hundred  
will be thought a mere child;  
the one who fails to reach a hundred  
will be considered accursed.  
They will build houses and dwell in them;  
they will plant vineyards and eat their fruit.  
No longer will they build houses and others live in  
them, or plant and others eat.  
For as the days of a tree,  
so will be the days of my people;  
my chosen ones will long enjoy  
the work of their hands.  
They will not labor in vain,  
nor will they bear children doomed to misfortune;  
for they will be a people blessed by the Lord,  
they and their descendants with them.  
Before they call I will answer;  
while they are still speaking I will hear.  
The wolf and the lamb will feed together,  
and the lion will eat straw like the ox,  
and dust will be the serpent’s food.  
They will neither harm nor destroy  
on all my holy mountain,”  
says the Lord.

### Office Hymn:

In heavenly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here:  
the storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid;  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed?

Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack:  
his wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen;  
bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
where darkest clouds have been;  
my hope I cannot measure,  
my path to life is free;  
my Saviour has my treasure,  
and he will walk with me.

Anna Letitia Waring

### Magnificat

*We sing the starting syllable for each verse slightly longer and the vertical bar “|” indicates where the note changes. We have a slight pause for breath at the asterisk “\*”. The phrase “and holy is his name” is sung softly. Because there are an odd number of verses, we use the second part of the tune for the next verse.*

My soul doth magni- | fy the | Lord :  
and my spirit hath re- | joiced in | God my | Saviour.

For he | hath re- | garded :  
the lowliness | of his | hand- | maiden.

For be- | hold, from | henceforth :  
all gener- | ations shall | call me | bless-ed.  
For he that is mighty hath | magnified | me :  
*(softly)* and | holy is his | name.

*(second part)* And his mercy is on | them that | fear  
him : throughout | all | gener- | ations.

He hath shewed strength | with his | arm :  
he hath scattered the proud in the imagin- | ation | of  
their | hearts.

He hath put down the mighty | from their | seat :  
and hath ex- | alted the | humble and | meek.

He hath filled the hungry with | good | things :  
and the rich he hath | sent | empty a- | way.

He remembering his mercy hath holpen his | servant  
Israel : as he promised to our forefathers, \*  
Abraham | and his | seed for | ever.

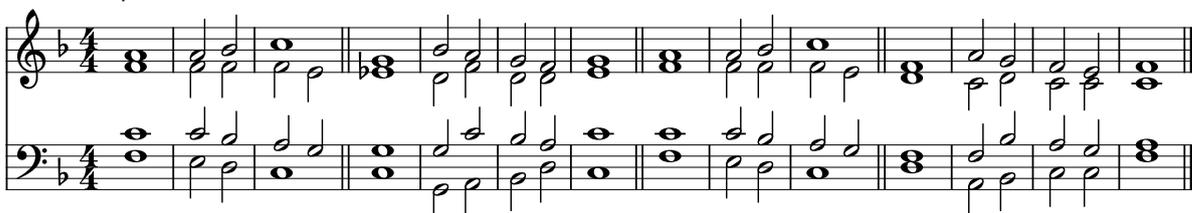
Glory be to the Father, and | to the | Son :  
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning \* ,  
is now, and | ever | shall be :  
world without | end. | A- | men.

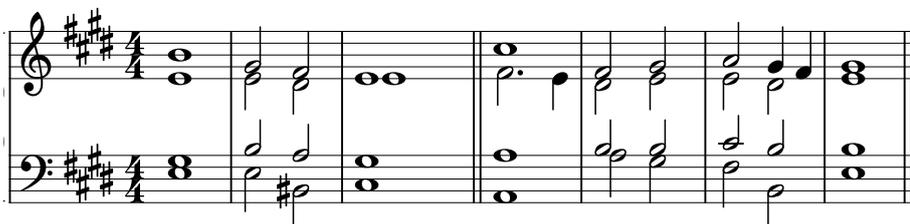
### New Testament Reading: Hebrews 11:22-12:2

And what more shall I say? I do not have time to tell about Gideon, Barak, Samson and Jephthah, about David and Samuel and the prophets, who through faith conquered kingdoms, administered justice, and gained what was promised; who shut the mouths of lions, quenched the fury of the flames, and escaped the edge of the sword; whose weakness was turned to strength; and who became powerful in battle and routed foreign armies. Women received back their dead, raised to life again. There were others who were tortured, refusing to be released so that they might gain an even better resurrection. Some faced jeers and flogging, and even chains and imprisonment. They were put to death by stoning; they were sawed in two; they were killed by the sword. They went about in sheepskins and goatskins, destitute, persecuted and mistreated—the world was not worthy of them. They wandered in deserts and mountains, living in caves and in holes in the ground.

These were all commended for their faith, yet none of them received what had been promised, since God had planned something better for us so that only together with us would they be made perfect.

Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, the pioneer and perfecter of faith. For the joy set before him he endured the cross, scorning its shame, and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God.





*We sing the Nunc dimittis*

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant de- | part in |  
peace : a | ccording to thy | word.

For mine | eyes have seen : thy | - sal- | va- | tion;

Which thou | hast pre- | pared :  
before the | face of | all | people;

To be a light to | lighten the | Gentiles :  
and to be the glory | of thy | people | Israel.

Glory be to the Father, and | to the Son :  
and | to the | Holy | Ghost;  
as it was in the beginning \* ,  
is now, and | ever | shall be :  
world without | end. | A- | men.

*Apostles' Creed*

**I believe in God the Father almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth:  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried.  
He descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic Church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting.  
Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**And with thy spirit.**

Let us pray.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Christ, have mercy upon us.**

Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Our Father, which art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;  
thy kingdom come;  
thy will be done,  
in earth as it is in heaven.**

**Give us this day our daily bread.**

**And forgive us our trespasses,  
as we forgive them that trespass against us.**

**And lead us not into temptation;  
but deliver us from evil. Amen.**

O Lord, shew thy mercy upon us.

**And grant us thy salvation.**

O Lord, save the Queen.

**And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.**

Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.

**And make thy chosen people joyful.**

O Lord, save thy people.

**And bless thine inheritance.**

Give peace in our time, O Lord.

**Because there is none other that fighteth for us, but  
only thou, O God.**

O God, make clean our hearts within us.

**And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.**

*The Collect of the Day*

O almighty God, who hast knit together thine elect in  
one communion and fellowship, in the mystical body  
of thy Son Christ our Lord: Grant us grace so to follow  
thy blessed Saints in all virtuous and godly living, that  
we may come to those unspeakable joys, which thou  
hast prepared for them that unfeignedly love thee;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Amen.**

*The Collect for Peace*

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels,  
and all just works do proceed;  
give unto thy servants that peace which the world  
cannot give; that both, our hearts may be set to obey  
thy commandments, and also that, by thee, we being  
defended from the fear of our enemies may pass our  
time in rest and quietness; through the merits of Jesus  
Christ our Saviour.

**Amen.**

*Collect for Aid against all Perils*

**Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord;  
and by thy great mercy defend us  
from all perils and dangers of this night;  
for the love of thy only Son, our Saviour,  
Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Anthem: Give us the wings of faith (Bullock)*

*Give us the wings of faith to rise  
Within the veil, and see  
The Saints above, how great their joys,  
How bright their glories be.*

*We ask them, whence their victory came  
They with one united breath  
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb  
Their triumph to His death.*

*They marked the footsteps that He trod,  
His zeal inspired their breast;  
And following their incarnate God  
They reached the promised rest.*

*Isaac Watts*

*Reflection*

*We sing*

Let saints on earth in concert sing  
with those whose work is done;  
for all the servants of our King  
in heaven and earth are one.

One family, we dwell in him,  
one church, above, beneath;  
though now divided by the stream,  
the narrow stream of death.

One army of the living God,  
to his command we bow:  
part of the host have crossed the flood,  
and part are crossing now.

E'en now to their eternal home  
there pass some spirits blest;  
while others to the margin come,  
waiting their call to rest.

Jesu, be thou our constant guide;  
then, when the word is given,  
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,  
and bring us safe to heaven.

*Charles Wesley*

*Collect for the Queen*

Almighty and everlasting God,  
we are taught by thy holy Word,  
that the hearts of kings are in thy rule and  
governance, and that thou dost dispose and turn  
them as it seemeth best to thy godly wisdom:  
we humbly beseech thee so to dispose and govern the  
heart of *Elizabeth* thy Servant, our *Queen* and  
Governor, that, in all her thoughts, words, and works,  
she may ever seek thy honour and glory,  
and study to preserve thy people committed to her  
charge, in wealth, peace, and godliness:  
grant this, O merciful Father, for thy dear Son's sake,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty and everlasting God,  
who alone workest great marvels,  
send down upon our bishops and curates,  
and all congregations committed to their charge,  
the healthful spirit of thy grace;  
and that they may truly please thee,  
pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing.  
Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our advocate and  
mediator, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

Almighty God,  
who hast given us grace at this time  
with one accord to make our common supplications  
unto thee; and dost promise that when two or three  
are gathered together in thy Name thou wilt grant  
their requests: fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and  
petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient  
for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy  
truth, and in the world to come life everlasting.

**Amen.**

Let us say the grace for each other:

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*We sing our final hymn  
(tune: "Christ is our cornerstone"):*

Glory to thee, O God, for all thy saints in light,  
who nobly strove and conquered  
in the well-fought fight.  
Their praises sing, who life outpoured  
by fire and sword for Christ their King.

Thanks be to thee, O Lord, for saints thy Spirit stirred  
in humble paths to live thy life and speak thy word.  
Unnumbered they whose candles shine  
to lead our footsteps after thine.

Lord God of truth and love,  
'thy kingdom come', we pray;  
give us thy grace to know thy truth and walk thy way;  
that here on earth thy will be done,  
till saints in earth and heav'n are one.

*H C A Gaunt*

May God himself, the God of peace,  
make us perfect and holy,  
and keep us safe and blameless,  
in spirit, soul and body,  
for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be among us and remain with us always.  
**Amen.**