

**ST ANDREW'S EPSOM
ALL SOUL'S CHORAL
EVENSONG**



**A COMMEMORATION OF THE
FAITHFUL DEPARTED
NOVEMBER 1, 2020**

In the New Testament “the saints” means “Christian believers”, that is, all the members of the church. Gradually the term “saint” came to mean the heroes of the faith, and that was how All Saints’ Day on 1 November was eventually regarded.

Odilo, the abbot of Cluny in the first half of the eleventh century, provided for the commemoration of all the departed on 2 November, and this Benedictine tradition spread throughout the church.

This Evensong service, held on the Sunday closest to All Souls’ Day, is an opportunity to remember all those we love and see no longer.

Choral Evensong has its origins in the ancient order of Saint Benedict which required the methodical regular recitation of the Biblical psalms, prayers and songs from the New Testament and early Church. Evensong is an amalgamation of the two Monastic Services of Vespers and Compline - so called because it ‘completed’ the service of the day.

The present order has remained unchanged for 400 years and in that time a great number of beautiful musical settings have been composed to enhance the service.

We hope that this service will give you an opportunity to give thanks for all that your loved ones have meant to you and to remember them before God. May you find comfort and peace in the words, music and silence.

If you would like support in your grief, please contact our pastoral care team co-ordinator, Lucy Best 021 350 480 or the parish office on 09 638 8264.

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THE CHOIR OF THE PARISH ST ANDREW EPSOM

SOLO VIOLINIST: KEIR GOGWILT

BARITONE SOLOIST: BEN UNDERHILL

VIOLIN SOLO

Keir GoGwilt

During which the choir and clergy process.

INTROIT The Souls of the Righteous

Music: Neil Shroff

HYMN

Blessed are the pure in heart,
for they shall see our God;
the secret of the Lord is theirs,
their soul is Christ's abode.

The Lord, who left the heavens,
our life and peace to bring,
to dwell in lowliness with us,
our pattern and our King.

Still to the lowly soul
himself he will impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooses the pure in heart.

Lord, we your presence seek;
our inner life renew;
give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple fit for you.

THE PREPARATION

In the name of God, Creator, Redeemer and Giver of life. **Amen.**

Dear friends, we have come together
in the name of Christ to offer our praise
and thanksgiving for those we love and see no longer,
to hear and receive God's holy word
to pray for the needs of others as well as ourselves,
and to seek comfort by the power of the Holy Spirit
that we may give comfort to others in their distress.

**Be present, Spirit of God,
within us your dwelling place and home,
that this house may be one where
all darkness is penetrated by your light,
all troubles calmed by your peace,
all evil transformed by your love,
and all dying restored in your risen life. Amen.**

Let us kneel and remember God's presence with us now.

All sit or kneel. The Vicar says:

For all the people
who have gone before us
who have spoken to our hearts
and touched us with your fire
We give you thanks, O God.

For all the people
who live beside us
whose weaknesses and strengths
are woven together with our own
We give you thanks, O God.

For all the people
who live beyond us
who challenge us
to change the world with them
We give you thanks, O God.

The Deacon and choir sing the Preces and Responses

Music: Neil Shroff

Deacon: O Lord, open thou our lips:

Choir: And our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Deacon: O God, make speed to save us:

Choir: O Lord to haste to help us.

All stand for the Doxology

Deacon: Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost:

Choir: as it was in the beginning, is now,
and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

Deacon: Praise ye the Lord.

Choir: The Lord's name be praised.

The congregation sits for the Psalm and stands for the Doxology (Glory be...)

Psalm 148

Chant: H Lawes

The congregation sits for the First Lesson

The First Lesson

Lamentations 3: 17-26, 31-33

The congregation sits for the Magnificat and stands for the Doxology.

The Magnificat

My soul doth magnify the Lord,
and my spirit hath rejoiced in God my Saviour.
For he hath regarded the lowliness of his handmaiden.
For behold, from henceforth all generations
shall call me blessed.
For he that is mighty hath magnified me,
And holy is his Name.
And his mercy is on them that fear him
throughout all generations.
He hath showed strength with his arm;
He hath scattered the proud in the imaginations
of their hearts.
He hath put down the mighty from their seat,
and hath exalted the humble and meek.
He hath filled the hungry with good things,
and the rich he hath sent empty away.
He remembering his mercy hath holpen
his servant Israel,
as he promised to our forefathers,
Abraham and his seed forever.

Luke 1:46

Doxology - all stand

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.

The congregation sits for the Second Lesson

The Second Lesson 1 Peter 1: 3-9

Remain seated for the Nunc Dimittis and stand for the Doxology.

The Nunc Dimittis

Lord, now lettest thou thy servant depart in peace,
according to thy word.

For mine eyes have seen thy salvation,
which thou hast prepared before the face of all people,
to be a light to lighten the Gentiles,
and to be the glory of thy people Israel.

Luke 2:29

Doxology - all stand

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.

HOMILY

Silence for reflection

All Stand for the **THE 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 Catholick Church;
the communion of Saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

The Deacon and choir shall sing

Deacon: The Lord be with you;

Choir: And with thy spirit,

Deacon: Let us pray: (*The Congregation kneels*)

Choir: Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christ, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy upon us.

The Lord's Prayer *is sung by the choir*

Deacon: O Lord, show thy mercy upon us;

Choir: And grant us thy salvation.

Deacon: O Lord, save the Queen;

Choir: And mercifully hear us when
we call upon thee.

Deacon: Endue thy Ministers with righteousness;

Choir: And make thy chosen people joyful,

Deacon: O Lord, save thy people;

Choir: And bless thine inheritance.

Deacon: Give peace in our time, O Lord,

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

Deacon: O God, make clean our hearts within us;

Choir: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Merciful God, your Son is the resurrection and the life of all the faithful;
raise us from the death of sin to the life of righteousness,
that at the last, with all your faithful servants,
we may come to your eternal joy;
through our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE SECOND COLLECT AT EVENING PRAYER

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.

THE THIRD 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.

THE ANTHEM

The Congregation sits while the Choir sings

Do not stand at my grave and weep

Music: H Goodall

THE COMMEMORATION OF THE FAITHFUL DEPARTED

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud, followed by a time of silence. A Violin Solo will follow.

When all the candles have been lit the Vicar prays
Caring God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises,
may all who have died in the peace of Christ
share with your saints in the joy of heaven
where there is neither sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting. **Amen.**

**Hear us, Loving God,
as we remember those
whom we have placed in your hands.
Enfold them in the arms of your love,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company
of all who now stand in your presence. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THANKSGIVING

Bidding: Hear us, risen Christ.

Response: Our resurrection and our life.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

During which the collection will be brought forward and blessed.

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
whose trust, ever childlike, no cares could destroy:
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
your bliss in our hearts, Lord,
at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe:
Be there at our labors, and give us, we pray,
your strength in our hearts, Lord,
at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace:
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
your love in our hearts, Lord,
at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm:
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
your peace in our hearts, Lord,
at the end of the day.

THE BLESSING

God grant to the living, grace;
to the departed, rest;
to all the world, peace and concord;
and to us and to every faithful servant, life everlasting:
and the blessing of God almighty,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
be with you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

**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.**

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