

### St Andrew's Church

Orford with Longford

**All Saints Day**

**5th November 2017**

#### THE GATHERING

**Introit hymn:** 232 ‘For all the saints’

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord. Let us keep the feast in honour of all God’s saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God. May the joy and peace of heaven be with you:

All: The Lord bless you.

Reader: Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

(After a period of silent reflection)

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Priest: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Reader: To our God belong victory, glory and power

All: for right and just are his judgements.

Reader: Praise our God, all you that serve him:

All: those who fear him, both small and great.

Reader: The Lord almighty has claimed his kingdom:

All: let us exalt, rejoice, and give him glory

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord

*(sing)* God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

**The Collect**: Let us pray that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints:

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**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the Revelation to John** *(Revelation 7. 9-17)*

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, "Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!" And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshiped God, singing, "Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God forever and ever! Amen."

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, "Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?" I said to him, "Sir, you are the one that knows." Then he said to me, "These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(remain seated)* 226 ‘Palms of glory, raiment bright’

**A reading from the First Letter of John** *(*1 John 3. 1-3)

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual Hymn:** 227 ‘Rejoice in God’s saints’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest: You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people,

called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

All: Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew *(Matt. 5. 1-12)*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying: ‘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. Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive 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 for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven. Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.’

This is the gospel of the Lord

**All: Praise to you, O Christ**

##### the sermon

Priest: We believe in one God,

**All: the Father, the almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Intercession *(please kneel)*

Priest: United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness:

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill:**  (4)Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith (3) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Barbara Cook, Kirsty Humphries, Val Carter, Bill Lowson(2)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington (1) Su Williams, Eleanor Moran, Carol Latimer, Kerrie Hadland, Vera Wood, Minnie Norman

* **those who have died:**
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time**

***Tuesday:***Geoffrey Loughead, Beryl Roberts

***Wednesday:***Mal Hogden

Leader: …by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

All: Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour and power,

be to our God for ever and ever. Amen

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

**The Peace**   *(please stand)*

Priest:We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: **and also with you**

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory hymn**: 462 ‘Here from all nations, all tongues and all peoples’

### EUCHARISTIC PRAYER E *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

Priest: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we give you thanks, most gracious God, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses and glorified in the assembly of your saints. The glorious company of apostles praise you. The noble fellowship of prophets praise you. The white-robed army of martyrs praise you. We, your holy Church, acclaim you. In communion with angels and archangels, and with all who served you on earth and worship you now in heaven, we raise our voice to proclaim your glory, for ever praising you *singing:*

All: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Priest: We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith:

All *(sing)*: Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest: Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Andrew and all the saintsto feast at your table in heaven. Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Priest: With saints and martyrs through the ages, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: 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. And 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.

Priest: We break this bread to share in the Body of Christ.

All: Though we are many, we are one body,

because we all share in one bread.

All: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

*(sing)* Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Priest: I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, “Alleluia”

The Lord our God has entered into his Kingdom.

All: Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

**Hymns During Communion:**

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| 1 | Ten thousand times ten thousand, in sparkling raiment bright,  The armies of the ransomed saints throng up the steeps of light:  ‘Tis finished! all is finished, their fight with death and sin;  Fling open wide the golden gates and let the victors in. |
| 2 | What rush of Alleluias fills all the earth and sky!  What ringing of a thousand harps bespeaks the triumph nigh!  O day, for which creation and all its tribes were made!  O joy, for all its former woes a thousand-fold repaid! |
| 3 | O then what raptured greetings on Canaan’s happy shore,  What knitting severed friendships up, where partings are no more!  Then eyes with joy shall sparkle that brimmed with tears of late:  Orphans no longer fatherless, nor widows desolate. |
| 4 | Bring near they great salvation, thou Lamb for sinners slain,  Fill up the roll of thine elect, then take thy power and reign:  Appear, Desire of Nations; thine exiles long for home;  Show in the heavens thy promised sign; thou Prince and Saviour, come. |

136 ‘Alleluia, alleluia, give thanks to the risen Lord’

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray: Lord of heaven, in this Eucharist you have brought us near to an innumerable company of angels and to the spirits of the saints made perfect: as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage we have shared their fellowship, so may we come to share their joy in heaven; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All: Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

Priest:God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

**Recessional Hymn:**

A faith that lives, Lord grant to us this day.

A faith that springs to life from love divine,

A faith that's nurtured by Christ's living word,

And strengthened by his gifts of bread and wine.

The saints and martyrs teach us how to live;

To fix our eyes on God and seek his ways,

To follow closely where they first have led,

And finding Christ, to serve him all our days.

Not by great deeds, nor martyrdoms alone,

But by each sacrifice of love and care,

By work well done, discomfort gladly borne,

By ceaseless watchfulness and patient prayer.

When days are dark, the voice of truth seems stilled,

Our hearts perplexed by doubt and fear and pain,

We turn to Christ, and our small sparks of faith,

By hope and love rekindled, blaze again.

Help us to keep the faith that saints hold dear,

And may our lives a living witness be,

That the whole world shall see our Risen Lord,

His kingdom come, and all mankind be free.

Praise be to God, Creator, Lord and King,

Who with the Son and Spirit ever gives -

Eternal hope, redeeming love divine,

And living, steadfast faith, a faith that lives!

Priest: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ.

**Services and Notices for the coming week:**

Tues 7th 7.00pm Christmas Choir Practice and Parish Office

Wed 8th 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 9th There will not be a celebration of the Eucharist this morning

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meets at the vicarage

**Next Sunday The Third Sunday before Advent (Remembrance Day)**

**(12th Nov) 10.00am Sung Eucharist and Act of Remembrance**

**Tea and Coffee:** are served at the back of church this week. Do join us.

**Visiting Group Meeting:** scheduled for Wednesday 8th has been postponed

**Christmas Fair:** Please spread the word, display posters and sell Grand Draw tickets! Bottles and prizes still welcome! More info in the Green Spire

**All Saints’ Day 5th November 2017**

Priest: United in the company of all the faithful and looking for the coming of the kingdom, let us offer our prayers to God, the source of all life and holiness.

Pause while the congregation kneel:

Reader: Merciful Lord, strengthen all Christian people by your Holy Spirit that we may be faithful followers of your word and live to praise your holy name.

*pause*

Bless Paul our bishop, and all ministers of your Church, that by faithful proclamation of your word we may be built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets into a holy temple in the Lord.

*pause*

Empower us by the gift of your Holy and Life-giving Spirit that we may be transformed into the likeness of Christ from glory to glory.

*pause*

Give to the world and its peoples the peace that comes from above, that they may find Christ’s way of freedom and life. We pray for Syria and Myanmar, for those affected by the attack in New York and all those places where people live in fear.

*pause*

Hold in your embrace all who witness to your love in the service of the poor and needy; all those who minister to the sick and dying; and all who bring light to those in darkness.

*pause*

Touch and heal all those whose lives are scarred by sin or disfigured by pain, that, raised from death to life in Christ, their sorrow may be turned to eternal joy. We pray for Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Barbara Cook, Kirsty Humphries, Val Carter, Bill Lowson, Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Eric Tickle, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Su Williams, Eleanor Moran, Carol Latimer, Kerrie Hadland, Vera Wood, Minnie Norman... and any who have asked our prayers personally.

*pause*

Hear our prayers for the faithful departed, both those who have died recently –and those whose anniversary of death falls at this time, Geoffrey Loughead, Beryl Roberts and Mal Hogden. Preserve us who live here in your faith, guide us to your kingdom, and grant us your peace at all times.

*pause*

Hasten the day when those who love you in every nation will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom.

*pause*

And so we give you thanks for the whole company of your saints in glory, with whom in fellowship we join our prayers and praises; by your grace may we, like them, be made perfect in your love.

**All: Blessing and glory and wisdom,**

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**A reading from the first letter of John**

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