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EAST BURWOOD



## *ALL SOULS*

### *Eucharist in Commemoration of the Faithful Departed*

‘I am the resurrection and the life,’ says the Lord. ‘Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.’

John 11.25–26

***Welcome to this Eucharist in commemoration of the faithful departed.***

***Entrance Hymn: TiS 129 “Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)”***

***Acclamation***

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God’s kingdom, now and for ever.**

The lighting of the Pascal Candle:

We light this candle to remind us that when God the Father raised Jesus from the dead, he defeated the power of death, and his light shines in the midst of the darkness of this world.

**May the light of Christ shine in our hearts and illuminate our way.**

We meet in the presence of God,

**who knows our needs, hears our cries,  
feels our pain and heals our wounds.**

***Prayer of Preparation:***

Let us pray.

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name,  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***Confession:***

As we acknowledge our human frailty, we call to mind our sins of word, deed, and omission, and confess them before God our Father.

*A silence for reflection is kept.*

Jesus Christ, risen Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy forgive us.

**Lord hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and fearful.

In your mercy forgive us.

**Lord hear us and help us.**

**We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.**

In your mercy forgive us.

**Lord hear us and help us.**

***Absolution***

### ***The Prayer of the Day:***

We thank you, loving God,  
for all your servants, known to us and unknown,  
who have departed this life in your faith and fear:  
give us grace so to follow their good examples,  
that with them we may be brought to a joyful resurrection,  
and be made partakers of your heavenly kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***The ministry of the Word:***

#### ***The first reading: Job 14.1-14***

'A mortal, born of woman, few of days and full of trouble,  
comes up like a flower and withers,  
flees like a shadow and does not last.

Do you fix your eyes on such a one?

Do you bring me into judgement with you?

Who can bring a clean thing out of an unclean?

No one can.

Since their days are determined,

and the number of their months is known to you,

and you have appointed the bounds that they cannot pass,

look away from them, and desist,

that they may enjoy, like labourers, their days.

'For there is hope for a tree,

if it is cut down, that it will sprout again,

and that its shoots will not cease.

Though its root grows old in the earth,

and its stump dies in the ground,

yet at the scent of water it will bud

and put forth branches like a young plant.

But mortals die, and are laid low;

humans expire, and where are they?

As waters fail from a lake,

and a river wastes away and dries up,

so mortals lie down and do not rise again;

until the heavens are no more, they will not awake

or be roused out of their sleep.

O that you would hide me in Sheol,

that you would conceal me until your wrath is past,

that you would appoint me a set time, and remember me!

If mortals die, will they live again?

All the days of my service I would wait

until my release should come.

For the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### ***Psalm 29***

**Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven:**

**ascribe to the Lord glory and might.**

**Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name:**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of his holiness.**

**The voice of the Lord is upon the waters:  
the God of glory thunders,  
the Lord upon the great waters.**

**The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation:  
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.**

**The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar-trees:  
the Lord breaks in pieces the cedars of Lebanon.**

**He makes them skip like a calf:  
Lebanon and Sirion like a young wild ox.**

**The voice of the Lord divides the lightning-flash:  
the voice of the Lord whirls the sands of the desert,  
the Lord whirls the desert of Kadesh.**

**The voice of the Lord rends the terebinth trees,  
and strips bare the forests:  
in his temple all cry ‘Glory.’**

**The Lord sits enthroned above the water-flood:  
the Lord sits enthroned as a king for ever.**

**The Lord will give strength to his people:  
the Lord will give to his people the blessing of peace**

***The second reading: 1 Corinthians 1. 2 - 9***

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind— just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you— so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

For the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

***Gradual hymn: TiS 628 “In Faith and Hope and Love”***

***The Gospel reading:***

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

The gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
according to John, chapter 5, beginning at verse 19

**Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, the Son can do nothing on his own, but only what he sees the Father doing; for whatever the Father does, the Son does likewise. The Father loves the Son and shows him all that he himself is doing; and he will show him greater works than these, so that you will be astonished. Indeed, just as the Father raises the dead and gives them life, so also the Son gives life to whomsoever he wishes. The Father judges no one but has given all judgement to the Son, so that all may

honour the Son just as they honour the Father. Anyone who does not honour the Son does not honour the Father who sent him. Very truly, I tell you, anyone who hears my word and believes him who sent me has eternal life, and does not come under judgement, but has passed from death to life. 'Very truly, I tell you, the hour is coming, and is now here, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live. For just as the Father has life in himself, so he has granted the Son also to have life in himself; and he has given him authority to execute judgement, because he is the Son of Man. Do not be astonished at this; for the hour is coming when all who are in their graves will hear his voice and will come out—those who have done good, to the resurrection of life, and those who have done evil, to the resurrection of condemnation.

For the gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.**

### ***The Sermon***

The Commemoration of the faithful departed

We are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.

**Death has no dominion over them.**

Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Let us pray:

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love  
those who have departed from us.  
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.**

*The names of those to be remembered are read aloud.  
During the reading you are invited to come forward and light tapers.  
A time of silence will be kept after all the names have been read.*

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord;  
**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

### ***The prayers of the people:***

Encouraged by our fellowship within the communion of the saints,  
let us remember the faithful departed and pray to God for the Church.  
In peace let us pray to the Lord.

Almighty God, who has knit together your elect in one communion and  
fellowship, in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Grant to your  
whole Church, here and in paradise, your light and peace. **Amen.**

Grant that all who have been baptized into Christ's death and resurrection  
may die to sin and rise to newness of life with him. **Amen.**

Grant to us, during our earthly pilgrimage, that your Holy Spirit may lead  
us in holiness and righteousness all our days. **Amen.**

Grant to your faithful people pardon and peace, that we may be cleansed from all our sins, and serve you with a quiet mind. **Amen.**

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence, that casting their grief upon you, they may know the consolation of your love. **Amen.**

Give courage to those who are bereaved, that they may pass these days in joyful expectation of eternal life with those they love. **Amen.**

Help us, in the midst of things we do not understand, to trust in the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, and the resurrection to eternal life. **Amen.**

Grant us, with all who have died in the hope of the resurrection, to have our consummation and bliss in your eternal and everlasting glory, and, with all your saints, to receive the crown of life which you promise to all who share in the victory of your Son Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

### ***The Greeting of Peace:***

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.  
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.  
The peace of the risen Christ be always with you  
**And also with you.**

### ***Offertory hymn: TiS 254 "O changeless Christ"***

### ***Prayer over the gifts:***

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.  
Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
**Blessed be God for ever.**

### ***The Great Thanksgiving:***

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, gracious God,  
creator of heaven and earth,  
giver of life, and conqueror of death.  
By his death on the cross,  
your Son Jesus Christ offered the one true sacrifice for sin,  
breaking the power of evil  
and putting death to flight.  
With all your saints  
**we give you thanks and praise.**

Through his resurrection from the dead  
you have given us new birth into a living hope,  
into an inheritance which is imperishable,  
undefiled, and unfading.

With all your saints

**we give you thanks and praise**

The joy of resurrection fills the universe, and so  
we join with angels and archangels, with all your  
Saints and with all your faithful people,  
evermore praising you and saying,

**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.**

Let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

**. . . Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

***The Lord's Prayer:***

**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.  
Save us from the time of trial  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
are yours, now and for ever. Amen.**

***The breaking of the bread:***

**We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

***Agnus Dei:***

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.**

***Invitation to communion:***

**Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ  
in remembrance that he died for us,  
and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.**



## ***The Communion***

### ***Prayer after Communion:***

Father of all,  
you gathered us here around the table of your Son:  
we have shared this meal with the saints and the whole household of God.  
In that new world where the fullness of your peace will be revealed,  
gather people of every race, language and way of life  
to share in the one eternal banquet of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Most loving God, you send us into the world you love.

**Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.**

## ***Notices***

### ***The Blessing***

***Final Hymn: TiS 458 "The day you gave us, Lord, is ended"***

### ***Dismissal:***

Neither death nor life can separate us  
from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Amen.**

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