Entrance Hymn

1. 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!

2. Thou wast their rock, their refuge and their might,
thou, Lord, the vision ever in their sight:
thou in the darkness drear their one true light.
Alleluia!

3. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
We feebly struggle, they in glory shine,
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine:
Alleluia!

4. The golden evening brightens in the west,
soon, soon to faithful pilgrims cometh rest:
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest:
Alleluia!

5. 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!

6. 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!

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.

New Testament Reading: Revelation 7.9–17

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 worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever 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.* **Thanks be to God.**

Responsorial Psalm: 34.1-10

O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.

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I will bless the Lord at all times; his praise shall ever be in my mouth. My soul shall glory in the Lord; let the humble hear and be glad. O magnify the Lord with me; let us exalt his name together. **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.** I sought the Lord and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears. Look upon him and be radiant and your faces shall not be ashamed. This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard me and saved me from all my troubles. **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.** The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him and delivers them. O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; blessed is the one who trusts in him. Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, for those who fear him lack nothing. Lions may lack and suffer hunger, but those who seek the Lord lack nothing that is good. **O taste and see that the Lord is gracious.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. ***Glory to you, O Lord.***

Gospel : Matthew 5.1–12

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,

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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* **Praise to you, O Christ.**

The Offertory Hymn

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

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

3. Still to the lowly soul
he doth himself impart,
and for his dwelling and his throne
chooseth the pure in heart.

4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
may ours this blessing be:
give us a pure and lowly heart,
a temple meet for thee.

Post Communion Prayer

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things: may we who have shared at this table as strangers and pilgrims here on earth be welcomed with all your saints to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Sending Hymn

1. O when the saints go marching in,
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I want to be in that number
when the saints go marching in.

2. O when they crown him Lord of all ...
3. O when all knees bow at his name ...
4. O when they sing the Saviour's praise …
5. O when the saints go marching in ...

Notices:

- The midweek Eucharist is at 12.30 on Wednesday.
- Our food and clothing banks are open on 10–12 am on Wednesdays
- Sunday 8th November: Remembrance Sunday
- Wednesday 10th November, 4 p.m. Celtic Evening prayer
- Sunday 15th November, 5 p.m. An evening of classical music for flute and oboe
- Monday 16th November 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. Youth Group, bring & share supper, night prayer.

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