



St Michael's Church • Sunday 1st November 2026 at 10am
In Commemoration of the Faithful Departed: A service of prayers and readings

Welcome

Opening Hymn 678 In Christ alone

Please stand

1. In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand.
2. In Christ alone! - who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied -
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live.
3. There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine -
bought with the precious blood of Christ.
4. No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Lighting of Easter Candle

Please remain standing

Priest: In the name of Christ, who died and was raised by the glory of the Father,
we welcome you: grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

We meet this morning to remember those who have gone before us, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

I have set the Lord always before me:

All: He is at my right hand, and I shall not fall.

Show us your mercy, O Lord:

All: And grant us your salvation.

For with you is the well of life:

All: And in your light shall we see light.

Confession and Absolution

Please sit or kneel

Priest: You raise the dead to life in the Spirit: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

Priest: You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart: Christ, have mercy.

All: Christ, have mercy.

Priest: You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided: Lord, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

A moment of silence.

The Collect of All Souls' Day

Hymn 799 The Lord's my Shepherd

Please stand

1. The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;
he makes me down to lie
in pastures green; he leadeth me
the quiet waters by.
2. My soul he doth restore again,
and me to walk doth make
within the paths of righteousness,
e'en for his own name's sake.
3. Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,
yet will I fear none ill;
for thou art with me, and thy rod
and staff me comfort still.
4. My table thou hast furnished
in presence of my foes;
my head thou dost with oil anoint,
and my cup overflows.
5. Goodness and mercy all my life shall surely follow me;
and in God's house for evermore my dwelling-place shall be.

Reading: 2 Samuel 18. 28 - end

Please sit

Priest: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

Refrain, All: My soul waits for the Lord.

Reading: Romans 8. 31b - end

Please sit

Priest: This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

Choir Anthem Lux Aeterna / Just as I Am (Burrell)

Gospel: John 20. 24-29

Please stand

Priest: This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ

Lighting of candles, during which we will sing Hymn 358 and the choir will sing

The Congregation is invited to come forward to light a candle in grateful memory of a loved one.

Hymn 358

1. Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found – we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
The Holy One, is here.
2. Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire, with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight – our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
3. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place: he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him. Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Commemoration

Please sit

Priest: You Christ are the King of glory,
You overcame the sting of death
You are seated at God's right hand in glory
Come then, Lord,

All: the eternal Son of the Father.

All: and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

All: we believe that you will come and be our judge.

All: and help your people, bought with the price of your own blood; and bring us with your saints to glory everlasting.

The names of those we remember are read aloud.

Prayer of Commendation

Hymn 594 Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side

Please stand

1. Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief and pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in every change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heavenly friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.
2. Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake,
all now mysterious shall be clear at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice, who ruled them while he dwelt below.
3. Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then you shall better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow, calm your fears.
Be still, my soul: for Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.
4. Be still, my soul: the hour is hastening on
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief and fear are gone,
sorrow forgotten, love's pure joy restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

Short Prayers of Intercession

Please sit or kneel

The Lord's Prayer

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. Amen.

Hymn 683 Jerusalem the golden

Please stand

1. Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not what joys await us there,
what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.
2. They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever with them, the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed are decked in glorious sheen.
3. There is the throne of David; and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast;
and they, who with their leader have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white.
4. O sweet and blessed country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country that eager hearts expect!
Jesu, in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest;
who art, with God the Father and Spirit, ever blest.

Closing Prayer

Please remain standing

The Dismissal and Blessing

Priest: The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you, the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you peace. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **All: Amen.**

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