



All-Age Service

Sunday 5 November 2017



The service is led by Revd Gareth Atha, Ben Merrell and the All-Age Team

★ We Gather Together

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.
**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.**

cf Revelation 7.9,12

Hymn

1. For all the saints, who from their
labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world
confessed,
thy Name, O Jesu, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress
and their Might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well
fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear, their one
true Light.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

3. The golden evening brightens in the
west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors cometh
rest;
sweet is the calm of paradise the blessed.
Alleluia, Alleluia!

4. 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, Alleluia!

5. 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, Alleluia!

Words: W. Walsham How

Tune: SINE NOMINE

★ Introduction to the theme

First Reading: Revelation 7.9-end

Introduction: Revd Gareth Atha

★We praise God Together

*Let everything that,
Everything that,
Everything that has breath
Praise the Lord.
(Repeat)*

Praise You in the morning,
Praise You in the evening,
Praise You when I'm young
And when I'm old.
Praise You when I'm laughing,
Praise You when I'm grieving,
Praise You every season of the soul.

If we could see how much You're worth,
Your power, Your might, Your endless love,
Then surely we would never cease to praise:

Chorus

Praise You in the heavens,
Joining with the angels,
Praising You forever and a day.
Praise You on the earth now,
Joining with creation,
Calling all the nations to Your praise.

If they could see how much You're worth,
Your power, Your might, Your endless love,
Then surely they would never cease to praise:

Chorus

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★We confess our sins

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love
with all the saints in earth and heaven.
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

Silence

You made us to be one family,
yet we have divided humanity.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

You were born a Jew to reconcile all people,
yet we have brought disharmony amongst races.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You rejoice in our differences,
yet we make them a cause of enmity.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May God our Father forgive us our sins,
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom
where dust and ashes have no dominion.
Amen.

★ We Praise God Together

Great, is the Lord and most worthy of praise,
the city of our God, the Holy place,
the joy of the whole earth.

Great, is the Lord in whom we have the victory,
he aids us against the enemy,
we bow down on our knees.

And, Lord we want to lift your name on high,
and, Lord we want to thank you
for the works you've done in our lives,
and, Lord we trust in Your unfailing love,
for you alone are God eternal,
throughout earth and heaven above.

Words and Music: Steve McEwan © 1985 Body Songs

*Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together*

*With cords that cannot be broken.
Bind us together, Lord,
Bind us together,
Bind us together with love.*

There is only one God,
There is only one King;
There is only one Body,
That is why we sing:

Made for the glory of God,
Purchased by His precious Son;
Born with the right to be clean,
For Jesus the victory has won.

You are the family of God,
You are the promise divine;
You are God's chosen desire,
You are the glorious new wine.

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★We Listen To God's Word

Second Reading: I John 3.1-3

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Third Reading: Matthew 5.1-12

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Sermon Revd Gareth Atha

★We Praise God Together

Praise is rising, eyes are turning to you
We turn to you
Hope is stirring,
hearts are yearning for you
We long for you

When we see you
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears
Are washed away, washed away

*Hosanna, Hosanna
You are the God who saves us
Worthy of all our praises*

*Hosanna, Hosanna
Come have Your way among us
We welcome You here, Lord Jesus*

Hear the sound of hearts returning to You
We turn to You
In Your kingdom
broken lives are made new
You make all things new

When we see you
We find strength to face the day
In Your presence all our fears
Are washed away, washed away

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★We Affirm Our Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

★We Pray Together

Prayers of Intercession

Just as I am:
I come.

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of Your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

We pray together

Collect

**God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**



We end by saying the Lord's Prayer together.

**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.**

Offertory Hymn

Ye servants of God, your Master proclaim,
and publish abroad his wonderful Name;
the Name all-victorious of Jesus extol:
his kingdom is glorious, and rules over all.

God ruleth on high, almighty to save;
and still he is nigh, his presence we have:
the great congregation his triumph shall sing,
ascribing salvation to Jesus our King.

Salvation to God who sits on the throne!
Let all cry aloud, and honour the Son.
The praises of Jesus the angels proclaim,
fall down on their faces, and worship the Lamb.

Then let us adore, and give him his right:
All glory and power, all wisdom and might,
and honour and blessing, with angels above,
and thanks never ceasing and infinite love.

Words: Charles Wesley

Tune: PADERBORN

May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.



***You are invited to join us for farewell refreshments for Gareth
and Rachael in the South Transept after the service.***