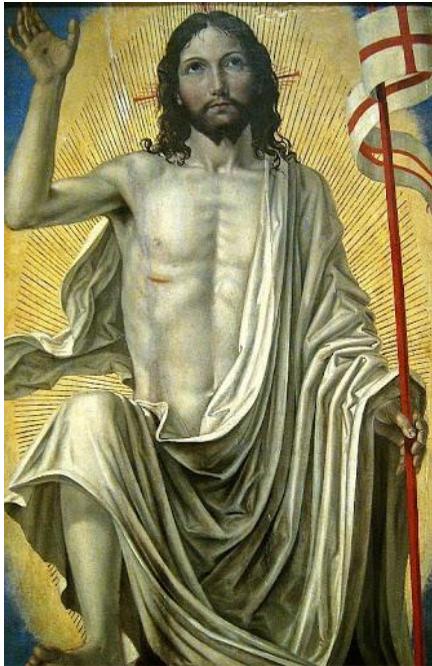


The Parish Church of St Matthew
Northampton

Monthly Requiem

live streaming from the Vicarage
during the Coronavirus Pandemic



Wednesday 25th November

7.30 pm

Order of Service

¶ The Gathering

All † In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.

May the Lord open to them the gates of paradise,
that they may return to that homeland where there is no death,
where eternal joy endures.

The Greeting

We meet in the name of Jesus Christ,
who died and was raised to the glory of God the Father.
Grace and mercy be with you
and also with you.

Introduction

We come together before the altar of God to remember the faithful departed, those who have died recently and those whose anniversary of death occurs at this time. We give thanks to God for their lives commending their souls to his gracious mercy and protection, and trusting in his love towards us all and to forgive and redeem us.

Invitation to Confession

Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree
that we might die to sin and live to righteousness;
let us come to him in penitence for our sins
and seek his mercy and forgiveness.

Silence for reflection

Confession

All **God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong that we have thought
and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Kyries

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love,
for they are everlasting.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,
according to your steadfast love.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

O keep my soul and deliver me;
let me not be put to shame, for I have put my trust in you.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Absolution

May the God of love bring you back to himself,
forgive † you your sins
and assure you of his eternal love in Jesus Christ our Lord.
All **Amen.**

The Collect

Let us pray:

Merciful Father,
hear our prayers and comfort us;
renew our trust in your Son, whom you raised from the dead;
strengthen our faith
that all who died in the love of Christ
will share in his resurrection;
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading Revelation 15:1-4

Reader A reading from the book of Revelation.

Then I saw another portent in heaven, great and amazing: seven angels with seven plagues, which are the last, for with them the wrath of God is ended.

And I saw what appeared to be a sea of glass mixed with fire, and those who had conquered the beast and its image and the number of its name standing beside the sea of glass with harps of God in their hands. And they sing the song of Moses, the servant of God, and the song of the Lamb:

‘Great and amazing are your deeds,
Lord God the Almighty!
Just and true are your ways,
King of the nations!
Lord, who will not fear
and glorify your name?
For you alone are holy.
All nations will come
and worship before you,
for your judgements have been revealed.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 98:1-3, 7-9

Sing to the Lord a new song,
for he has done marvellous things.
His own right hand and his holy arm
have won for him the victory.

All How great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty.

The Lord has made known his salvation;
his deliverance has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.
He has remembered his mercy and faithfulness
towards the house of Israel,
and all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God.

All How great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty.

Let the sea thunder and all that fills it,
the world and all that dwell upon it.
Let the rivers clap their hands
and let the hills ring out together before the Lord,
for he comes to judge the earth.
In righteousness shall he judge the world
and the peoples with equity.

All How great and wonderful are your works, Lord God almighty.

Holy Gospel

Luke 21:12-19

Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia.
Do not fear what you are about to suffer. Be faithful unto death,
and I will give you the crown of life.

All Alleluia.

**All The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to them, 'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Prayers of the Faithful

In peace let us pray to the Lord
and remember before God all who have gone from this world,
commending them to his gracious care and keeping:

You are the God who descended to the place of the dead
and set free the captives.

We pray to you, O Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

You are the God who rose gloriously from the dead.

We pray to you, O Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

For the repose of all your servants departed this life,
for those who have died recently ...
and those whose anniversary of death falls this month ...

We pray to you, O Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

We ask of you mercy and remission for all their sins.

We pray to you, O Lord:

All **Lord, have mercy.**

That you will establish them in your eternal kingdom
and give them the vision of your glory.

We pray to you, O Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

Grant to all who mourn a sure confidence in your loving care,
that casting all their sorrow on you,
they may know your heavenly consolation.

We pray to you, O Lord:

All Lord, have mercy.

Silence is kept

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with all your saints,
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.
Make them to be numbered with Blessed Mary
and the whole company of the redeemed in glory everlasting.

† Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All and let light perpetual shine upon them.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed,
through the mercy of God rest in peace,

All and rise in glory. Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

Sign of Peace

Jesus said: Peace I leave with you. My peace I give to you.
Not as the world gives do I unto you.
Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid.

**All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.**

As we are able, let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Invitation to Prayer

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God,
the almighty Father.

All **May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands
for the praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of all his Church.**

Prayer over the Gifts

O Lord, be attentive to our prayers
for your servants departed this life,
and through this sacrifice of conciliation and praise
graciously add them to the company of your saints.
Through Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Christ our Lord.

In him the hope of blessed resurrection has dawned,
that those saddened by the certainty of dying
might be consoled by the promise of immortality to come.

Indeed for your faithful people, Lord,
life is changed not ended,
and, when this earthly dwelling turns to dust,
an eternal dwelling is made ready for them in heaven.

And so, with angels and archangels,
and with all the hosts and powers of heaven,
we sing the hymn of your glory,
evermore praising you and saying:

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

All Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world,
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup.
Welcome into your kingdom our departed brothers and sisters
and all who have left this world in your friendship.
In the company of Mary, the Virgin Mother of God,
and all the saints,
may we with them praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Blessed Sacrament is elevated and bells are rung

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray for the coming of God's kingdom
where there will be neither sorrow nor weeping:

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Jesus says, I am the bread of life,
whoever eats this bread will live for ever.

All **Lord, our hearts hunger for you;
give us this bread always.**

Agnus Dei

All **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,
have mercy on us.**

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

Giving of Communion

We await a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ, who will change our mortal bodies to conform with his glorified body.

Spiritual Communion – *for those at home*

It is an ancient practice of the Church that, when you are prevented from attending the Holy Eucharist, people are invited to express, in the words of St Thomas Aquinas, “an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Holy Sacrament and a loving embrace as though we had already received Him.” Therefore, during this time you are invited to pray this prayer, which may be said as often as you desire:

Act of Reception

All **In union, blessed Jesus,
with the faithful gathered at every altar of your Church
where your blessed Body and Blood are offered this day,**

(and remembering particularly my own parish ...)

**I long to offer you praise and thanksgiving,
for creation and all the blessings of this life,
for the redemption won for us by your life, death,
and resurrection,
for the means of grace and the hope of glory.**

(and particularly for the blessings given me ...)

**I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament,
and, since I cannot at this time receive communion,
I pray you to come into my heart.**

**I unite myself with you and embrace you with all my heart,
my soul, and my mind.**

**Let nothing separate me from you;
let me serve you in this life until, by your grace,
I come to your glorious kingdom and unending peace.**

Amen.

Prayer after Communion

Let us pray:

Please stand

Almighty God,
grant that your servants who have journeyed from this world,
may by the offering of this sacrifice be cleansed and freed from sin
and so receive the everlasting joys of the resurrection
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

**Heavenly Father,
in your Son Jesus Christ
you have given us a true faith and a sure hope.
Strengthen this faith and hope in us all our days,
that we may live as those who believe in
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins
and the resurrection to eternal life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

¶ Sending Out

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son †, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

The Dismissal

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

The Mass is ended, go in peace.

All

Thanks be to God.