

Psalm 24

The saints are those women and men who have a clear unadulterated focus on the love of God. This psalm, originally part of the worship of the autumn festival whose climax is the appearance of YHWH as King, is very appropriate for this great Christian festival. The psalm throws into relief two important fundamentals of Old Testament religion which apply directly to being a saint. First, there is a strong and joyful confidence which is created by the fact that the faithful believer is permitted to enter into communion with such a powerful God. Communion lies at the heart of being a saint, communion with Jesus and all those who have followed Jesus absolutely. We talk of the Communion of Saints. Secondly, the immense greatness force of the responsibility which is laid upon the faithful believer in the face of the demands made on him by God. Clean hands and a pure heart are at the heart of true sanctity. But the saints tell us this is possible that is why their lives should be studied and copied. The psalm concludes with a wonderful and powerful image of worship. The King of Glory who is ruler of the world and the Church is present in our liturgy and adoration as we sing his praises, receive his Word and feed on him in the Eucharist. Thus we receive grace in abundance that we may become saints: adopted Sons and Daughters of God in Jesus Christ.

Elements of the Mass

The Litany

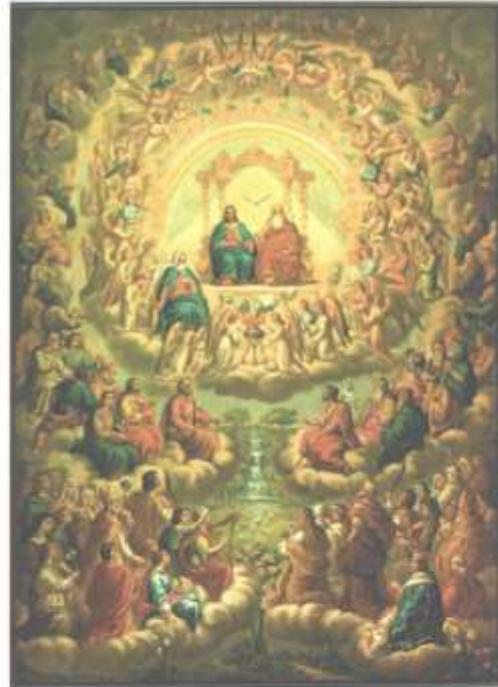
The Litany of the Saints is a very powerful and beautiful prayer to be used by the whole church. It begins with an invocation of the Holy Trinity centering all that we do on God; it then continues by asking the saints to pray for us. The name of saint is said or sung by the person leading the litany and then we all respond 'pray for us'. Very often the saints are gathered together into different categories such as apostles, martyrs, religious, virgins, doctors, and holy men and women. The litany is the way in which ask the church in heaven to join in prayer with us. It is used at baptisms, confirmations and ordinations as a way to unite our prayers on earth with those in heaven. In the litany we are not praying to the saints but rather asking those we know to be in heaven to pray to God for us, just as you might ask a family member or friend to pray for you. The saints are our heavenly family and friends. This All Saints' Day you might like to write a Litany of the Saints for yourself including your patron saints and those whose prayers you wish to call upon. You can then pray that litany each day uniting your prayers with those of heaven.



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Be happy!



The Beatitudes – or the 'Blessings' take us to the heart of both Jesus' teaching and his life. Sometimes they have been rendered into English by saying 'Happy are those who are persecuted', and 'happy are those who mourn.' It does have a rather strange ring to modern ears, as the pursuit of happiness is the pursuit of pleasure and leisure. Happiness is the product of 'good times' and we would not associate happiness with any aspect of life that is the least unpleasant. But the idea of 'happiness' does open up a fuller understanding of what being blessed means. Being blessed means being brought into a relationship with God, which is intimate and is a sharing of his life and purpose. Being blessed is to have our life and actions brought into the centre of the sphere of God's love. This must be the place unassailable security and peace; a place where nothing can separate us from him and where we are assured that we belong to him for eternity; that is true happiness.

From the Fathers

We should not only want to be with the saints, we should also hope to possess their happiness. While we desire to be in their company, we must also earnestly seek to share in their glory. Do not imagine that there is anything harmful in such an ambition as this; there is no danger in setting our hearts on such glory.

From *Sermon 2*, by Bernard of Clairvaux (1090-1153, Abbot)

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ALL SAINTS' DAY (*Transferred*)

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Welcome to our services today.

9.15am Sung Mass at All Saints'

11am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

WEEKDAY MASS

Wednesday 7th November *Feria*

7.30pm at Holy Trinity *MU Corporate Communion*

(7pm Exposition of The Blessed Sacrament)

NEXT SUNDAY - REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

(32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time)

NO Sung Mass at All Saints'

10.30am Sung Mass at Holy Trinity - please note the

change of time and see the item below

6pm Evensong and Benediction at Holy Trinity

Psalm Response:

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

Gospel Acclamation:

Cantor: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Cantor: Come to me, all you who labour and are overburdened, and I will give you rest, says the Lord.

People: Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

(Alleluia is repeated after the Gospel reading.)

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY 2018 - 11th November at Holy Trinity 10.30am. After the service we will move to the memorial hall for the ceremony there. Our service will be a Mass dedicated to Remembrance Day which also marks the 100th Anniversary of the end of the First World War.

INSTITUTION of Canon Fr William Perry - Tuesday 20th November, 7.30pm at Holy Trinity as Vicar of the parishes of Hawley and Minley. Please continue to pray for Fr William as he prepares to move parishes and also for the parish of Holy Trinity, Millbrook, Southampton now in an Interregnum. **Please sign up on the sheet in the porch if you are intending to attend, thank you.**

CHRISTMAS OPEN EVENING at The Triangle Caf  and Christian Resource Centre, 64 Kingsmead. Wed 7th Nov 7pm - 9.30pm. Please support this annual event if you can.

MU Corporate Communion this Wednesday, November 7th 7.30pm at Holy Trinity.

HAMS, our men's group, and the Mothers Union will join forces for a joint meeting at 8:15pm in Trinity Hall on Monday 12th November. We welcome back Retd. Major Ian Mattison who will speak to us on a "Christian journey through Bosnia, Kosovo and Sierra Leone." All members of our congregations are welcome to come along.

2019 PILGRIMAGE TO WALSINGHAM - has been booked for 2nd - 5th September. To ensure a place please let Pauline Scott have the first non-refundable deposit of  10 as soon as possible, please. Thank you.

HOLLY FAIR

Saturday 17th November, All Saints' Hall 11.30am - 2pm. Lots more donations and helping hands are needed to make this year's Holly Fair a success.

Please use the collection boxes in the porches at both churches or hand your items to Diane Brown, Rachael Robertson or Jim Rapley. Thank you!

Hamper Raffle (Anne Lyster - extra helper needed):

festive food and drink items (non-perishable), table items (e.g. crackers, napkins).

Chocolate tombola (Jim Rapley - extra helper needed): bars, biscuits, confectionery - all chocolate treats welcome!

Guess the weight of the Cake - stall holder wanted - cake provided!

White Christmas (Diane Brown). White gifts for the home and any Christmas items - candles etc.

Pre-loved Jewellery (Diana Shaul). Unwanted jewellery and accessories (no pierced earrings, thank you).

Cakes (Mother's Union). Offers of cakes and baked goods please.

Board Games and Puzzles (Keith Blanchard)

Crafts (Barbara Blanchard)

Winter Garden (Rachael Robertson)

Help for Heroes.

Soup lunches and refreshments (Joan Dimmick + helpers).

TEA AT TWO AT ALL SAINTS' - Fridays at All Saints' 2pm - 4pm. Great tea, cake and conversation. We look forward to seeing you.

CHRISTMAS CARDS - some members of the congregation have indicated that they would prefer donating money to charity instead of sending cards to their friends in the congregation. (This is already being done by some of us.) Obviously the choice is entirely up to the individual. There are, of course, a lot of deserving causes who could benefit from this decision.

WEEKLY SHEET ITEMS - should be sent by Wednesday morning to pauline_scott@icloud.com thank you.

Such are the men who seek your face, O Lord.

