OOS HC Sunday 1st NOVEMBER 2026 – All Saints Sunday

THE GATHERING

Words of welcome or introduction

Opening Hymn: #148 For All The Saints

INVITATION TO CONFESSION – *Please be seated*

The president says

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

(All) Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.

THE ABSOLUTION

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and keep *you* in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

COLLECT FOR ALL SAINTS SUNDAY

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.

CHILDREN LEAVE FOR SUNDAY CLUB

THE FIRST READING: Revelation 7:9-17 (NIVUK)

The great multitude in white robes

9 After this I looked, and there before me was a great multitude that no one could count, from
every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb. They
were wearing white robes and were holding palm branches in their hands. 10 And they cried out
in a loud voice:
'Salvation belongs to our God,
who sits on the throne,
and to the Lamb.'
11 All the angels were standing round the throne and round the elders and the four living
creatures. They fell down on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, 12 saying:
'Amen!
Praise and glory
and wisdom and thanks and honour
and power and strength
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen!'
13 Then one of the elders asked me, 'These in white robes – who are they, and where did they
come from?'
14 I answered, 'Sir, you know.'
And he said, 'These are they who have come out of the great tribulation; they have washed their
robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. 15 Therefore,
'they are before the throne of God
and serve him day and night in his temple;
and he who sits on the throne
will shelter them with his presence.
16 "Never again will they hunger;
never again will they thirst.
The sun will not beat down on them,"
nor any scorching heat.
17 For the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd;
"he will lead them to springs of living water."
"And God will wipe away every tear from their eyes."

This is the word of the Lord
(All) Thanks be to God

SECOND READING – Psalm 34:1-10

Of David. When he pretended to be insane before Abimelek, who drove him away, and he left.

1 I will extol the Lord at all times;
his praise will always be on my lips.
2 I will glory in the Lord;
let the afflicted hear and rejoice.
3 Glorify the Lord with me:
let us exalt his name together.

[4] I sought the Lord, and he answered me;
he delivered me from all my fears.
[5] Those who look to him are radiant;
their faces are never covered with shame.
[6] This poor man called, and the Lord heard him;
he saved him out of all his troubles.
[7] The angel of the Lord encamps around those who fear him,
and he delivers them.
[8] Taste and see that the Lord is good;
blessed is the one who takes refuge in him.
[9] Fear the Lord, you his holy people,
for those who fear him lack nothing.
[10] The lions may grow weak and hungry,
but those who seek the Lord lack no good thing.

This is the word of the Lord
(All) Thanks be to God

THE SERMON – Revd. Vivian Sockett

THE NICENE CREED – *Please stand if you are able*
(All) We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Please be seated

Response at the end of each prayer
(Leader) Lord in your mercy,
(All) hear our prayer

Merciful Father,
(All) accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE PEACE – *Please stand if you are able*

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near. *(Ephesians 2.19,17)*
The peace of the Lord be always with you.
(All) And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All who have a practice of taking communion are welcome to receive the sacrament.
Please hold out your hands for a wafer.
Gluten-free wafers are available upon request as you arrive at the front.
If you prefer to receive a blessing, come forward and keep your hands crossed across your chest.

OFFERTORY HYMN: #783 Ye holy angels bright?

The Prayer of Preparation
Generous and gracious God,
receive and bless these gifts for your holy work;
and bless everyone who offers them to you.
(All) Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer H
The Lord is here.
(All) His Spirit is with us.
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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.
(All) You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
(All) He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
(All) Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.
(All) Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.
(All) As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:
(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.

The Lord's Prayer
Being made one by the power of the Spirit,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us, each in our own language.

(All) Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come;
your will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Breaking of the Bread
We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
(All) Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.

Giving of Communion
God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.
All **Jesus Christ is holy,**
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

People come forward for communion

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION
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.

THE NOTICES

CLOSING HYMN: By Faith
By faith we see the hand of God
In the light of creation's grand design,
In the lives of those who prove

His faithfulness
Who walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith our fathers roamed the earth
With the pow'r of His promise in
their hearts
Of a holy city built by God's own hand,
A place where peace and justice reign.

We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the
work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the prophets saw a day
When the longed-for Messiah
would appear
With the pow'r to break the chains of
sin and death
And rise triumphant from the grave!

By faith the church was called to go,
In the pow'r of the Spirit, to the lost,
To deliver captives and to preach
good news
In ev'ry corner of the earth.

We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the
work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

By faith the mountain shall be moved,
And the pow'r of the gospel shall prevail,
For we know in Christ all things
are possible,
For all who call upon His name.

We will stand as children of the promise.
We will fix our eyes on Him,
our soul's reward.
Till the race is finished and the
work is done,
We'll walk by faith and not by sight.

THE DISMISSAL

Blessing

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations,
Give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory;
and the blessing …

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
go in the peace of Christ.
(All) Thanks be to God.