

**Church of St Leonard, Southminster**  
**Church of St Lawrence and All Saints, Steeple**  
**Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> October 2022**  
**All Saints' Day**

**Reading 1:** Ephesians 1:11-23

**Gospel:** Luke 6: 20-31

**Preparation**

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.**

**Hymn:** Majesty, worship His Majesty

(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SNnTFDNPT3U>

**Opening Prayer**

Let us pray.

**Come, Holy Spirit,**  
**fill the hearts of your faithful people,**  
**and kindle in us the fire of your love;**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Invitation to Confession**

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of love  
with all the saints in earth and heaven.

Knowing our unworthiness and sin,  
let us ask from Him both mercy and forgiveness.

*Silence for personal reflection*

**Confession:**

**Lord God, we have sinned against you;**  
**we have done evil in your sight.**

**we are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.**

**Wash away our wrongdoings and cleanse us from our sin.**

**Renew a right spirit within us and restore us to the joy of your salvation,**  
**through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## **Absolution**

May God our love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in  
Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Reading 1:** Ephesians 1: 11-23

<sup>11</sup> In him we were also chosen, having been predestined according to the plan of him who works out everything in conformity with the purpose of his will, <sup>12</sup> in order that we, who were the first to put our hope in Christ, might be for the praise of his glory. <sup>13</sup> And you also were included in Christ when you heard the message of truth, the gospel of your salvation. When you believed, you were marked in him with a seal, the promised Holy Spirit, <sup>14</sup> who is a deposit guaranteeing our inheritance until the redemption of those who are God's possession – to the praise of his glory.

### *Thanksgiving and prayer*

<sup>15</sup> For this reason, ever since I heard about your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all God's people, <sup>16</sup> I have not stopped giving thanks for you, remembering you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I keep asking that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the glorious Father, may give you the Spirit of wisdom and revelation, so that you may know him better. <sup>18</sup> I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his

holy people, <sup>19</sup> and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength <sup>20</sup> he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and

authority, power and dominion, and every name that is invoked, not only in the present age but also in the one to come. <sup>22</sup> And God placed all things under his feet and appointed him to be head over everything for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.

*This is the word of the Lord.*

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel:** Luke 6: 20-31

<sup>20</sup> Looking at his disciples, he said:

'Blessed are you who are poor,  
for yours is the kingdom of God.

<sup>21</sup> Blessed are you who hunger now,

for you will be satisfied.  
Blessed are you who weep now,  
for you will laugh.  
<sup>22</sup> Blessed are you when people hate you,  
when they exclude you and insult you  
and reject your name as evil,  
because of the Son of Man.  
<sup>23</sup> 'Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, because great is your reward in heaven. For that is how their ancestors treated the prophets.  
<sup>24</sup> 'But woe to you who are rich,  
for you have already received your comfort.  
<sup>25</sup> Woe to you who are well fed now,  
for you will go hungry.  
Woe to you who laugh now,  
for you will mourn and weep.  
<sup>26</sup> Woe to you when everyone speaks well of you,  
for that is how their ancestors treated the false prophets.

### *Love for enemies*

<sup>27</sup> 'But to you who are listening I say: love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, <sup>28</sup> bless those who curse you, pray for those who ill-treat you. <sup>29</sup> If someone slaps you on one cheek, turn to them the other also. If someone takes your coat, do not withhold your shirt from them. <sup>30</sup> Give to everyone who asks you, and if anyone takes what belongs to you, do not demand it back. <sup>31</sup> Do to others as you would have them do to you.'

*This is the gospel of the Lord.*

***Praise to you O Christ.***

**Talk:** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=RotDsvuK1So> (Click link)

**Hymn:** Make me a channel of your peace  
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lkgDdlpB4EA>

### **The Creed:**

*Let us declare our faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

**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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession:**

As we are gathered at the season when we remember all the saints that have gone before us, help us remember that when the word was used in New Testament times it was used to represent all the people gathered in a particular place. Therefore, Lord help us to feel the presence of your Holy Spirit with us that we may feel part of the body of Saints that have gone before us and may that Spirit remind us that, regardless of how or where people worship you, they are part of the body of Saints just as we are. Lord remember your holy church that is from one end of the earth to the other. Bring her peace, end her schisms, and receive us all in your kingdom.

We give thanks for the lives of all those who have supported and guided us on our own journeys of faith. Remember, Lord, those who bear good fruit and do good work in your holy church, those who are concerned for the poor and those in need and help us to be among them whether by supporting charities such as Christian Aid or more directly by offering practical help for people in our community and we bring such organisations and people before you and ask you to bless their work.

We give thanks for the saints and heroes of the church, for their examples of faith and courage. Remember, Lord, those who have trod the path of holiness before us; those who live in virginity, poverty and discipline for your sake; and those who live lives of holiness, prayer and service, that they may find due rest in you.

We pray for ourselves and each other as we seek to obey God's calling to us to be saints.

Remember, Lord, every person, especially those afflicted, oppressed, or suffering and in need of your mercy and help. We do not have to look very far to find examples both here and further afield. We hear many stories of people affected by the cost-of-living crisis and we thank you for those who are doing what they can to alleviate the problems. To this end we pray that you will give wisdom to the new Government as it grapples with the problems it faces both in this area and with the other pressing issues such as Climate Change and the ongoing war in Ukraine.

We also continue to pray for those known personally to us and those only known as names in the Bulletin sheet. Where we can help us to offer practical hope. Make us children of light; and bestow on us your love and peace.

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

### **The 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.**

**The Lord's Prayer:**

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as 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 forever.  
**Amen.**

*Let us pause for a moment to bring ourselves  
and all that we offer to God and give Him thanks.*

**Generous God,  
creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
at your table we present ourselves and our gifts,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use us, in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name.  
Amen.**

**Hymn:** Praise my soul the King of heaven  
(Click link) <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GyRIVbdsi4c>

**Blessing:**

God give you grace to follow his saints  
in faith and hope and love;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Conclusion**

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