**Introduction**

**All Souls’ Day**

For more than a thousand years Christians around the world have set aside the 1st of November, All Saints’ Day, to celebrate the lives of all those who have gone before us, and the 2nd of November, All Souls’ Day, to remember departed loved ones and mourn their passing.* Both feasts remind us that all Christians, on earth and in heaven, are united in a communion of prayer and an unending hymn of praise. Although we weep that those we love have gone from our lives, we can take comfort in the knowledge that they ‘rejoice with us, but on another shore, and in a greater light’, in the heavenly city where mourning and crying and pain will be no more.

* All Saints is now commonly celebrated on the Sunday nearest to November 1, and at New College we transfer All Souls to the preceding Saturday.
Music in today’s service: Palestrina, Missa pro defunctis.

The Gathering

All stand as the choir sings the Introit:

Requiem aeternam dona eis, Domine, et lux perpetua luceat eis.
Te decet hymnus Deus, in Sion, et tibi reddetur votum in Jerusalem.
Exaudi orationem meam; ad te omnis caro veniet.

Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
You, O God, shall receive due praise in Sion: and a vow shall be made for you in Jerusalem. Hear my prayer; all flesh shall come to you.

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

President  The Lord be with you
All       and with your spirit.

The President introduces the service.

Prayers of Penitence

President  As we come together to remember those we love
who have gone before us,
we acknowledge our human frailty;
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission;
and confess them before God our Father.

President  God our Father,
All       We acknowledge our transgressions,
and our sin is ever before us.
We have sinned against you;
and have done evil in your sight.
Have mercy on us according to your unfailing love,
wash away our wickedness 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.

The choir sings:

Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.

Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

President May God our father have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins, and bring you to everlasting life.

All Amen.

The Collect

President Let us pray for the peace and well-being of the whole Church.

Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son’s saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

All sit for the reading.

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Lamentations 3.17-26, 31-33 read by Dr Anna Blomley, Esmée Fairbairn Junior Research Fellow in Classics.

At the end the reader says:
This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

The choir sings the Gospel Acclimation:


Alleluia. Grant them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Alleluia.

President The Lord be with you.
All And with your spirit.
President Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: John 5.19-25

After the Gospel:

President This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily
The Dean of Divinity
The Liturgy of the Sacrament

All stand

The Peace

President Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your hearts be troubled, neither let them be afraid. The peace of the risen Lord be always with you.

All And with your spirit.

All sit while the choir sings the Offertory

Domine, Jesu Christe, rex gloriae, libera animas omnium fidelium defunctorum de poenis inferni et de profundo lacu; libera eas de ore leonis, ne absorbeat eas tartarus, ne cadant in obscum; sed signifer Sanctus Michael repraesentet eas in lucem sanctam; Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eius.

Hostias et preces tibi, Domine, laudis offerimus; tu suscipe pro animabus illis, quarum hodie memoriam facimus. Fac eas, Domine, de morte transire ad vitam. Quam olim Abrahae promisisti et semini eius.

O Lord Jesu Christ, King of Glory, deliver the souls of all the faithful departed from the pains of hell, and from the bottomless pit; from the lion’s mouth, that hell may not swallow them up, that they fall not into darkness; But may the holy standard-bearer Michael lead them to the holy light, as you promised of old to Abraham and his seed.

We offer you, O Lord, this sacrifice of prayer and praise; accept it for the souls whom we remember today. Enable them, O Lord, to pass over from death to life, as you promised of old to Abraham and his seed.
All stand for the Offertory prayer.

President
Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement;
draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise
a dwelling place for your glory.

All
Blessed be God forever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

President
The Lord be with you.

All
And with your spirit.

President
Lift up your hearts.

All
We lift them up unto the Lord.

President
Let us give thanks unto the Lord our God.

All
It is meet and right so to do.

President
Blessed are you, gracious God,
creator of heaven and earth,
giver of life and conqueror of death.
By his death on the cross,
your Son Jesus Christ
offered the one true sacrifice for sin,
breaking the power of evil
and putting death to flight.
Through his resurrection from the dead
you have given us new birth into a living hope,
into an inheritance which is imperishable,
undefiled and unfading.
The joy of resurrection fills the universe,
and so we join with angels and archangels,
with all your faithful people,
evermore praising you and singing:

The choir sings:

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus,
Dominus Deus Sabaoth,
Pleni sunt cœli et terra gloria tua,
Hosanna in excelsis.

Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domini,
Hosanna in excelsis.
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.

All sit or kneel as the prayer continues.

President  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.

President  Great is the mystery of faith.

All  Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

President  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, so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary and all the saints, may 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 Lord's Prayer

President As our Saviour Christ hath commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:
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.

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

President 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.
The choir sings Agnus Dei, during which sanctuary party are administered communion, then return to seats:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona eis requiem sempiternam.

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant them eternal rest.

President As those present in chapel come forward, for those joining virtually, we make this act of spiritual communion.

All Come Lord Jesus, dwell in us and send your Holy Spirit that we may be filled with your presence.
As the hem of your garment, touched in faith, healed the woman who could not touch your body, so may the souls of your servants be healed.
May those who cannot receive you in bread and wine welcome you in their hearts through this offering of prayer.
Loving God, grant this for Christ’s sake.
Amen.

President. The body of Christ. The blood of Christ.

Amen.

All who seek to follow Christ are invited to receive communion. Please come forward at the direction of the verger.

In accordance with the coronavirus guidelines, communion is in one kind – there is no common cup. Please use the hand sanitizer provided. The priest will place the wafer into your outstretched hands. Please keep silence, remove your mask to consume the host and then replace your mask. If you wish to receive a gluten-free wafer there will be a sign for you to indicate this by pointing. If you prefer to receive a blessing, please indicate this by crossing your arms across your chest.

Silence is kept.
Post Communion Prayer

All sit or kneel

President God of love, may the death and resurrection of Christ which we have celebrated in this eucharist bring us, with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our rock and our salvation, to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

All Amen.

The lights in the Chapel are lowered. Silence is kept.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

President You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honour and power.

All For you have created all things, and by your will they have their being.

President You are worthy, O Lamb, for you were slain, and by your blood you ransomed for God saints from every tribe and language and nation.

All You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God, and they will reign with you on earth.

The names of those to be remembered are read aloud by the Dean of Divinity and the Associate Chaplain in turn. Silence is kept.
Give rest, O Christ,
to your servants with the saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all:
and we are mortal, formed from the dust of the earth,
and unto earth shall we return.
For so you ordained when you created me, saying:
‘Dust you are and to dust you shall return.’
All of us go down to the dust,
yet weeping at the grave, we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Give rest, O Christ,
to your servants with the saints:
where sorrow and pain are no more,
neither sighing, but life everlasting.

Hear us, O merciful Father, as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.

The Dismissal

May God give you his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy, in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit
be with us this night and always.
Amen.

Neither death nor life can separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Thanks be to God.
All remain standing as the choir sings:

In paradisum deducant te angeli:
in tuo adventu suscipiant te martyres,
et perducan te in civitatem sanctam Jerusalem.

*May angels lead you into paradise;
at your coming may the martyrs receive you,
and bring you into the holy city, Jerusalem.*

Chorus angelorum te suscipiat,
et cum Lazaro quondam paupere
aeternam habeas requiem.

*May the choir of angels receive you,
and with Lazarus, who was once a beggar,
may you find eternal rest.*

Ego sum resurrectio et vita:
qui credit in me, etiam si mortuus fuerit, vivet:
et omnis qui vivit et credit in me, non morietur in aeternam.

*I am the resurrection and the life.
those who believe in me, even though they are dead, shall live;believes in me shall never die.*

The clergy depart in silence.

The congregation exit via the Song Room, in silence.