

St Mary's Church

Saffron Walden



A Service of  
Remembering and Thanksgiving  
for All Souls' Day

*For those who sleep in Christ  
Life has changed, not ended*

Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> October 2021  
at 4.00pm



## The Gathering

Minister

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.

**All And also with you.**

As a father cares for his children:

**All so does the Lord care for those who fear him.**

For he himself knows whereof we are made:

**All he remembers that we are but dust.**

Our days are like the grass:

**All we flourish like a flower of the field.**

When the wind goes over it, it is gone:

**All and its place shall know it no more.**

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures  
for ever on those who fear him:

**All and his righteousness on children's children.**

## Prayer of Penitence

**All Forgiving God,  
in the face of death,  
we discover how many things are still undone,  
how much might have been otherwise.  
Redeem our failure,  
Bind up the wounds of past mistakes,  
Transform our guilt to active love,  
and by your forgiveness make us whole.  
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## *The minister declares God's forgiveness*

### **Hymn**

Abide with me, fast falls the eventide  
The darkness deepens Lord, with me abide  
When other helpers fail and comforts flee  
Help of the helpless, oh, abide with me

Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day  
Earth's joys grow dim, its glories pass away  
Change and decay in all around I see  
O Thou who changest not, abide with me

I fear no foe, with Thee at hand to bless  
Ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness  
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?  
I triumph still, if Thou abide with me

Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes  
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies  
Heaven's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee  
In life, in death, O Lord, abide with me

### **Bible Reading**

Psalm 23

*read by Jenna Weeks  
Peasgood & Skeates*

The LORD is my shepherd, I shall not want.  
He makes me lie down in green pastures;  
he leads me beside still waters; he restores my soul.  
He leads me in right path for his name's sake.  
Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I fear no evil;  
for you are with me; your rod and your staff—they comfort me.

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;  
you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.  
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,  
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD my whole life long.

This is the word of the Lord

*All*                      **Thanks be to God**

**Address**              Revd. Jeremy Trew      *Rector*

### **The Commemoration**

*Naming those who have died, as requested by their families, we light a candle to symbolise the Christian hope of eternal life in Jesus Christ.*

Minister              The eternal God is your dwelling place,  
and underneath are the everlasting arms.

*All*                      **Blessed is the Lord,  
our strength and our salvation.**

**Motet:**              Lord, let me know mine end                      Greene  
*sung by St Mary's Church Choir*

### **Prayers**

*Concluding with*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

**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.**

## **Hymn**

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
Pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
Hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven  
Feed me till I want no more.  
Feed me till I want no more.

Open thou the crystal fountain  
Whence the healing stream shall flow;  
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar  
Lead me all my journey through:  
Strong deliverer, strong deliverer  
Be thou still my strength and shield.  
Be thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
Bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
Land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs of praises, songs of praises  
I will ever give to thee.  
I will ever give to thee.

## **Blessing**

The hand of the Lord is gentle,  
and though we cannot understand,  
he comforts us with his gentle hand.

The hand of the Lord is loving,  
and though it seems our hope is gone,  
his love brings strength to carry on.

The hand of the Lord brings healing,  
and though our hearts are filled with pain,  
his healing hand brings peace again.

And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
be with us and those whom we love, and those who love us,  
now and forever more.

**Amen**

## **Organ voluntary:**

*Adagio in E major - Bridge*

Rector Revd. Jeremy Trew

Lay Funeral Minister Judith Hasler

Director of Music Oliver King

Organist Yechan Yun

*Michael Swindlehurst Organ Scholar*



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