

St Martin's Church, North Nibley
1st November 2020 — All Saints'
A Service of the Word

(We say together the words printed in bold.)

Greeting. Welcome!

Preparing for the Word

We worship with Christians near and far, living and departed, old and young. God's word is for all of us.

All **May it be a lamp to our feet
and a light to our path.**

A Bible is opened and the Paschal candle near it is lit.

The priest introduces our service.

Around the Paschal Candle we light small ones in memory of All Souls and All Saints.

Hymn Jerusalem the Golden *(see overleaf)*

News and Notices

Opening Prayer

Loving God, we have come to worship you.

Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Collect, the prayer for the day:

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.

Reading Revelation Chapter 7 vv 9-17

Praise: Psalm 34:1-10,22

- 1 I will bless the Lord at all times; ♦
his praise shall ever be in my mouth.**
- 2 My soul shall glory in the Lord; ♦
let the humble hear and be glad.**
- 3 O magnify the Lord with me; ♦
let us exalt his name together.**
- 4 I sought the Lord and he answered me ♦
and delivered me from all my fears.**
- 5 Look upon him and be radiant ♦
and your faces shall not be ashamed.**
- 6 This poor soul cried, and the Lord heard
me ♦
and saved me from all my troubles.**
- 7 The angel of the Lord encamps around
those who fear him ♦
and delivers them.**
- 8 O taste and see that the Lord is gracious; ♦
blessed is the one who trusts in him.**
- 9 Fear the Lord, all you his holy ones, ♦
for those who fear him lack nothing.**
- 10 Lions may lack and suffer hunger, ♦
but those who seek the Lord
lack nothing that is good.**

**22 The Lord ransoms the life of his servants ♦
and will condemn none who seek refuge in
him.**

Hymn For all the Saints *(see overleaf)*

(NB omitted in recorded service)

Gospel Reading Matthew Chapter 5 vv 1-12

Sermon

Anthem

Creed *[Priest]* Let us declare our faith in God.

**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.**

Praying for Ourselves: For Forgiveness:

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and
deed.**

We have not loved you with our whole heart.

We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.

**In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to
amend what we are,**

and direct what we shall be;

**that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with
you, our God. Amen.**

The priest declares God's forgiveness.

**May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive your sins**

**and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Praying for Others : our Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Hymn Through all the changing scenes

(see far right)

Going out to serve the Lord

Our service draws to a conclusion

We stand before the throne of God
with countless crowds
from every nation and race, tribe and language.

All **Blessing and glory and wisdom,**
thanksgiving and honour, power and might
be to our God for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Blessing

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
I know not, O I know not,
what joys await us there;
what radiancy of glory,
what bliss beyond compare.

2 They stand, those halls of Zion,
all jubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng.
The Prince is ever with them,
the daylight is serene;
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.

3 There is the throne of David;
and there, from care released,
the shout of them that triumph,
the song of them that feast;
and they who with their Leader
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

4 O sweet and blessed country,
the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessed country
that eager hearts expect!
Jesus, in mercy bring us
to that dear land of rest;
who are, with God the Father
and Spirit, ever blest.

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For all the saints who from
their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the
world confessed,
thy name, O Jesus, be forever
blest.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

2 O may thy soldiers, faithful,
true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly
fought of old,
and win with them the victor's
crown of gold.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

3 And when the fight is fierce, the
warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant
triumph song,
and hearts are brave again, and
arms are strong.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

4 But lo! there breaks a yet more
glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in
bright array;
the King of glory passes on his
way.
Alleluia! Alleluia!

5 From earth's wide bounds, from
ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams
in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy
Ghost,
Alleluia! Alleluia!

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Through all the changing scenes of
life,
in trouble and in joy,
the praises of my God shall still
my heart and tongue employ.

2.O magnify the Lord with me;
with me exalt his name;
when in distress to him I called,
he to my rescue came.

3.O make but trial of his love,
experience will decide
how blest are they, and only they,
who in his truth confide.

4.Fear him ye saints, and you will
then
have nothing else to fear;
make you his service your delight,
your wants shall be his care.

5.To Father, Son and Holy Ghost,
the God whom we adore.
be glory as it was, is now
and shall be evermore.

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Anthem: The Heavens Sing Praises by ***Ludwig van Beethoven***

The heavens sing praises to God in his
glory,
And all earth echoes with his name.
The universe tells the wonderful story
and to the spheres His might proclaim!
Who set the numberless stars in the
heavens,
Who gave to us the mighty sun,
That shines so brightly upon us,
And lights our path as we sing praise.