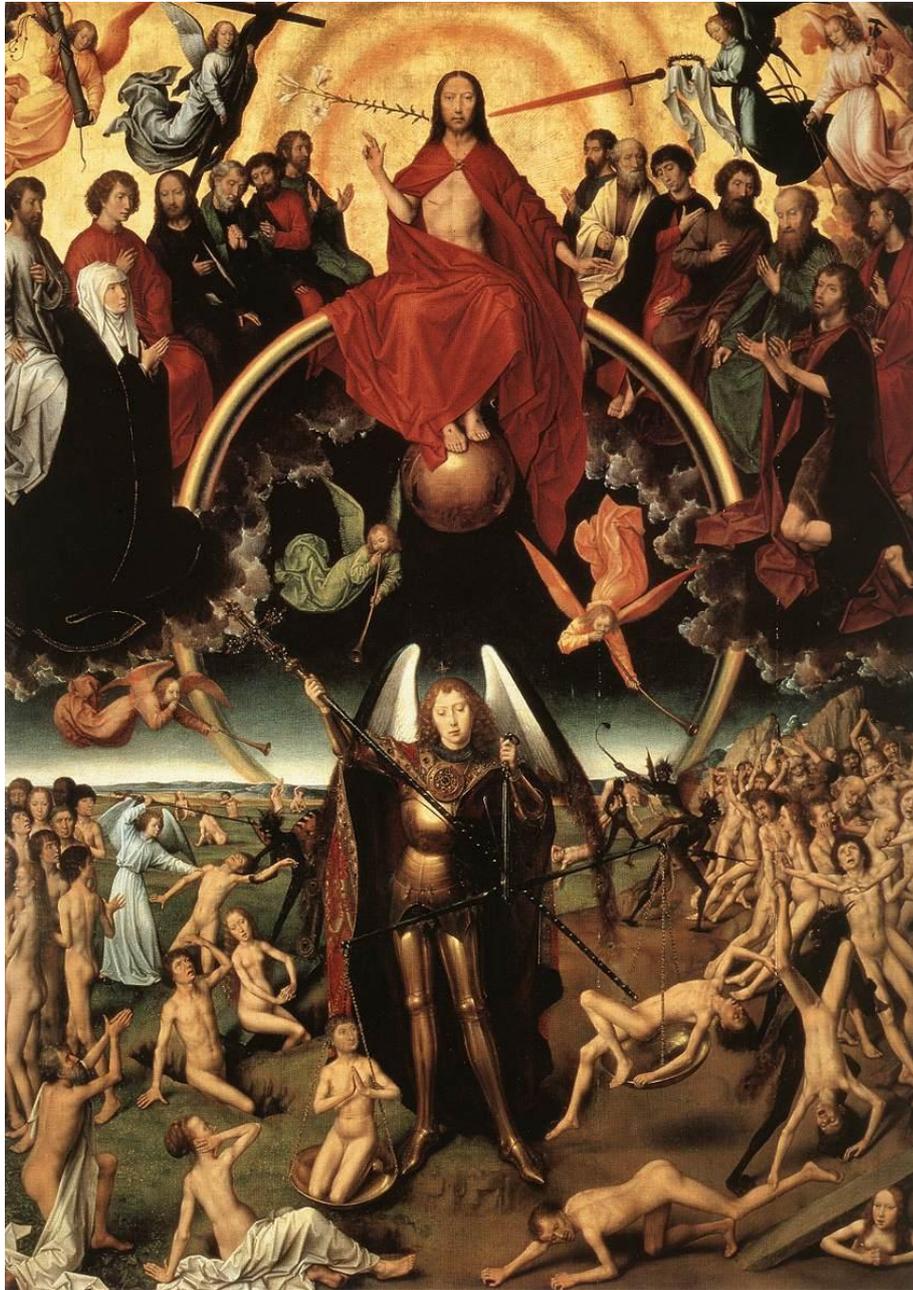


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Introduction to the Season

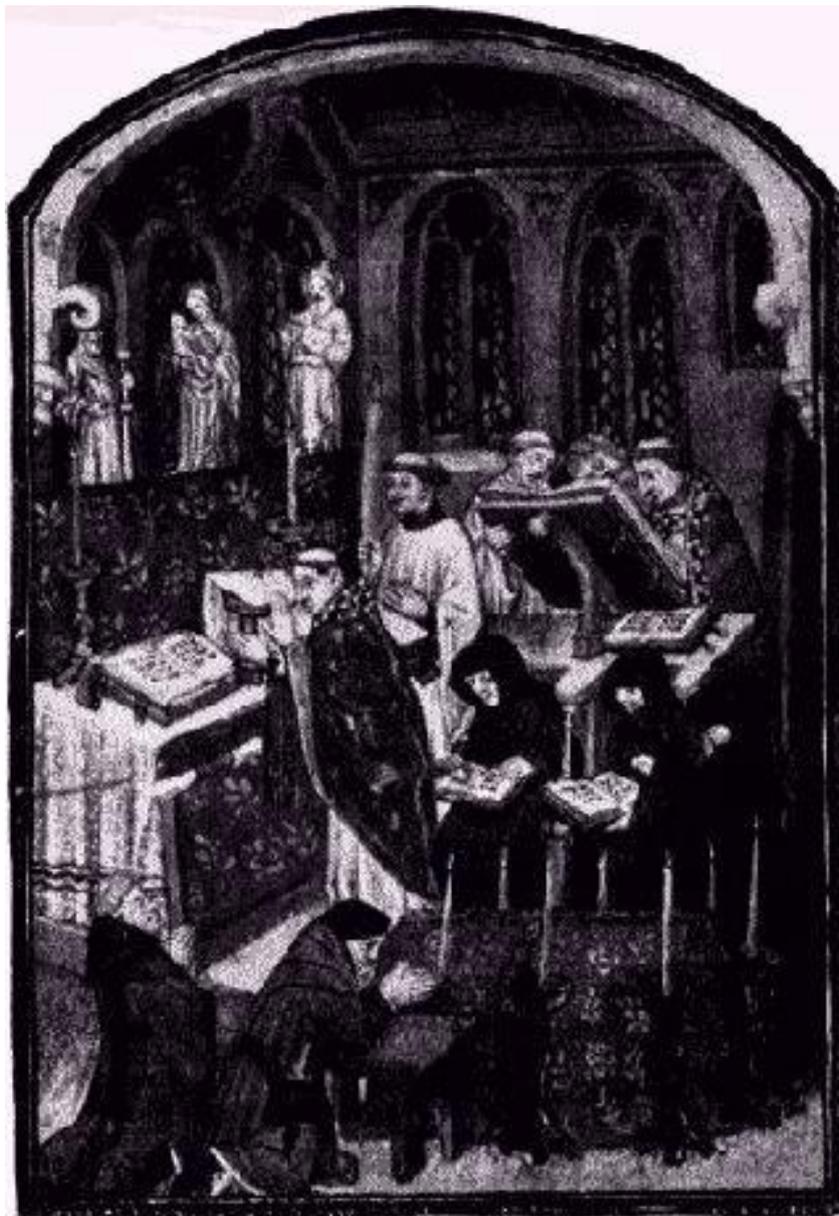
No Christian is solitary. Through baptism we become members one of another in Christ, members of a company of saints whose mutual belonging transcends death:

One family, we dwell in him,
one Church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death. (*Charles Wesley*)

All Saints' Day and the Commemoration of the Faithful Departed on All Souls' Day both celebrate this mutual belonging. All Saints' Day celebrates men and women in whose lives the Church as a whole has seen the grace of God powerfully at work. It is an opportunity to give thanks for that grace, and for the wonderful ends to which it shapes a human life; it is a time to be encouraged by the example of the saints and to recall that sanctity may grow in the ordinary circumstances, as well as the extraordinary crises, of human living.

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed celebrates the saints in a more local and intimate key. It allows us to remember with thanksgiving before God those whom we have known more directly: those who gave us life, or who nurtured us in faith. Redemption is a work of God's grace; it is God who redeems us in Christ and there is nothing to be done beyond what Christ has done. But we still wait for the final consummation of God's new creation in Christ; those who are Christ's, whether or not they have passed through death, are joined in prayer that God's kingdom will be revealed finally and in all its fullness. We also sense that it is a fearful thing to come before the unutterable goodness and holiness of God, even for those who are redeemed in Christ; that it is searing as well as life-giving to experience God's mercy; and this instinct also is expressed in the liturgy of All Souls' Day.

The Requiem Eucharist



When the bell rings please stand

A hymn may be announced or music may be played as the procession enter

Priest In the name of the + Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

All The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

All **Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

The confession is introduced using these or other authorized words

God has shone in our hearts
to give the light of the knowledge
of his glory in the face of Christ.

But we have this treasure in earthen vessels
to show that the transcendent power
belongs to God and not to us.

As we acknowledge our human frailty,
we call to mind our sins of word, deed and omission,
and confess them before God our Father.

silence is kept for reflection and personal confession

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.**

Priest 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 bring you to life eternal,
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All AMEN

The Collect

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

Everlasting 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

Sit for the first readings

Each reading ends with the words

Reader This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

A hymn or song may be announced

The Gospel is heralded with these words

Minister Alleluia, alleluia.

 'It is the will of him who sent me,' says the Lord,
 'that I should lose none of all that he has given me,
 but raise them up on the last day.'

Alleluia.

cf John 6.39



The Gospel

Minister The Lord be with you
All **And also with you.**

Minister Hear the + Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

We listen attentively to the Gospel reading

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

Sit

Sermon



The Nicene Creed

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days an authorized translation of the Nicene Creed is used

**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 *sit, kneel or stand before God, when a list of names is recited as part of the All Souls Liturgy the second form is used*

Form 1

Minister Let us pray to the Lord, who has conquered death.

Jesus, bread from heaven,
you satisfy the hungry with good things:
grant us a share with all the faithful departed
in the banquet of your kingdom.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, the light of the world,
you gave the man born blind the gift of sight:
open the eye of faith
and bring us from darkness
to your eternal light and glory.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, Son of the living God,
you summoned your friend Lazarus from death to life:
raise us at the last to full and eternal life with you.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, crucified Saviour,
in your dying you entrusted each to the other,
Mary your mother and John your beloved disciple:
sustain and comfort all who mourn.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All our resurrection and our life.

Jesus, our way and truth and life,
you drew your disciple Thomas from doubt to faith:
reveal the resurrection faith to the doubting and the lost.

Hear us, risen Lord,
All our resurrection and our life.

May God in his infinite love and mercy
bring the whole Church,
living and departed in the Lord Jesus,
to a joyful resurrection
and the fulfilment of his eternal kingdom.

All **Amen.**

Form 2

The Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Minister 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.**

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 may be read aloud.

*Silence may be kept after each name, or group of names,
or after all the names have been read.*

Rest eternal grant to them O Lord
and let light perpetual shine upon them

May they rest in peace
and rise in glory

This is the will of him that sent me,
that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me,
All **and I will raise them up at the last day.**

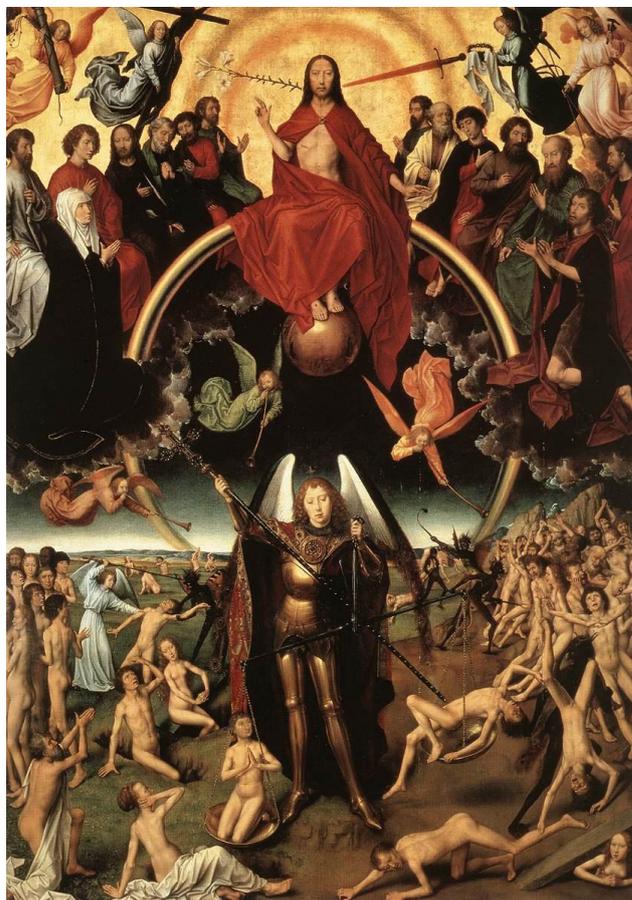
Lord God, creator of all,
you have made us creatures of this earth,
but have also promised us a share in life eternal.
According to your promises,
may all who have died in the peace of Christ
come with your saints to the joys of your kingdom,
where there will be neither sorrow nor pain,
but life everlasting.

All **Alleluia. Amen.**

Grant to us, Lord God,
to trust you not for ourselves alone,
but for those also whom we love
and who are hidden from us by the shadow of death;
that, as we believe your power to have raised
our Lord Jesus Christ from the dead,
so may we trust your love
to give eternal life to all who believe in him;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

Stand



The Peace

Using these or other suitable words

Jesus says:

Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Not as the world gives do I give you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled,
neither let them be afraid.

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Minister Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace,

Preparation of the Table

During the preparation we sing the hymn

Priest 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 **Amen.**



The Eucharistic Prayer

The general form may be used or an alternative prayer may be announced

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

All Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise

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 *saying*:

**All say/sing 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
Hosannas in the highest**



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.

One of these four acclamations is used

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

(or)

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

(or)

Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you come in glory.

(or)

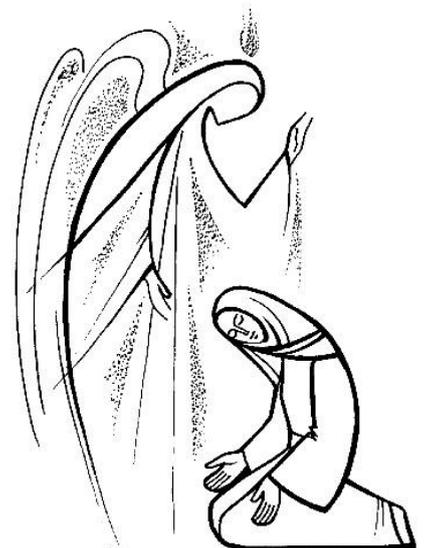
Jesus Christ is Lord:

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.

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,*
St Matthew 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.

Sit or kneel for a moments of silent adoration



The Lord's Prayer

Priest Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven,
 as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**All 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 for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

Priest 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.**

As the bread is broken the we sing "Lamb of God".

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Bread of life you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Saving God you take away the sin of the world have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world Grant us your peace

or say

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.**

Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God
 who takes away the sin of the world.
 Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

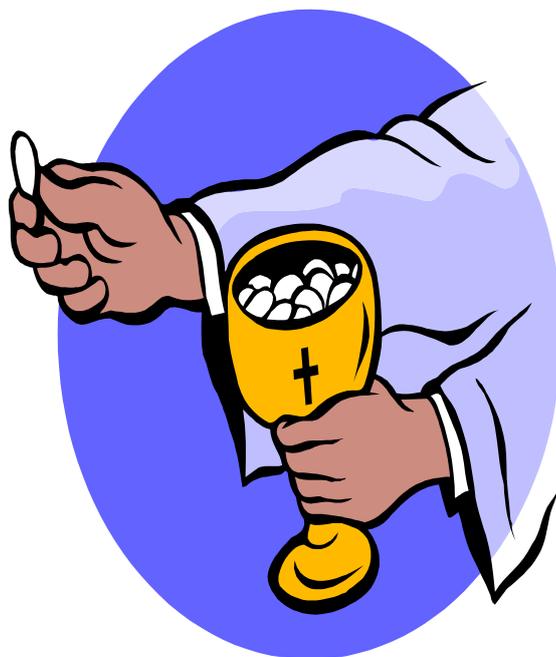
Communion Antiphon is said

‘I am the bread of life,’ says the Lord;
‘whoever comes to me will never hunger;
whoever believes in me will never thirst.’
‘I am the vine: you are the branches.’

*If you normally receive Holy Communion
in your Church you are welcome to do so
here at St Matthew’s.*

*Please come to the communion rail.
Please hold your hands out clearly in
front of you.*

*If you do not want to receive Holy
Communion please come forward and
keep your head bowed to receive a
blessing.*



Music is used as an aid to prayer during communion and the clearing of the altar

silence is held

Prayer after Communion

Priest Let us pray

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.

All **Almighty God,**
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

A Hymn may be sung

& any notices are given out



The Blessing and Dismissal

Priest The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**

Bow your heads and pray for God's blessing

This blessing or a suitable seasonal blessing is used

Priest May God give you
 his comfort and his peace,
 his light and his joy,
 in this world and the next;
 and the blessing ...

(or)

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing ...

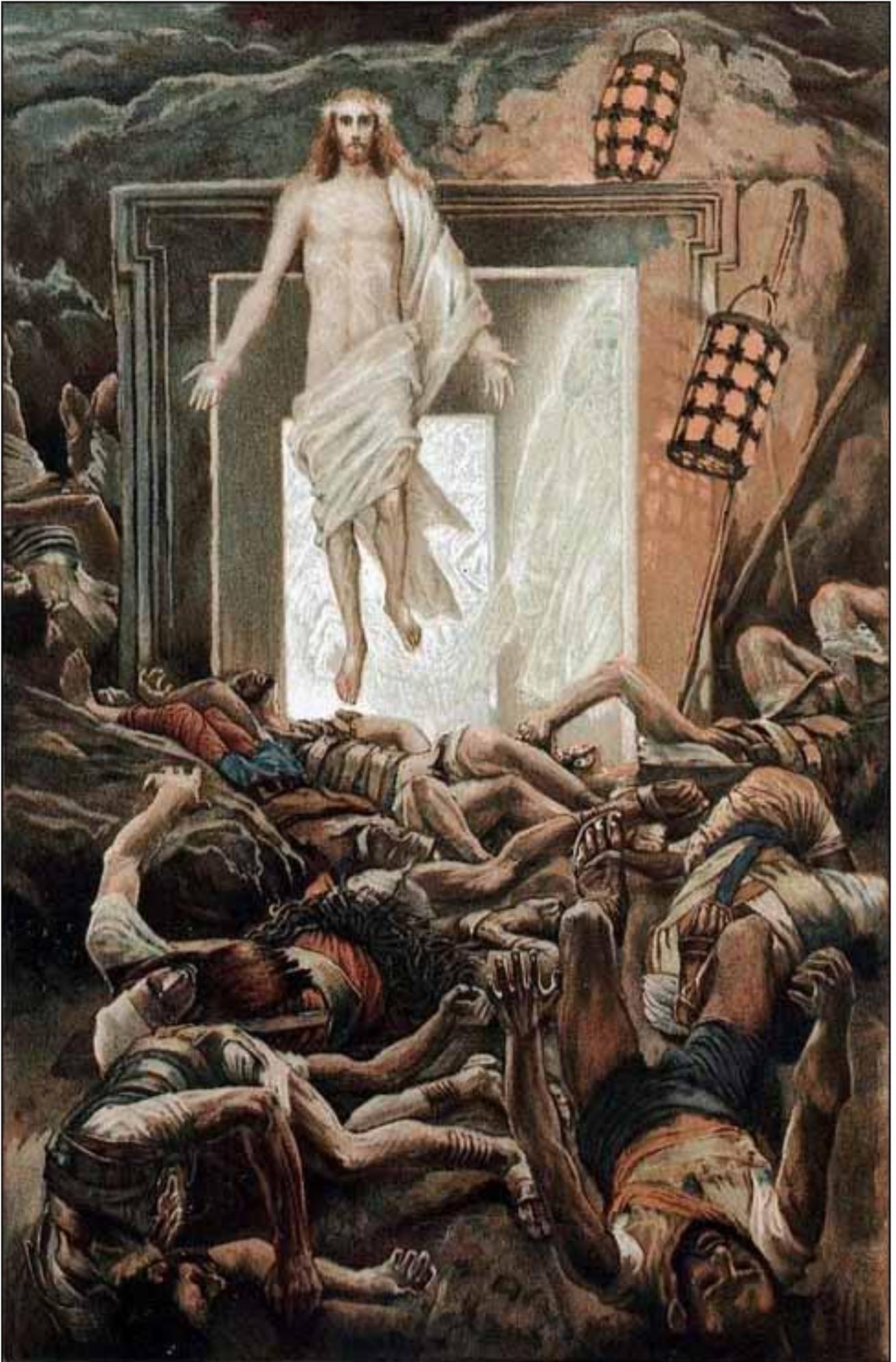
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

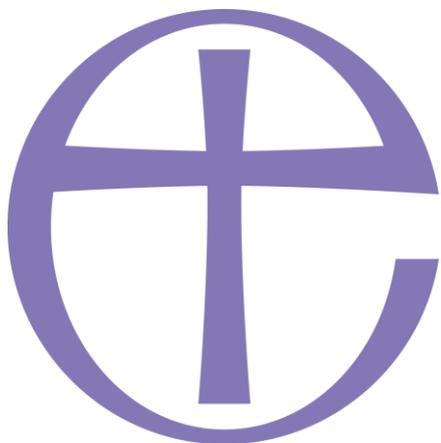
All **Amen.**

A minister says

Neither death nor life
can separate us from the love of God
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**





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