



WELCOME TO ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

7th November 2021

6pm Memorial Service



You may wish to take a candle to light later on in the service

Jesus said, "I am the resurrection, and I am the life; he who believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, and whoever lives and believes in me shall never die." (John 11:25-26)

All: Amen.

We meet today to remember those we have known and loved who have died, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray that together we may be one in him, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

As a father cares for his children:
so the Lord cares for those who fear him.

For he himself knows whereof we are made:
He remembers that we are but dust.

Our days are like the grass:
we flourish like a flower of the field.

When the wind goes over it, it is gone,
and its place shall know it no more.

But the merciful goodness of the Lord endures for ever on those who fear him:
and his righteousness on children's children.

THE ACCLAMATION

Blessed are you, Lord our God, lover of souls
you uphold us in life and sustain us in death:
to you be glory and praise for ever!
For the darkness of this age is passing away
as Christ the bright and morning star
brings to his saints the light of life.
As you give light to those in darkness
who walk in the shadow of death
so remember in your kingdom your faithful servants
that death may be for them the gate to life
and to unending fellowship with you;
where with your saints you live and reign
one in the perfect union of love
now and for ever.
Amen.

BIBLE READING: Psalm 23

*The Lord is my shepherd;
I shall not want.
He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.
He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will 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 runs over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord
Forever.*

This is the word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God

SERMON: Stephen Broadie

PRAYERS

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,
he has come to his people and set them free.

He has raised up for us a mighty Saviour:
born of the house of his servant David.

In the tender compassion of our God:
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,

To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor human heart conceived, God has prepared for those who love him.

God of all consolation, in your unending love and mercy
you turn the darkness of death into the dawn of new life.
Show compassion to your people in their sorrow.
Be our refuge and our strength to lift us from the darkness of grief
to the peace and light of your presence.
Your Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, by dying for us,
conquered death and by rising again, restored life.
May we then go forward eagerly to meet him,
and after our life on earth be reunited with our brothers and sisters
where every tear will be wiped away.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER:

In confidence we pray to our Heavenly Father:

**All: Our Father 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.**

READING OF NAMES

You are worthy, our Lord and God,
to receive glory and honour and power.
**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.
**You have made them to be a kingdom and priests serving our God,
and they will reign with you on earth.**

The list of names being remembered will now be read aloud

Jesus said: 'This is the will of Him who 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

While the music plays, an opportunity will be given to light a candle in memory of those we have loved and lost. Please do light a candle at this point in the service.

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. **Amen.**

THE BLESSING:

The Lord bless *you* and keep *you*,
the Lord make his face to shine upon *you*
and be gracious to *you*,
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon *you* and give *you* peace.
And the blessing of the God almighty,
The Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon *you* and remain with *you* always,
Amen.
