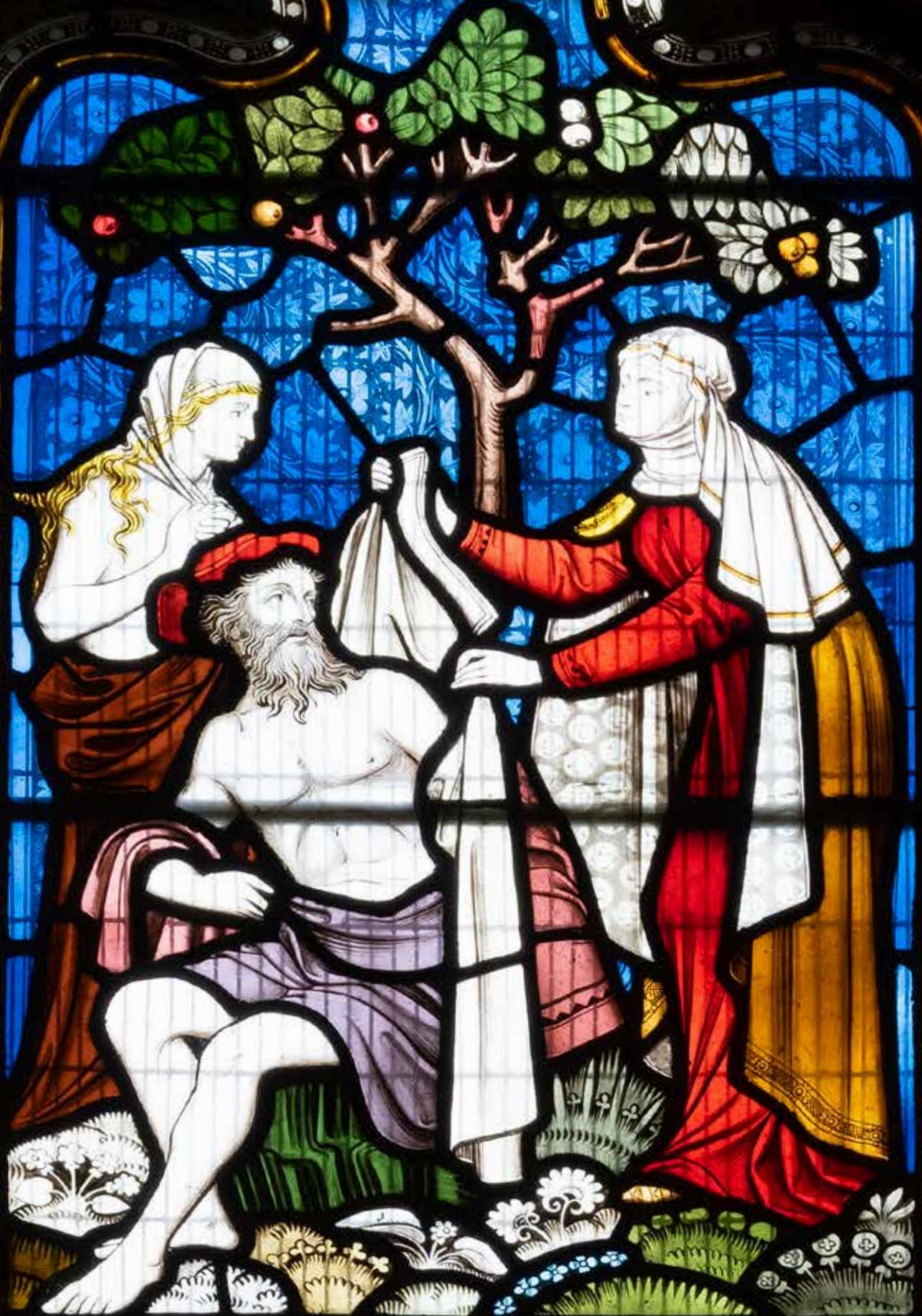


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Introduction

Hymn: For all the Saints

Call to worship

Grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you all

All And also with you

Let us pray:

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race

All We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses

Patriarchs and Matriarchs, prophets and psalmists, disciples and evangelists, martyrs and saints.

All We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your Saints O Lord who strove to live in you, who followed, obeyed, adored you, our grateful hymn we sing.

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race

All We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses

Loved ones now resting in you, who guided us, nurtured and cared for us; ancestors who worked and travelled, lived and died, that we might be where we are and who we are – your precious children in this community of believers

All We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For all your Saints O Lord who strove to live and die in you, who counted you their great reward accept our thankful cry.

Lord God, by your grace we are running a race

All We are surrounded by a cloud of witnesses

Family members and members of this church community; fellow believers in every country, every denomination; friends who help, guide and uplift us – children of your family, sheep of your fold, saints of your redeeming.

All We thank you for their example. We praise you for their lives of faith. For this your name we bless, and humbly pray anew, that we, like them, in holiness may live and die in you.

Therefore since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely.

All And let us run with perseverance the race that is set before us.

Looking to Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith.

All Amen

Confession

Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry, too real to hide, and too deep to undo. Forgive what our lips tremble to name, what our hearts can no longer bear and what has become for us a consuming fire.

All Set us free from a past that we cannot change; open to us a future in which we can be changed; and grant us grace to grow more and more in your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ the light of the world. Amen.

Absolution

Holy God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ have mercy on us. Forgive us our sins and lead us into the way of righteousness.

All Amen.

Collect

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ our Lord; grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you. Through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord

All Amen

Hymn: You are my hiding place

Ministry of the Word

A reading from Hebrews 12 18-24

You have not come to something that can be touched, a blazing fire, and darkness, and gloom, and a tempest, and the sound of a trumpet, and a voice whose words made the hearers beg that not another word be spoken to them. (For they could not endure the order that was given, 'If even an animal touches the mountain, it shall be stoned to death.' Indeed, so terrifying was the sight that Moses said, 'I tremble with fear.') But you have come to Mount Zion and to the city of the living God, the heavenly Jerusalem, and to innumerable angels in festal gathering, and to the assembly of the firstborn who are enrolled in heaven, and to God the judge of all, and to the spirits of the righteous made perfect, and to Jesus, the mediator of a new covenant, and to the sprinkled blood that speaks a better word than the blood of Abel.

This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

GOSPEL READING

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according Matthew 5 1-12

All Glory to you O Lord

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.

‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Creed

Do you believe and trust on God the Father who made all things?

All We believe and trust in Him

Do you believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ who redeemed the world?

All We believe and trust in Him

Do you believe and trust in His Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

All We believe and trust in Him

This is the faith of the church.

All This is our faith we believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Peace

Let all God's people show signs of grace and friendliness. Peace be with you

All And also with you

Hymn: We remember

Intercessions.

The response is *Bring in your Kingdom*

We end with

The Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth,
As it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
As we forgive them that 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.

Closing prayer

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that we may be temples of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world: through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

The Blessing

May God who kindled the fire of His love in the hearts of the Saints, pour upon you the riches of His grace.

All Amen.

May he give you joy in their fellowship and a share in their praises.

All Amen.

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness and to behold His glory.

All Amen. .

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit rest upon you and all whom you love, both living and departed now and always

All Amen.

Following God's Saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God

Hymn: As I kneel before you