# All Saints & St. Oswald's GROWING FELLOWSHIP.

#### <u>Welcome</u>

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

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.

#### The Mission Prayer

God of Mission
Who alone brings growth to your
Church, Send your Holy Spirit
to give Vision to our planning, Wisdom
to our actions, joy to our worship and
power to our witness.
Help our church to grow in numbers,
In spiritual commitment to you,
And in service to our local community,
Through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

#### 10,000 Reasons



Bless the Lord O my soul O my soul Worship His Holy name Sing like never before O my soul I'll worship Your Holy name

The sun comes up
It's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass
And whatever lies before me
Let me be singing
When the evening comes

Bless the Lord...

You're rich in love
And You're slow to anger
Your name is great
And Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness
I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons
For my heart to find

Bless the Lord...

And on that day
When my strength is failing
The end draws near
And my time has come
Still my soul will
Sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years
And then forevermore

Bless the Lord...

#### Our time of Confession

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.

You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,

with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'
The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The Sacrifice of God is a broken Spirit,; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

(We pause for a moment)

Almighty God,

long-suffering and of great goodness: we confess to you,

we confess with our whole hearts our neglect and forgetfulness of your commandments.

our wrong doing, thinking and speaking: the hurts we have done to others, and the good we have left undone. O God, forgive us, for we have sinned against you;

and raise us to newness of life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and forever. **Amen** 

## The Collect (special prayer) for the day

Merciful Lord, you know our struggle to serve you: when sin spoils our lives and overshadows our hearts, come to our aid and turn us back to you again; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayers and gifts for Mothers and those who've cared for us

#### **Bible Readings**

#### Acts 9:1-31

#### Saul's Conversion

Meanwhile, Saul was still breathing out murderous threats against the Lord's disciples. He went to the high priest 2 and asked him for letters to the synagogues in Damascus, so that if he found any there who belonged to the Way, whether men or women, he might take them as prisoners to Jerusalem. 3 As he neared Damascus on his journey, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him. 4 He fell to the ground and heard a voice say to him, "Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?"

**5** "Who are you, Lord?" Saul asked. "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting," he replied. **6** "Now get up and go into the city, and you will be told what you must do."

7 The men traveling with Saul stood there speechless; they heard the sound but did not see anyone. 8 Saul got up from the ground, but when he opened his eyes he could see nothing. So they led him by the hand into Damascus. 9 For three days he was blind, and did not eat or drink anything.

**10** In Damascus there was a disciple named Ananias. The Lord called to him in a vision, "Ananias!"

"Yes, Lord," he answered.

**11** The Lord told him, "Go to the house of Judas on Straight Street and ask for a man from Tarsus named Saul, for he is praying.

**12** In a vision he has seen a man named Ananias come and place his hands on him to restore his sight."

13 "Lord," Ananias answered, "I have heard many reports about this man and all the harm he has done to your holy people in Jerusalem. 14 And he has come here with authority from the chief priests to arrest all who call on your name."

**15** But the Lord said to Ananias, "Go! This man is my chosen instrument to proclaim my name to the Gentiles and their kings and to the people of Israel. **16** I will show

him how much he must suffer for my name."

17 Then Ananias went to the house and entered it. Placing his hands on Saul, he said, "Brother Saul, the Lord—Jesus, who appeared to you on the road as you were coming here—has sent me so that you may see again and be filled with the Holy Spirit." 18 Immediately, something like scales fell from Saul's eyes, and he could see again. He got up and was baptized, 19 and after taking some food, he regained his strength.

Saul in Damascus and Jerusalem
Saul spent several days with the disciples in
Damascus. 20 At once he began to
preach in the synagogues that Jesus is the
Son of God. 21 All those who heard him
were astonished and asked, "Isn't he the
man who raised havoc in Jerusalem
among those who call on this name? And
hasn't he come here to take them as
prisoners to the chief priests?" 22 Yet Saul
grew more and more powerful and
baffled the Jews living in Damascus by
proving that Jesus is the Messiah.

23 After many days had gone by, there was a conspiracy among the Jews to kill him, 24 but Saul learned of their plan. Day and night they kept close watch on the city gates in order to kill him. 25 But his followers took him by night and lowered him in a basket through an opening in the wall.

**26** When he came to Jerusalem, he tried to join the disciples, but they were all afraid of him, not believing that he really was a disciple. 27 But Barnabas took him and brought him to the apostles. He told them how Saul on his journey had seen the Lord and that the Lord had spoken to him, and how in Damascus he had preached fearlessly in the name of Jesus. 28 So Saul stayed with them and moved about freely in Jerusalem, speaking boldly in the name of the Lord. 29 He talked and debated with the Hellenistic Jews,[a] but they tried to kill him. 30 When the believers learned of this, they took him down to Caesarea and sent him off to Tarsus.

**31** Then the church throughout Judea, Galilee and Samaria enjoyed a time of peace and was strengthened. Living in the

fear of the Lord and encouraged by the Holy Spirit, it increased in numbers.

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God.** 

#### Sermon

#### The Creed:

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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made

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.

#### **Intercessions**

Lord, in your Mercy **Hear our Prayer** 

Merciful Father, accept these prayers, for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

#### The Peace:

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you **And also with you** 

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace

#### 40 Days and 40 nights



Forty days and forty nights Thou wast fasting in the wild; Forty days and forty nights Tempted, and yet undefiled.

Sunbeams scorching all the day; Chilly dew-drops nightly shed; Prowling beasts about Thy way; Stones Thy pillow; earth Thy bed.

Let us thy endurance share, and from earthly greed abstain, with thee watching unto prayer, with Thee strong to suffer pain.

Then if evil on us press, flesh or spirit to assail, Victor in the wilderness, may we may not faint nor fall! So shall we have peace divine: Holier gladness ours shall be; Round us, too, shall angels shine, Such as ministered to Thee.

#### The Eucharist:

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.** 

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

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;

in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.

You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. He opened his arms of love upon the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his body is the bread of life.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,

he gave you thanks, and said:

Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,

which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;

do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,

send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine

may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world

we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

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.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

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

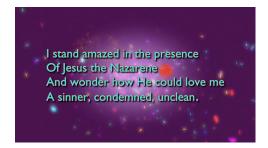
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

#### We receive Communion

#### I Stand amazed in the presence



I stand amazed in the presence Of Jesus the Nazarene And wonder how He could love me A sinner condemned, unclean

How marvelous, how wonderful And my song will ever be How marvelous, how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

He took my sins and my sorrows He made them his very own He bore the burden to Calvary He suffered and died for me

How marvelous, how wonderful And my song will ever be How marvelous, how wonderful Is my Saviour's love for me

When with ransomed in glory His face I at last shall see It will be my joy through the ages To sing of His love for me

#### <u>Post Communion Prayer</u>

Father of all,

we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home.

Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;

we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,

so we and all your children shall be free,

### and the whole earth live to praise your name:

through Christ our Lord.

#### The Blessing

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always.

Amen

#### Be thou My Vison



Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart

Naught be all else to me, save that thou art

Thou my best thought, by day or by night

Waking or sleeping, thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word

I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord

Thou my great Father, and I thy true child

Thou in me dwelling and I with thee one

Riches I heed not, nor man's, empty praise

Thou mine inheritance, now and always

Thou and thou only first in my heart High King of heaven, my treasure thou art

High King of heaven, my victory won

May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun

Heart of my own heart, whatever befall

Still be my vision, O ruler of all

#### The Dismissal:

Go in Peace to Love and Serve the Lord!

#### In the name of Christ, AMEN!

#### Notices:

- Sunday Evening Worship Tonight, 6:30pm in St. Oswalds.
- Monday Market in the West End tomorrow 10-12
- Vision Team 7:30 pm in the vicarage
- Mums and Tots on Tuesday and Thursday, 9-10:30 in All Saints
- Wednesday morning quiet communion service 10:30 for 11am start in All Saints.
- The Bible course continues, 7pm in the Back room at All Saints on Wednesday evening.
- Pop-Up Pantry Thursday 12:30 in All Saints.

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