



THE ABBEY CHURCH OF THE HOLY CROSS
PERSHORE

*A Service of
Commemoration
of All Souls*

*Please use this service sheet in church or
to follow this service at home*

*Sunday, 1 November 2026
at 1700*



In the name of Christ who has died and was raised by the glory of the Father, we welcome you:
grace, mercy and peace be with you all.

We meet this day to remember our loved ones, to renew our trust and confidence in Christ, and to pray together that we may be one in him, through whom we offer our praises to the Father.

Minister I have set the Lord always before me:
All **He is at my right hand and I shall not fall.**

Minister Show us your mercy O Lord:
All **And grant us your salvation.**

Minister For with you is the well of life:
All **And in your light we shall see light.**



Hymn

Lord of all hopefulness, Lord of all joy,
Whose trust ever childlike, no cares could destroy,
Be there at our waking, and give us, we pray,
Your bliss in our hearts, Lord, at the break of the day.

Lord of all eagerness, Lord of all faith,
Whose strong hands were skilled at the plane and the lathe,
Be there at our labours, and give us, we pray,
Your strength in our hearts, Lord, at the noon of the day.

Lord of all kindness, Lord of all grace,
Your hands swift to welcome, your arms to embrace,
Be there at our homing, and give us, we pray,
Your love in our hearts, Lord, at the eve of the day.

Lord of all gentleness, Lord of all calm,
Whose voice is contentment, whose presence is balm,
Be there at our sleeping, and give us, we pray,
Your peace in our hearts, Lord, at the end of the day.

Jan Struther (1901-1953)



Minister

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.



Reading

Lamentations 3:17-26, 31-33



Hymn

Be still and know that I am God.
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I am the Lord that healeth thee.
I am the Lord that healeth thee.
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In thee, O Lord, I put my trust.
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Unknown—based on Psalm 46



Reading

John 6:37-40



Address



Hymn

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.

It makes the wounded spirit whole
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest, and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.

Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)



The Commemoration



Dedication and Lighting of the Candles of Remembrance



Anthem sung by Choir Nunc Dimittis in G *by CV Stanford (1852-1924)*



Hymn

God be in my head,
and in my understanding;

God be in my eyes,
and in my looking;

God be in my mouth,
and in my speaking;

God be in my heart,
and in my thinking;

God be at my end,
and at my departing.



Prayer, said by all

Grayson Warren Brown (b.1948)

**Hear us, O merciful Father,
as we remember in love
those whom we have placed in your hands.
Acknowledge, we pray, the sheep of your own fold,
lambs of your own flock, sinners of your own redeeming.
Enfold them in the arms of your mercy,
in the blessed rest of everlasting peace,
and in the glorious company of the saints in light.
Amen.**



Hymn

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love;
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
And where there's doubt, true faith in you.

*O Master, grant that I may never seek
So much to be consoled as to console,
To be understood as to understand,
To be loved, as to love with all my soul.*

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there's despair in life, let me bring hope;
Where there is darkness, let me bring your light;
And where there's sadness, ever joy.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
In giving of ourselves that we receive,
And in dying that we're born to eternal life.

Sebastian Temple (1928-1997)



The Blessing

May God give to you,
and all those whom you love,
his comfort and his peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.



Organ Voluntary—*Nimrod*—*Sir Edward Elgar*

The congregation are invited to remain seated and listen to the voluntary

*If you would like a home visit, please contact the office on 01386 552071
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Bereavement Ministry, Sandra Long.*

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*Please stay after the service and enjoy the refreshments and
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