



All Hallow's Eve

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All stand, and the Officiant greets the people with these words.

Light and Peace, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

One of the following, or some other Short Lesson of Scripture appropriate to the occasion or to the season, may then be read

Jesus said, "You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lamp-stand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the deed you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven." *Matthew 5:14-16*

The Officiant then says the Prayer for Light, using any one of the following or some other suitable prayer, first saying

Let us pray.

Almighty God, we give you thanks for surrounding us, as daylight fades, with the brightness of the vesper light; and we implore you of your great mercy that, as you enfold us with the radiance of this light, so you would shine into our hearts the brightness of your Holy Spirit; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Lord Christ, your saints have been the lights of the world in every generation: Grant that we who follow in their footsteps may be made worthy to enter with them into that heavenly country where you live and reign for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The candles at the Altar are now lighted, as are other candles and lamps as may be convenient.

During the candle-lighting, an appropriate anthem or psalm may be sung, or silence kept.

The following canticle is said.

O Gracious Light (*said in unison*)

**O gracious light,
pure brightness of the everliving Father in heaven,
O Jesus Christ, holy and blessed!**

**Now as we come to the setting of the sun,
and our eyes behold the vesper light,
we sing your praises, O God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.**

**You are worthy at all times to be praised by happy voices,
O Son of God, O Giver of Life,
and to be glorified through all the worlds.**

The Valley of Dry Bones (Ezekiel 37:1-14)

The hand of the Lord came upon me, and he brought me out by the spirit of the Lord and set me down in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. He led me all around them; there were very many lying in the valley, and they were very dry. He said to me, "Mortal, can these bones live?" I answered, "O Lord God, you know." Then he said to me, "Prophecy to these bones, and say to them: O dry bones, hear the word of the Lord. Thus says the Lord God to these bones: I will cause breath to enter you, and you shall live. I will lay sinews on you, and will cause flesh to come upon you, and cover you with skin, and put breath in you, and you shall live; and you shall know that I am the Lord." So I prophesied as I had been commanded; and as I prophesied, suddenly there was a noise, a rattling, and the bones came together, bone to its bone. I looked, and there were sinews on them, and flesh had come upon them, and skin had covered them; but there was no breath in them. Then he said to me, "Prophecy to the breath, prophecy, mortal, and say to the breath: Thus says the Lord God: Come from the four winds, O breath, and breathe upon these slain, that they may live." I prophesied as he commanded me, and the breath came into them, and they lived, and stood on their feet, a vast multitude. Then he said to me, "Mortal, these bones are the whole house of Israel. They say, 'Our bones are dried up, and our hope is lost; we are cut off completely.'

Therefore prophecy, and say to them, Thus says the Lord God: I am going to open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people; and I will bring you back to the land of Israel. And you shall know that I am the

Lord, when I open your graves, and bring you up from your graves, O my people. I will put my spirit within you, and you shall live, and I will place you on your own soil; then you shall know that I, the Lord, have spoken and will act," says the Lord.

Ezekiel cried, "Dem dry bones!" (x3)
"Oh hear de word of de Lawd!"

De foot bone connected to de ankle bone
De ankle bone connected to de leg bone
De leg bone connected to knee bone
De knee bone connected to de thigh bone
"Oh, Now hear de word of the Lawd!"

De thigh bone connected to de hip bone
De hip bone connected to de back bone
De back bone connected to de neck bone
De neck bone connected to de head bone
"Oh, Now hear de word of the Lawd!"

Dem bones dem bones gonna walk around (x3)
Oh, hear de word of the Lawd!"

De head bone connected to de neck bone
De neck bone connected to de back bone
De back bone connected to de hip bone
De hip bone connected to de thigh bone
Oh, hear de word of the Lawd!"

De thigh bone connected to de knee bone
De knee bone connected to de leg bone
De leg bone connected to de ankle bone
De ankle bone connected to de foot bone
Oh, hear de word of the Lawd!"
Oh, hear de word of the Lawd!"
Oh, hear de word of the Lawd!"

Psalm 143:1-11 (*said in unison*)

**LORD, hear my prayer, and in your faithfulness heed my supplications; *
answer me in your righteousness.**

**Enter not into judgment with your servant, * for in your sight shall no one
living be justified.**

**For my enemy has sought my life; he has crushed me to the ground;* he has
made me live in dark places like those who are long dead.**

My spirit faints within me; my heart within me is desolate.

**I remember the time past; I muse upon all your deeds; I consider the works
of your hands.**

I spread out my hands to you; my soul grasps to you like a thirsty land.

**O Lord, make haste to answer me; my spirit fails me;* do not hide your face
from me or I shall be like those who go down to the Pit.**

**Let me hear of your loving-kindness in the morning, for I put my trust in
you;* show me the road that I must walk, for I lift up my soul to you.**

Deliver me from my enemies, O Lord. * for I flee to you for refuge.

**Teach me to do what pleases you, for you are my God;* let your good spirit
lead me on level ground.**

**Revive me, O Lord, for your Name's sake;* for your righteousness' sake,
bring me out of trouble.**

Let us pray.

O God, you have called your people to your service from age to age. Do
not give us over to death, but raise us up to serve you, to praise you, and to
glorify your holy Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The War In Heaven (Revelation 12: (1-6) 7-12)

A great portent appeared in heaven: a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was pregnant and was crying out in birth pangs, in the agony of giving birth. Then another portent appeared in heaven: a great red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and seven diadems on his heads. His tail swept down a third of the stars of heaven and threw them to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman who was about to bear a child, so that he might devour her child as soon as it was born. And she gave birth to a son, a male child, who is to rule all the nations with a rod of iron. But her child was snatched away and taken to God and to his throne; and the woman fled into the wilderness, where she has a place prepared by God, so that there she can be nourished for one thousand two hundred sixty days. And war broke out in heaven; Michael and his angels fought against the dragon. The dragon and his angels fought back, but they were defeated, and there was no longer any place for them in heaven. The great dragon was thrown down, that ancient serpent, who is called the Devil and Satan, the deceiver of the whole world--he was thrown down to the earth, and his angels were thrown down with him. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven, proclaiming, "Now have come the salvation and the power and the kingdom of our God and the authority of his Messiah, for the accuser of our comrades has been thrown down, who accuses them day and night before our God. But they have conquered him by the blood of the Lamb and by the word of their testimony, for they did not cling to life even in the face of death. Rejoice then, you heavens and those who dwell in them! But woe to the earth and the sea, for the devil has come down to you with great wrath, because he knows that his time is short!"

Canticle 12 A Song of Creation—III The People of God

Let the people of God glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O priests and servants of the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Glorify the Lord, O spirits and souls of the righteous, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

You that are holy and humble of heart, glorify the Lord, *praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Doxology

Let us glorify the Lord: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; * praise him and highly exalt him for ever. In the firmament of his power, glorify the Lord, * praise him and highly exalt him for ever.

Let us pray.

O merciful and mighty God, your son Jesus Christ was born of the Blessed Virgin Mary to bring salvation and to establish your kingdom on earth; Grant that Michael and all your angels may defend your people against Satan and every evil foe, and that at the last we may come to that heavenly country where your saints forever sing your praise; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

This Little Light of Mine” is sung. (4 vs.)

This little light of mine... I'm gonna let it shine.
Hide it under a bushel, no!... I'm gonna let it shine.
Everywhere I go... I'm gonna let it shine.
All through the night... I'm gonna let it shine.

The Lord's Prayer

Our Father, who art 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Collect of All Saints' Day

Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord: Give us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living, that we may come to those ineffable joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. **Amen.**

The Blessing

From ghoulies and ghosties
And long-leggedy beasties
And things that go bump in the night,
Good Lord, deliver us! *(Traditional Scottish Prayer)*

May Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the festival of all the Saints, be now and evermore your guide and companion in the way. **Amen.**

May God, who has bound us together in the company of the elect, in this age and the age to come, attend to the prayers of his faithful servants on your behalf, as he hears your prayers for them. **Amen.**

May God, who has given us, in the lives of his saints, faith and devotion, enable you to bear witness to the truth against all adversity. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Officiant Let us bless the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.