

St Anne's Eastville: Community Communion for All Saints 2025

Coming Together

Welcome and Opening Prayer

*Song: **God of all life, we adore you!***

*Collect: God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.***

Gospel Reading: John 1.12-13:

The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. And to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood, or of the will of the flesh, or of the will of man, but of God.

A short introduction to the Saints, and their prayer for us..

Everyone finds the name of a Saint, and tries to find out about him or her on the internet or in one of the books provided. When all come back together, people can share anything they have discovered.

Intercessions are said, with the response:

Lord, in your mercy: **hear our prayer!**

At the end we join our prayer with the prayer of the Saints, singing the

Congolese Litany of the Saints, with the response:

Pray for us, you saints of God!

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Oo oo oo oooh! Oo oo oo oooh!

The Peace is shared:

We are fellow-citizens with the Saints, and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off, and to those who were near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

Offering

As the gifts are brought to the altar, all sing the Eucharistic response:

Halle, halle, halle – Iujah!

The Eternal One be with you! **And with your spirit!**

Lift up your hearts **We lift them to the Eternal One.**

Let us give thanks to the Giver of Bread.

It is good to give thanks and praise.

We give thanks for the creation of our wonderful world, and for all the signs of God in creation.

Halle, halle, halle...

We give thanks for the creation of our human race, and for the divine humanity of Jesus.

Halle, halle, halle...

We give thanks for the Saints, whose lives and witness have displayed your glory and your love; and that you call us also to become your saints.

Halle, halle, halle...

We thank you for the promise of your Holy Spirit, whom we now pray you to pour out afresh on us and on these gifts of bread and wine.

Halle, halle, halle...

We thank you that, on the night before he died, Jesus took bread, gave thanks, blessed it, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying Take, eat, this is my Body.

Halle, halle, halle...

We thank you that after supper he poured out wine, gave thanks, blessed it and shared it, saying Drink this, all of you, this is my Blood.

Halle, halle, halle...

We thank you that in this holy Sacrament he calls us to be his Body on earth, united with all who stretch out their hands to him; and ourselves to bear the fruit of the Kingdom.

Halle, halle, halle...

And so, with angels and archangels, and in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Anne, St Mark, St Thomas, and all your saints in heaven and on earth, we make our offering in the name of Jesus, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, O loving God, now and always and through the ages of ages.

Halle, halle, halle...

Communion

All pray together:

**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.**

Communion is given, with the words

The Body of Christ. **Amen.** and The Blood of Christ. **Amen.**

At the end all sing together:

**Jesu tawa pano, tawa pano muzita renyu.
Jesus, we are here for you.**

Silence is kept.

Sending

The Blessing is given:

God, who kindles the fire of love in the hearts of his saints, pour upon us the riches of his grace, and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Song:

**O when the Saints go marching in (2x)
I want to be in that number when the Saints go marching in.
O when they crown him Lord of all...
O when they sing the Saviour's praise...
O when they join his prayer for us...

O when the Saints...**