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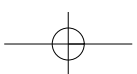
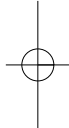
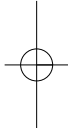
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# Alternative Halloween

## Worship Resources

These resources are designed for use on the eve of All Saints' Day (31 October). A selection from them may be fitted into the structure of a Eucharist or a Service of the Word, or used to construct an act of worship which serves as the conclusion to a 'light party'.



# GATHERING

## Sentences

- 1 God has made his light shine in our hearts,  
to show us God's glory shining in the face of Christ.
- 2 Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
**a light no darkness can quench.**
- 3 The night is far spent, and the day is at hand:  
let us therefore cast off the works of darkness  
and let us put on the armour of light.

## Greetings

- 1 The light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you  
**and also with you.**
- 2 May the light and peace of Jesus Christ our Lord  
be with you.  
**The Lord bless you.**
- 3 Jesus Christ is the light of the world:  
**a light no darkness can quench.**  
Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:  
**and the day is almost over.**  
Even the darkness is not dark for you:  
**and the night shines like the day.**  
Let your light scatter the darkness:  
**and fill your church with your glory.**

*cf John 1.5; 8.12; Psalm 139.12; Luke 24.29*

- 4 God is good  
**all the time.**  
All the time  
**God is good.**

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# ***Prayers of Penitence***

### INTRODUCTIONS TO CONFESSION

- 1 When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.
- 2 Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of  
our hearts.  
In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.
- 3 Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love  
with all the saints in earth and heaven.  
Knowing our unworthiness and sin,  
let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.
- 4 Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,  
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so  
closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

### CONFESSIONS

- 1 Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
  
You are loving to all  
and your mercy is over all your creation:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
  
Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy**
- 2 Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:  
forgive us when we return to darkness.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**  
  
Lord Jesus, you are the Light of the world:  
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**  
  
Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:  
renew us in faith and love.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

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### ABSOLUTIONS

- 1 May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
  
- 2 Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**
  
- 3 May the Father forgive us  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen us  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all our days. **Amen.**
  
- 4 May God our Father forgive us our sins,  
and bring us to the fellowship of his table  
with his saints for ever. **Amen.**

### ***Collect (to end the Gathering)***

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.**

Common Worship: Additional Collect of All Saints

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## THE WORD OF GOD

### *Suggested Readings*

A list of suggested readings is given on the Halloween Choice website at <http://www.halloweenchoice.org/HalloweenChoiceLiturgy.doc>

### *Response to the Readings*

Your word, O God, is a lantern to our feet  
and a light upon our path.

cf. Psalm 119:105

### *Gospel Acclamations*

- 1 Praise the Lord.  
**Alleluia.**  
A sentence from Scripture is added here.  
Alleluia.  
**Praise the Lord.**
  
- 2 Alleluia, alleluia.  
I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.  
**Alleluia.**

## RESPONSE

### *Affirmations of Faith*

- 1 Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.  
**This is our faith.**  
**We believe and trust in one God,**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

- 2 Let us declare our faith in God.  
**We believe in God the Father,**  
**from whom every family**  
**in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,**  
**who lives in our hearts through faith,**  
**and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,**  
**who strengthens us with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;**  
**Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

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### Prayers of Intercession

#### INTERCESSION RESPONSES

- 1 Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**
- 2 Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**
- 3 Lord, hear your people  
**and answer our prayers.**
- 4 God of love  
**hear our prayer.**
- 5 Jesus, Light of the world,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

*The following sung responses might be appropriate*

- 1 Kindle a flame to lighten the dark..... (Iona Community)  
CHE 342, HSNW 135A, CAON 932, RS 393, SGL 658
- 2 Listen, Lord..... (Iona Community)  
CAYP 71
- 3 Through our lives and by our prayers..... (Iona Community)  
CAYP 67, CHE 421, HSNW 137B, RS 401, SG 277,  
<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/liturgy/commonworship/texts/newpatterns/texts/sectionf.html>
- 4 O Lord, hear my prayer..... (Taize Community)  
Widely available, and downloadable at  
<http://www.cofe.anglican.org/worship/liturgy/commonworship/texts/newpatterns/texts/sectionf.html>

5 **Slow**

Je - sus, Lord of light: hear our prayer.

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FULL INTERCESSIONS

1 Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, shine into the darkness of lives without hope.  
We pray for children who see crime as a way of life.  
Help us to show them how to find another way.  
**Shine your light in their darkness.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, shine into the darkness of lives lived in isolation.  
We pray for children who are excluded from our society through disability.  
Help us to make a world in which they may have a full part.  
**Shine your light into their darkness.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, shine into the darkness of lives lived in fear.  
We pray for children who have run away from home or are at risk.  
Help us to stand by them so that they may discover strength.  
**Shine your light in their darkness.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World, shine into the darkness of lives lived in conflict.  
We pray for children who are refugees, torn by the tension of life in a new culture.  
Help us to understand their conflicts so that they may find acceptance.  
**Shine your light into their darkness.**

Lord Jesus Christ, Light of the World,  
we thank you for the work of The Children's Society.  
We pray that through their work,  
your light might shine  
into the lives of children lost in the darkness of fear,  
disregard and conflict.  
Help us, with them, to shine your light into the darkness.  
**Amen.**

*The Children's Society*

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- 2 We pray to Jesus who is present with us to eternity.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, light of the world,  
bring the light and peace of your gospel  
to the nations ...  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, bread of life,  
give food to the hungry ...  
and nourish us all with your word.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, our way, our truth, our life,  
be with us and all who follow you in the way ...  
Deepen our appreciation of your truth,  
**and fill us with your life.**

Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, Good Shepherd who gave your life for the sheep,  
recover the straggler,  
bind up the injured,  
strengthen the sick  
and lead the healthy and strong to new pastures.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us.**

Jesus, the resurrection and the life,  
we give you thanks for all who have lived and believed in  
you ...  
Raise us with them to eternal life.  
Jesus, Lord of life,  
**in your mercy, hear us,  
accept our prayers, and be with us always. Amen.**

## ***Eucharistic Prefaces***

The following prefaces are suitable for inclusion in Eucharistic Prayers A, B and E

- 1 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord.....**
  
- 2 We give thanks to God for all his gifts to us. Father, we give you thanks and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord. For birth and life and strength of body, for safety and shelter and food, we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**  
  
For sight and hearing and the beauty of nature, for words and music and the power of thought, we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**  
  
For work and leisure and the joy of achieving, for conscience and will and depth of feeling, we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**  
  
For grace and truth in Jesus Christ, for the gifts of the Spirit and the hope of heaven, we give you thanks:  
**we praise your holy name.**  
  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord....**

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- 3 Father, we give you thanks and praise  
for your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
He is the image of the unseen God,  
the first-born of all creation.  
He created all things in heaven and on earth:  
everything visible and everything invisible,  
thrones, dominions, sovereignties, powers,  
all things were created through him and for him.  
Lord of all creation  
**we worship and adore you.**
- He is the radiant light of your glory:  
he holds all creation together by his word of power.  
Lord of all creation  
**we worship and adore you.**
- He is first to be born from the dead.  
All perfection is found in him,  
and all things were reconciled through him and for him,  
everything in heaven and everything on earth,  
when he made peace by his death on the cross.  
Lord of all creation  
**we worship and adore you.**
- The Church is his body,  
he is its head.  
He takes his place in heaven  
at your right hand,  
where we worship you with all of your creation, singing:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord....**
- 4 Gracious God,  
we give you thanks and praise for Jesus Christ our Lord,  
for he was the Word before all creation.  
Through him all things come to be;  
not one thing has its being but through him.
- Jesus, Light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**
- His life is the light that shines in the dark,  
a light that darkness cannot overpower.
- Jesus, Light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**
- The Word was the true light coming into the world.  
He was in the world  
that had its being through him,  
and the world did not know him.  
Jesus, Light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

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He came to his own, and they did not accept him.  
But to all who accept him  
he gives power to become children of God.

Jesus, Light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

The Word was made flesh and lived among us,  
and we have seen his glory,  
as the only Son of the Father,  
full of grace and truth.

Jesus, Light of the world,  
**we worship and adore you.**

To God our creator,  
born as one of us,  
be all praise and glory.  
With all the company of heaven, we worship you, saying:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord.....**

- 5 Living God, Father of light,  
Hope of nations, Friend of sinners,  
Builder of the city that is to come;  
your love is made visible in Jesus Christ,  
you bring home the lost, restore the sinner  
and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ  
your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation,  
with the Church of all the ages,  
with apostles, evangelists and martyrs  
we join the angels of heaven  
in their unending song:  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord....**

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## **SENDING**

### ***Blessings***

- 1 May God, who kindled the fire of his love  
in the hearts of the saints,  
give you joy in their fellowship,  
and strengthen you to follow them  
in the way of holiness;  
and the blessing of God almighty.....
  
- 2 May the light of Christ dispel the darkness  
of our hearts and minds,  
and lead us in the light and obedience of Christ,  
and the blessing of God almighty.....

### ***Dismissal***

Go in the light and peace of Christ.  
**Thanks be to God.**

	AMNS	CAON	CHE	CH4	CP	HTC	JP	KS	LAU	MP	NEH	SG	SOF	TS	Other
Be bold, be strong							14	17		49			37	38	
Colours of the day dawn into the mind			118				28	433	764				64	69	
For all the saints	305	177	176	740	232	567			371	148	197	636	109	684	
Give me oil in my lamp	459	201	190		433	S 11	50	66	722	167			728		
I sing a song of the saints of God							115								
Jesus bids us shine							128	588							
Light of the world, you stepped down into darkness		845								1086			1419	1406	
Longing for light, we wait in darkness (Christ be our light)				543					883					1409	CG21
Lord, the light of your love (Shine, Jesus shine)		419	388	448	513			237	770	445		614	362	335	CG110
Make way, make way for Christ the King		438	479	279			427	249	819	457			384	349	
O when the saints go marching in		876	571				195								
Seek ye first the kingdom of God		590	633	641			215		820	590			493	447	
The Light of Christ			703						747	652					
The Lord is my light (Taize)		944													Taize
The Spirit lives to set us free		666					472	334	771	664			1555		
This little light of mine		901	736				258								
We are marching in the light of God		709	768	516				350		954			1076	539	CG139
Who would true valour see/ he who would valiant be	212	281	248	535	621	590	80		862	224	372	639	174		

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## Key to books

AMNS Hymns Ancient and Modern, New Standard Edition  
CAON Hymns Old & New, Complete Anglican Edition  
CAYP Come all you people (Wild Goose)  
CG Common Ground  
CHE Celebration Hymnal for Everyone  
CH4 Church Hymnary (4th edition) [= Hymns of Glory, Songs of Praise]  
CP Common Praise  
HSNW Heaven Shall Not Wait (Wild Goose)  
HTC Hymns for Today's Church, 2nd edition  
JP Junior Praise (Combined edition 1997)  
KS Kldsource 1 & 2  
LAU Laudate  
MP Complete Mission Praise  
NEH The New English Hymnal And New English Praise  
SG Sing Glory  
SOF Songs of Fellowship  
TS The Source