

*For the safety of those worshipping in our buildings and in line with current Church of England guidelines:*

*Please use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you enter the church, and before and after communion and when you leave.*

*Please **remain in the seat** the steward directed you to upon your arrival.*

*The **wearing of masks is mandatory** in church, please remove your mask only when receiving communion.*

*At the distribution of communion please wait in your seat until the steward directs you to go forward.*

*At the end of our worship, please stay seated, until the steward indicates you can safely leave.*

*Please **take this service sheet home with you.***

*Sadly, there will be no gathering afterwards, and the toilets are only available in emergencies.*

*Personal **photographs you take in our church**, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

*The recording of this service will be available later today online:*

*<https://rebrand.ly/saintsandhallows>*

## GREETING

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

The Lord be with you,

**All and also with you.**

*Words of welcome or introduction may be said.*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

**All 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. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden,  
to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

**All God of mercy,  
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.  
We turn from the wrong  
that we have thought and said and done,  
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.  
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,  
forgive us for all that is past,  
and help us to live each day  
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins,  
and assure us of his eternal love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **COLLECT**

Gracious God, you call us to fullness of life:  
deliver us from unbelief and banish our anxieties  
with the liberating love of Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **READING** Isaiah 5.1-7

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watch-tower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes?

And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will

make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it.

For the vineyard of the LORD of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

*Silence may be kept.*

## **GOSPEL READING Matthew 21.33-46**

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.

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the chief priests and the elders of the people: 'Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watch-tower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, "They will respect my son." But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, "This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance." So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?' They said to him, 'He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time.'

Jesus said to them, 'Have you never read in the scriptures: "The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes"? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.'

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Let us declare our faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All 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.**

Silence may be kept.

## **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Let us pray.

*This response may be included:*

Lord, hear us.

**All Lord, graciously hear us.**

*And at the end*

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

## **PEACE**

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,  
since as members of one body you are called to peace.

*cf Colossians 3.15*

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

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Wise and gracious God,  
you spread a table before us;  
nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**All      Amen.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you.

**All      And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All      We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All      It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Blessed are you, Lord God  
our light and our salvation;  
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things  
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.  
In the fullness of time you made us in your image,  
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,  
that with angels and archangels  
and all the powers of heaven  
we may find a voice to sing your praise::

**All      Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.  
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,  
you embraced a people as your own.  
When they turned away and rebelled  
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary,  
to be the living bread,  
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.  
He offered his life for sinners,  
and with a love stronger than death  
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,  
he came to supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

**All**      **Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

Father, we plead with confidence  
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;  
we remember his dying and rising in glory,  
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you  
these gifts of your creation;  
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,  
form us in the likeness of Christ,  
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.  
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,  
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with *[N and]* all the saints  
to the vision of that eternal splendour  
for which you have created us;

through Jesus Christ, our Lord,  
by whom, with whom, and in whom,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise.

**All      Blessing and honour and glory and power  
            be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All      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.**

*[or]*      **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,  
            the power, and the glory  
            for ever and ever. Amen.**

## **BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

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

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

**All      Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
            Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
            Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.**

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**All      Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
            to the glory of God the Father.**

## **WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION** said to all here

The body of Christ keep you in eternal life.

**All**      **Amen.**

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion in one kind only which is distributed in silence.*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Lord, we pray that your grace  
may always precede and follow us,  
and make us continually to be given to all good works;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

## **NOTICES**

## **BLESSING**

The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All**      **Amen.**

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

**All**      **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The ministers and people depart.*

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