



Holy Communion

Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity

11 October 2020

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*Personal **photographs you take in our church**, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd;
therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

Silence may be kept.

GOSPEL READING Matthew 22.1-14

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.

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: 'The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. Again he sent other slaves, saying, "Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet." But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. Then he said to his slaves, "The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet." Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and

bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, and he said to him, "Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?" And he was speechless. Then the king said to the attendants, "Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth." For many are called, but few are chosen.'

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.

It is truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord
walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known
in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels
and with all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join their unending song of 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends,
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them 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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you
the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

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

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with *[N and]* all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **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

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast:
for here we receive you,
here the memory of your passion is renewed,
here our minds are filled with grace,
and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you reign
with all your saints for ever.

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.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Peter B, Christian S, Sue P, Roger P, Richard H, Tim C, Glennis H, Marilyn C.

The housebound Ruth S, Margaret O, Diana B.

The Church of the Province of Uganda: The Most Revd Stephen Samuel Kaziimba, Archbishop of Uganda and Bishop of Kampala; The Porvoo Churches – Truro, Tönsberg, Strängnäs.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, first obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Rev Paula or Agnes at the Benefice Office whom to pray for and the reason why. A name remains on the list for three weeks.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fall on this week Pearl Aufrère Tabernacle, Lauren and Jack Bentley, Nora Richardson, Lawrence Hardwick, Hilda Burton, Iris Pigeon, Fred Holloway, Joan Stanbridge, Gertrude Poole, David Teal, Joyce Reynolds, Pam Walkington, Edward Albert Loveday, Alfred John Lee.

Those who died recently, among them Audrey Florence Jean Samson, Michael (Ben) Pettitt, Roland John Watts, Fiona Lisa Andrews.

NOTICES

Magazine deadline Sun 11 Oct.

All Souls service to remember the departed 1 Nov 16:00, All Saints. If you would like us to read out the names of your loved ones who passed away, please put them on the list in church. Use capital letters for legibility.

To add a notice, contact Agnes at the Benefice Office.

DIARY

Tue 13 Oct

8:30 via Zoom

Edward the Confessor

Morning prayer

Wed 14 Oct

12:15 All Hallows

17:30 via Zoom

Midweek Eucharist

Evening prayer

Thurs 15 Oct

8:30 via Zoom

10:00 All Saints

Teresa of Avila

Morning prayer

Holy Communion

Sun 18 Oct

8:00 All Saints

9:15 All Saints

11:15 All Hallows

Luke

Eucharist

All-Age Eucharist

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