



Holy Communion

John, Apostle and Evangelist

27 December 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.*

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

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

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*Personal **photographs you take in our church**, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*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

Hear what Saint John says:

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves,
and the truth is not in us.

If we confess our sins, God is faithful and just,
and will forgive us our sins, and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

1 John 1.8,9

**All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

May God our Father forgive your sins
and bring you to the fellowship of his table
with his saints for ever.

All Amen.

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

The Collect is said.

Merciful Lord,
cast your bright beams of light upon the Church:
that, being enlightened by the teaching
of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John,
we may so walk in the light of your truth
that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life;
through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,

in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

READING 1 John 1

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us..

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

GOSPEL READING John 21.19b-25

Alleluia, alleluia.

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us,
and we have seen his glory.

John 1.14

All **Alleluia.**

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

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

Jesus said to Peter, 'Follow me.' Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them; he was the one who had reclined next to Jesus at the supper and had said, 'Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?' When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, 'Lord, what about him?' Jesus said to him, 'If it is my will that he remain

until I come, what is that to you? Follow me!’ So the rumour spread in the community that this disciple would not die. Yet Jesus did not say to him that he would not die, but, ‘If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?’

This is the disciple who is testifying to these things and has written them, and we know that his testimony is true. But there are also many other things that Jesus did; if every one of them were written down, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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

Rejoicing in the love and life of God made visible among us,
let us pray to Jesus, the only-begotten Son.

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.**

Silence is kept.

PEACE

Jesus says, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

John 14.27

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

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Word made flesh, life of the world,
in your incarnation you embraced our poverty:
by your Spirit may we share in your riches.

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 indeed right,
it is our duty and our joy,
at all times and in all places
to give you thanks and praise,
holy Father, heavenly King,
almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks
for the grace and truth shown forth
in John, your evangelist and apostle;
by the light of Christ's appearing
we behold your glory
and are born again to life eternal.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,
who, in your tender mercy,
gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;

who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered
a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction
for the sins of the whole world;
he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,
and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,
we receiving these gifts of your creation,
this bread and this wine,
according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,
in remembrance of his death and passion,
may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat;
this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:

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.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,
we offer you through him this
our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,
and through faith in his blood,
we and all your Church
may receive forgiveness of our sins
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy,
through our manifold sins,
to offer you any sacrifice,
yet we pray that you will accept this
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits,
but pardon our offences,
and fill us all who share in this holy communion
with your grace and heavenly blessing;
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us,
light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

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

Christ is the true bread
which has come down from heaven.

All Lord, give us this bread always.

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

Grant, O Lord, we pray,
that the Word made flesh
proclaimed by your apostle John
may, by the celebration of these holy mysteries,
ever abide and live within us;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

NOTICES

BLESSING

Grace from the eternal Father be with you;
grace from the Word made flesh be with you;
grace from the Spirit of truth be with you;
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 Christian S, Sue P, Roger P, Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Pam B, Philip B.

The housebound Ruth S, Margaret O, Diana B.

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 the names to Rev Christine.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fall on this week Peter Joiner, Dorothy Lovell, Grace Steele, Delia Housden, Don Gough, Kathleen Higgs, Russell Dickens, Peter Moore, Major Clive Bishop, Vera Ward, Mollie Bradfield, Wynford Thomas, Ernest Edward Adams, Gordon Douglas Lambert, Margaret Hoather, Yvonne Round, Gordon Hunter

NOTICES

All Hallows' Christmas Quiz is available from Bob and Margaret Addie or from All Hallows when open, for £1, with cash prizes. Closing date 6 Jan 2021.

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DIARY

Wed 30 Dec

10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to visitors

Sat 2 Jan

Basil the Great; Gregory of Nazianzus

10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to visitors

Sun 3 Jan

Epiphany

8:00 All Saints Eucharist

9:15 All Saints Eucharist

11:15 All Hallows Eucharist

18:00 via Zoom Compline

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