

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*Personal **photographs you take in our church**, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*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

BLESSING THE CRIB

GREETING

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

All Amen.

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe!

**All From the rising of the sun to its setting
your name is proclaimed in all the world.**

The Lord of glory be with you.

All The Lord bless 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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

God be gracious to us and bless us,
and make your face shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,
your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

You, Lord, have made known your salvation,
and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer.

Grateful for the glory revealed today
through God made flesh, let us pray.

The Collect is said.

Creator of the heavens,
who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:
guide and sustain us,
that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

READING Ephesians 3.1-12

I, Paul, am a prisoner for Christ Jesus for the sake of you Gentiles - for surely you have already heard of the commission of God's grace that was given me for you, and how the mystery was made known to me by revelation, as I wrote above in a few words, a reading of which will enable you to perceive my understanding of the mystery of Christ. In former generations this mystery was not made known to humankind, as it has now been revealed to his holy apostles and prophets by the Spirit: that is, the Gentiles have become fellow-heirs, members of the same body, and sharers in the promise in Christ Jesus through the gospel.

Of this gospel I have become a servant according to the gift of God's grace that was given me by the working of his power. Although I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given to me to bring to the Gentiles the news of the boundless riches of Christ, and to make everyone see what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God who created all things; so that through the church the wisdom of God in its rich variety might now be made known to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places. This was in accordance with the eternal purpose that he has carried out in Christ Jesus our Lord, in whom we have access to God in boldness and confidence through faith in him.

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 Matthew 2.1-12

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh,
proclaimed among the nations,
and believed in throughout the world.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.'

When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.'

When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

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 to the Lord.

This response may be included:

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

And at the end

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

Silence is kept.

PEACE

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

cf Isaiah 9.6,7

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

PRESENTATION OF GIFTS

This part is omitted at the 8am service.

At the offering of gold:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As gold in the furnace is tried
and purified seven times in fire
so purify our hearts and minds
that we may be a royal priesthood
acceptable in the service of your kingdom.

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of incense:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As our prayer rises up before you as incense,
so may we be presented before you
with penitent hearts and uplifted hands
to offer ourselves in your priestly service.

All Blessed be God for ever.

At the offering of myrrh:

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe:
to you be praise and glory for ever.
As you give medicine to heal our sickness
and the leaves of the tree of life
for the healing of the nations,
so anoint us with your healing power
that we may be the first-fruits of your new creation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people
joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love
and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.
All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.
All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:

This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father,
with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you
to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Believing the promises of God,
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

Lord God,
the bright splendour whom the nations seek:
may we who with the wise men
have been drawn by your light
discern the glory of your presence in your Son,
the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

NOTICES

BLESSING

Christ the Son of God
perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts
with the good news of his kingdom;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

We have seen his glory,
the glory revealed to all the nations.

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.

The Church The Episcopal / Anglican Province of Alexandria; the Porvoo Churches: London, Nidaros

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 Ted Rudd, Irene Mary Gould, Mabel Clara Howell, Alice Coombes, Frank Linnell, Michael Jenner Wrenn, Dorothy Mary Linnell, Margaret Rosina Wittingham, Donald Richard Partridge, Phyllis Gwendoline Lambert, John Gregory Charles Holloway, Alan Biggs, Glynnis Patrica Bourne, Annie May Cox, Charles Henry Fair, Angela McHugh, John Edward Benbow, Mary Bamberry, Richard Anstead, Ethel Buchta, Sylvia Pettit, Chris Christison, Dorothy Charles, John Harwood

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When you sign up on the above sites as a supporter, 4400 shops (including the big names like Amazon, Argos etc.) will donate for free every time you shop with them online. Any questions, please let Chris Haynes know.

DIARY

Tue 5 Jan	Twelfth Night	
8:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Wed 6 Jan		
10:30-12:15	All Hallows	open to visitors
12:15	All Hallows	MU Communion
17:30	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Thu 7 Jan		
8:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00	All Saints	Holy Communion
11:00	All Hallows	Funeral
Sat 9 Jan		
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to visitors
Sun 10 Jan	Baptism of Christ	
8:00	All Saints	Eucharist
9:15	All Saints	Family Service
11:15	All Hallows	Family Service
18:00	Zoom	Compline

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