

Holy Communion

Harvest 3 October 2021

We continue to observe **social distancing rules** in our church.

Please use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you arrive, before and after communion, and when you leave. Do wear a **face mask** when you are moving around in church. You may remove your mask whilst sitting in your pew, and for a brief period when receiving communion.

Please take this service sheet home with you. Sadly, there will be no gathering afterwards. **Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)

SONG

- There is a farmer who stands in his fields,
 And he sees all the work to be done.
 He has been watching for many a month,
 He's been waiting for this day to come.
- Refrain There's a song to sing as the harvest comes in,
 To the One who gives sunshine and rain.
 Let us all join in with a thank-offering
 For the harvest that's gathered again.
- There was a time when the fi elds were prepared,
 And the good soil was carefully ploughed.
 Then came the day for the farmer to sow
 And the seeds were all scattered around.
- There was some time for the farmer to wait
 As the seeds slowly grew out of sight.
 Then came the day when the first shoots appeared,
 And the farmer was filled with delight.
- 4 Now is the time when the crops are full grown, And the farmer must gather them in. He'll need some help 'cause there's lots to be done, And it's hard to know where to begin.

[Sing the refrain twice after the last verse.]

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GREETING

The land has yielded its harvest. God, our God, has blessed us.

Come into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise.

Give thanks to him and bless his holy name.

For the Lord is good, his loving mercy is forever. His faithfulness throughout all generations.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Words of welcome may be said.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

Let us confess our forgetfulness of the needs of the poor, and repent of the ways in which we waste the resources of the world.

We confess to you our lack of care for the world you have given us. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our selfishness in not sharing the earth's bounty fairly. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our failure to protect resources for others. Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy. The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo, Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo.

Lord God, heavenly King, peace you bring to us; We worship you, we give you thanks, we sing our song of praise.

Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo, Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo.

Jesus, Saviour of all, Lord God, Lamb of God You take away our sins, O Lord, have mercy on us all.

Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo, Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo.

At the Father's right hand, Lord receive our prayer, For you alone are the Holy One, and you alone are Lord.

Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo, Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo.

Glory Father and Son, glory Holy Spirit, To you we raise our hands on high, we glorify your name.

Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo, Gloria, [clap, clap] Gloria, [clap, clap] in excelsis Deo.

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea, and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest, may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

READING 1 Timothy 2.1-7

I urge that requests, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for everyone – for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness. This is good, and pleases God our Saviour, who wants us all to be saved and to come to a knowledge of the truth. For there is one God and one mediator between God and us, the man Christ Jesus, who gave himself as a ransom for all – the testimony given in its proper time. And for this purpose I was appointed a herald and an apostle – I am telling the truth, I am not lying – and a teacher of the true faith to the Gentiles.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

ANTHEM How: Praise, O Praise

GOSPEL READING Matthew 6.25-33

The Lord be with you, and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. Glory to you, O Lord.

"I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more important than food, and the body more important than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? Who of you by worrying can add a single hour to his life?

"And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendour was dressed like one of these. If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you, O you of little faith? So do not worry, saying, 'What shall we eat?' or 'What shall we wear?' For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them. But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **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.

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 God, the Lord of the harvest, that he will bring to fruition all that he desires for his creation.

This response may be included:

Lord, hear us. Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end:

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

PEACE

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

cf Galatians 5.22,23.

The peace of the Lord be always with you, and also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God for ever.

SONG

Tell me who made all of creation, who designed the wonders of nature? Whose idea was pattern and colour, wonderful to see?

Refrain Everywhere around me, I can see the hand of God, the evidence surrounds me, in the greatness of his world. Everywhere around me, I can see the hand of God, the evidence surrounds me, in the greatness of his world.

- Tell me who made music and laughter, who designed our bodies to start with? Whose idea was thinking and feeling, who gave life to me?
- 3 Don't stop looking, don't stop believing, God is to be found when you seek him. All creation tells of his glory for eternity.

Everywhere around me!

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EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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:

Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord God Almighty. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, Holy is the Lord God Almighty, Who was, and is, and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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:

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.

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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ. Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

O Lamb of God, come cleanse our hearts and take our sin away.
O Lamb of God, your grace impart, and let our guilty fear depart, have mercy, Lord, we pray, have mercy, Lord, we pray.

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GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion in one kind only.

SONGS

1 For the beauty of the earth, for the beauty of the skies, for the love which from our birth over and around us lies:

Refrain Lord of all, to thee we raise this our sacrifice of praise.

- 2 For the beauty of each hour of the day and of the night, hill and vale, and tree and flower, sun and moon and stars of light:
- For the joy of human love, brother, sister, parent, child, friends on earth, and friends above, pleasures pure and undefiled:

4 For each perfect gift of thine to our race so freely given, graces human and divine, flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

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Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message to the people we meet.

Refrain So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return.
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.

- Go through the park, on into the town;
 The sun still shines on, it never goes down.
 The light of the world is risen again;
 The people of darkness are needing our friend.
- Open your eyes, look into the sky,
 The darkness has come, the sun came to die.
 The evening draws on, the sun disappears,
 But Jesus is living, his Spirit is near.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

We have celebrated Harvest, brought our gifts, sung hymns and remembered God's generosity. As we go out into the world, help us, Father, to live our lives as people of the harvest, to share and give, to bless and to love, through Jesus, our friend and Lord.

We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.

NOTICES

SONG

- Cabbages and greens,
 broccoli and beans,
 cauliflower and roasted potatoes
 taste so good to me!
- Apricots and plums,
 ripened in the sun,
 oranges and yellow bananas
 good for everyone!

Refrain It's another Harvest Festival
when we bring our fruit and vegetables,
'cause we want to share the best of all
the good things we've been given.
It's another opportunity,
to be grateful for the food we eat,
with a samba celebration to
say 'Thank you' to God the Father.

- Golden corn and wheat,
 oats and sugar beet,
 fluffy rice and tasty spaghetti
 wonderful to eat!
- 4 Coffee, cocoa, tea, growing nat'rally, herbal plants and all kinds of spices very nice indeed! [Refrain]

Middle 8 Thank you for the harvest, thank you for your goodness, for all of the fruit and vegetables and the wonderful things that grow. [Repeat x4] [Refrain]

God the Father.

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BLESSING

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing upon all things created, and upon you his children, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Freely you have received, freely give. Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people and the ministers depart.

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Sue P, Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Oliver D, Veronica D, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W, Wendy S.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Diana B, Cedric G.

If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please first obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then tell Rev Christine whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fall on this week: Madge Woolston, Derek Whiteoak, Arthur Billett, Lilian Ottaway, Rex Swindall, Douglas Battson, Freda Wooding, Constance Martin, Olive Henson, Wilf Foster, Dennis Briggs, Neil Owen Meekings, Mary Rudd, Anthony Paul Lovell, Wilfred Maurice Phillips, Lily Gartside, Eileen Maud Baxter, Reg Green.

NOTICES

Traditional Harvest Songs of Praise Sun 3 Oct 16:00, All Saints. A service of traditional harvest hymns and readings. All welcome!

All Souls Service Tue 5 Nov 19:30, All Hallows. The names of the departed will be remembered during the service. Please add the names of those you wish to be remembered to the list at the back of both churches. Please use capital letters for legibility.

All Hallows' Remembrance Sunday (14 Nov) service starts at 9:30am, so that we can attend the town memorial service afterwards.

Do you want to be Child Bishop? If the answer is yes! Please write an essay (~200 words) about why and send it by 31 October to officeallsaints@btinternet.com or All Saints' Church, Midland Rd, Wellingborough NN8 1HF, with your name and telephone number. Details and requirements are in the magazine.

Listening Events in October

Invitations to these have been posted this week. If you have not received an invitation, please let Agnes know – this will be because of human error, NOT an intentional omission.

We will be holding a separate event for our young people and details of this will be confirmed in the next couple of weeks.

Please could you RSVP as soon as possible:

to the Church Office email address: officeallsaints@btinternet.com or by telephone: 01933 278484, please leave a message.

DIARY

Tues 5 Oct		
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Wed 6 Oct	William Tyndale	
9:00 - 10:00	All Saints	school worship
10:30 - 12:15	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15 - 13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
17:30 - 18:00	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Thurs 7 Oct		
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
Sat 9 Oct		
10:30 - 12:15	All Hallows	open to the public
Sun 10 Oct	Trinity 19	
9:15 - 10:30	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15 - 12:30	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00 - 18:30	Zoom	Compline

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