



## Holy Communion

First Sunday of Advent  
28 November 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. We continue to take **communion** in one kind only.

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**Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)

### INTROIT Advent Responsory

#### HYMN

1 O come, O come Emmanuel!  
Redeem thy captive Israel,  
That into exile drear is gone  
Far from the face of God's dear Son.

Refrain *Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
Shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, true Wisdom from on high!  
Who madest all in earth and sky,  
Creating man from dust and clay:  
To us reveal salvation's way.

3 O come, O come, Adonai,  
Who in thy glorious majesty  
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,  
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.

4 O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw  
The quarry from the lion's claw;  
From those dread caverns of the grave,  
From nether hell, thy people save.

- 5 O come, thou Lord of David's Key!  
The royal door fling wide and free;  
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,  
And bar the way to death's abode.
- 6 O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!  
Pour on our souls thy healing light;  
dispel the long night's lingering gloom,  
and pierce the shadows of the tomb.
- 7 O come, Desire of nations! Show  
Thy kingly reign on earth below;  
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,  
Restore the ruin of our fall.

*Cologne 1710, based on the Advent Antiphons  
tr. T A Lacey (1853-1931) and editors, melody Thomas Helmore (1811-90)*

## GREETING

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

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

When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.

Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

God, be gracious to us and bless us,  
and make your face shine upon us:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May your ways be known on the earth,  
your saving power among the nations:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

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

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
help and strengthen you by his Spirit  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## COLLECT

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

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**Amen.**

## FIRST READING Jeremiah 33.14-16

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## PSALM 25.1-9



- 1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust;  
let me not be put to shame; let not my enemies triumph over me.
- 2 Let none who look to you be put to shame,  
but let the treacherous be shamed and frustrated.
- 3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, and teach me your paths.
- 4 Lead me in your truth and teach me,  
or you are the God of my salvation, for you have I hoped all the day long.
- 5 Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are everlasting.
- 6 Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions,  
but think on me in your goodness, O Lord,  
according to your steadfast love.
- 7 Gracious and upright is the Lord;  
therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.
- 8 He will guide the humble in doing right and teach his way to the lowly.
- 9 All the paths of the Lord are mercy and truth  
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.

## SECOND READING 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

*At the end the reader may say:*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## HYMN

- 1 Hark! a herald voice is calling:  
'Christ is nigh,' it seems to say;  
'Cast away the dreams of darkness,  
O ye children of the day!'
- 2 Startled at the solemn warning,  
let the earth-bound soul arise;  
Christ, her sun, all sloth dispelling,  
shines upon the morning skies.
- 3 Lo! the Lamb, so long expected,  
comes with pardon down from heaven;  
let us haste, with tears of sorrow,  
one and all to be forgiven.
- 4 So when next he comes with glory,  
and earth's final hour draws ear,  
may he then as our defender  
on the clouds of heaven appear.
- 5 Honour, glory, virtue, merit,  
to the Father and the Son,  
with the co-eternal Spirit,  
while unending ages run.

*Anonymous Latin, tr. Edward Caswall (1814-1878) HymnQuest ID: 53925*

## GOSPEL READING Luke 21.25-36



*ALL.*  
Al-ly lu-ia, Al-le lu-ia, Al-le lu-ia, Al-le lu-ia, Al-le lu-ia, Al-le lu-ia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*Repeat the Alleluia.*

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples: 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away. Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.'

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

In joyful expectation of his coming to our aid  
we pray to Jesus.

*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.**

*Silence is kept.*

Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people  
who trust in your love.  
By your coming,  
raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign with the Father and the Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
**Amen.**

## LIGHTING OF THE FIRST CANDLE – ADVENT HOPE

Jesus said,  
'Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'  
**Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The first candle is lit.*

Jesus is the light of the world.  
**A light no darkness can ever put out.**

*We sing together:*

**Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,  
changed for gladness on that day.**

## PEACE

May the God of peace make you completely holy,  
ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

## HYMN

- 1 Wake, O wake! with tidings thrilling  
the watchmen all the air are filling,  
arise, Jerusalem, arise!  
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,  
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.  
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?  
The Bridegroom comes in sight,  
raise high your torches bright!  
Alleluiya!  
The wedding song  
swells loud and strong:  
go forth and join the festal throng.
- 2 Sion hears the watchmen shouting,  
her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,  
she stands and waits with eager eyes;  
see her Friend from heaven descending,  
adorned with truth and grace unending!  
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.  
Now come, thou precious Crown,  
Lord Jesus, God's own Son!  
Hosanna!  
Let us prepare  
to follow there,  
where in thy supper we may share.
- 3 Every soul in thee rejoices;  
from men and from angelic voices  
be glory given to thee alone!  
Now the gates of pearl receive us,  
thy presence never more shall leave us,  
we stand with Angels round thy throne.  
Earth cannot give below  
the bliss thou dost bestow.



Alleluya!  
Grant us to raise,  
to length of days  
the triumph-chorus of thy praise.

*Philipp Nicolai (1556-1608) tr F.C.Burkitt (1864-1935) altd © Oxford University Press; HymnQuest ID: 63193*

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one,  
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.  
**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.  
**Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

## EUCCHARISTIC 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.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself  
to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed  
before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices  
with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and singing:

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

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**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.

**Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Awaiting his coming in glory,  
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.

## AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,  
grant us peace.

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God  
who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.  
**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.*

**ANTHEM** Boris Ord: Adam lay Ybounden

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## NOTICES

## HYMN

- 1 Lo! he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;  
thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train:  
alleluya!  
God appears on earth to reign.
- 2 Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at nought and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.
- 3 Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!
- 4 Yea, amen! let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory:  
claim the kingdom for thine own:  
O come quickly!  
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788), Martin Madan (1726-1790), John Cennick (1718-1755) HymnQuest ID: 57076*

## BLESSING

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

*The president says:*

Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'  
**Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

May the Lord, when he comes,  
find us watching and waiting.  
**Amen.**

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** J. S. Bach: Wachet auf

## **OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR**

**Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit**, among them Richard H, Tim C, Kay G, Veronica D, Fred R, Jonathan, Diane J, Fr Stephen S, Ron W, Wendy S, Julie V, Margaret C, the pupils and staff of All Saints School who have had to reintroduce social distancing for the time being.

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

*If you would like to add a name to our prayer list, please 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 fell on this past week:** Winifred McMorrow Melville, Peter Gannon, Harold Sidney Stevens, Anne Nester Hughs, Caroline Elizabeth Martin, Bernard Sanders, Susan Margaret Adams, Mavis Marion Charlton, Joseph Charles Shatford, Elizabeth Frances Rowbery, Mavis Elizabeth West, Betty Hill, Susan Simson, Emily Palmer, Winifred Mary Cooper, Isabel Galilee, Charles Short, Kerry-Jane Lewis, Cliff 'Dick' Roberts, Henry Orton, Sid Desborough, Evelyn Barrett, Evelyn Lovett, John William [Jack] Wooding, Bill Timpson, Constance Bailey, Edith Blaber, Robert Jeffery Odell, Mary Parkin, May Wallis, Iris Robins, Eileen Falkner.

## NOTICES

**The Town Council have organised a Christmas Market** for Sat 11 Dec 10:00-15:00. It will end with the Town Carol Service outside All Hallows Church with free refreshments being served. Please do come along and support this event.

**Advent Course - The Art of Advent** to be held via Zoom every Thurs 19:00, starting on 2 Dec. Please do let Agnes know if you would like the Zoom link which will be sent out on Wednesdays.

**Please support All Saints' little shop** in the library corner of the church. With no chance of having a bazaar to raise funds for All Saints, we are, instead, running a stall each Sunday, with items for sale and a chance to win some valuable prizes on our Lucky Numbers board.

**The Children's Society boxholders** please bring their boxes to All Saints for the annual opening, and leave them at the back of church or give them to the wardens. If you prefer, Lynne Burton can collect it from your home, please contact her on 01933 677093 to arrange a suitable time.

**Do you shop online?** We registered with a fundraising site. If you sign up as our supporter, 4400 shops (including big names like Amazon, Argos etc.) will leave us a donation every time you shop with them online. It is completely free for you.  
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Any questions, please let Chris Haynes know.

## DIARY

### Mon 29 Nov

19:45 Zoom AH PCC meeting

### Tues 30 Nov

8:30 - 9:00 Andrew Zoom Morning Prayer

### Wed 1 Dec

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 2 Dec

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer  
10:00 - 10:30 All Saints Holy Communion  
13:20 - 15:00 All Hallows AS School rehearsal  
19:00 - 20:00 Zoom Advent Course

### Fri 3 Dec

9:00 - 10:00 All Hallows AS School Christingle  
19:00 - 20:00 All Hallows choir practice  
19:30 - 20:00 All Saints choir practice

### Sat 4 Dec

9:30 - 10:30 All Hallows MU Communion  
10:30 - 12:30 All Hallows open to the public / Advent Appeal  
16:00 - 17:00 Zoom Christingle

### Sun 5 Dec Advent 2

#### *Magazine deadline*

8:00 - 8:30 All Saints Eucharist  
9:15 - 10:30 All Saints Eucharist  
11:15 - 12:30 All Hallows Eucharist  
18:00 - 18:30 Zoom Compline

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