



Holy Communion

Epiphany
2 January 2022

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor it is good to have you here. At All Saints we continue to take precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible as we worship, the details of these are below. We hope that you find peace and spiritual refreshment this morning as we journey through the season of Advent.

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

*We encourage you to use the **hand sanitiser** stations when you arrive, before and after communion, and when you leave.*

*Please wear a **face mask**. You may remove your mask for a brief period when receiving communion. We continue to take **communion** in one kind only.*

Please take this service sheet home with you. Tea and coffee will be served after the service from the back of church. A one way system will be in place, we would ask that you get your drink and sit in a pew to chat to avoid crowding at the coffee station.

***Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*

We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship. The ministers process into the church.

GATHERING

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

All Amen.

Minister 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.

Minister The Lord of glory be with you.

All The Lord bless you.

Words of welcome may be said.

HYMN

- 1 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.
- 2 Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness:
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.
- 3 Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine:
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.
- 4 These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.

*The president moves to the crib, blesses it and sprinkles it with holy water.
After the blessing of the crib the hymn continues.*

- 5 O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness;
bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him: the Lord is his name.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811–1875)

CONFESSION

Minister 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

Silence may be kept.

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.

ABSOLUTION

Minister Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

COLLECT

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

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.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 60.1-6

Arise, shine; for your light has come, and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you. For darkness shall cover the earth, and thick darkness the peoples; but the LORD will arise upon you, and his glory will appear over you.

Nations shall come to your light, and kings to the brightness of your dawn. Lift up your eyes and look around; they all gather together, they come to you; your sons shall come from far away, and your daughters shall be carried on their nurses' arms.

Then you shall see and be radiant; your heart shall thrill and rejoice, because the abundance of the sea shall be brought to you, the wealth of the nations shall come to you. A multitude of camels shall cover you, the young camels of Midian and Ephah; all those from Sheba shall come. They shall bring gold and frankincense, and shall proclaim the praise of the LORD.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 72.10-15

10 The kings of Tarshish and of the isles shall pay tribute;
the kings of Sheba and Seba shall bring gifts.

11 All kings shall fall down before him; all nations shall do him service.

12 For he shall deliver the poor that cry out,
the needy and those who have no helper.

13 He shall have pity on the weak and poor;
he shall preserve the lives of the needy.

14 He shall redeem their lives from oppression and violence,
and dear shall their blood be in his sight.

- 15 Long may he live; unto him may be given gold from Sheba;
may prayer be made for him continually
and may they bless him all the day long.

SECOND 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.

HYMN

- 1 Arise, shine out, your light has come,
unfolding City of our dreams.
On distant hills a glory gleams:
the new creation has begun.
- 2 Above earth's valleys, thick with night,
high on your walls the dawn appears,
and history shall dry its tears,
as nations stream towards your light.
- 3 From walls surpassing time and space,
unnumbered gates, like open hands,

shall gather gifts from all the lands,
and welcome all the human race.

4 The sounds of violence shall cease
as dwellings of salvation rise
to sparkle in eternal skies
from avenues of praise and peace.

5 The dancing air shall glow with light
and sun and moon give up their place
when Love shines out of every face:
our Good, our Glory, our Delight.

Brian Wren (b. 1936) based on Isaiah 60 (A Song of the New Jerusalem)

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GOSPEL READING Matthew 2.1-12

All Alleluia, alleluia!

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

All Alleluia!

Minister 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.

CREED

Minister Let us declare our faith in God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven,

was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister Let us pray to Jesus our Saviour.

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

Minister 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

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All and also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

During the hymn the gifts of the people may be gathered.

HYMN

- 1 From the eastern mountains
pressing on they come,
wise men in their wisdom,
to his humble home;
stirred by deep devotion,
hasting from afar,
ever journeying onward,
guided by a star.
- 2 There their Lord and Saviour
meek and lowly lay,
wondrous light that led them
onward on their way,
ever now to lighten
nations from afar,

as they journey homeward
by that guiding star.

3 Thou who in a manger
once hast lowly lain,
who dost now in glory
o'er all kingdoms reign,
gather in the peoples,
who in lands afar
ne'er have seen the brightness
of thy guiding star.

4 Until every nation,
whether bond or free,
'neath thy star-lit banner,
Jesu, follow thee
o'er the distant mountains
to that heavenly home,
where nor sin nor sorrow
evermore shall come.

Godfrey Thring (1823-1903)

TABLE PRAYER

Minister Lord, accept your people's gifts,
not gold, frankincense or myrrh,
but hearts and voices raised in praise of Jesus Christ,
our light and our salvation.

All Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister All honour and praise be yours
always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:

for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.
In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
the Saviour sent to redeem us.
In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and say our joyful hymn 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.**

Minister Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Minister And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of *[N and]* all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
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.

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister 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.

Minister 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.**

Minister We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share, we all share in one bread.
Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share, we all share in one bread.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

HYMNS

1 What child is this who, laid to rest
on Mary's lap is sleeping?
Whom angels greet with anthems sweet,
while shepherds watch are keeping?

Chorus *This, this is Christ the King,
whom shepherds guard and angels sing:
haste, haste, to bring him praise,
the babe, the Son of Mary.*

2 Why lies he in such mean estate,
where ox and ass are feeding?
Good Christians fear: for sinners here,
the silent Word is pleading.

3 So bring him incense, gold and myrrh,
come, peasant, king, to own him,
the King of kings salvation brings,
let loving hearts enthrone him.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898) and others, HymnQuest ID: 63727

1 Like a candle flame,
flick'ring small in our darkness,
uncreated light
shines through infant eyes.

Men *God is with us, alleluia,*
Women *God is with us, alleluia,*
Men *come to save us, alleluia,*
Women *come to save us,*
All *alleluia!*

2 Stars and angels sing,
yet the earth sleeps in shadows;
can this tiny spark
set a world on fire?

3 Yet his light shall shine
from our lives, Spirit blazing,
as we touch the flame
of his holy fire.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister 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.**

All **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

BLESSING

Minister May God the Father,
who led the wise men by the shining of a star
to find the Christ, the Light from light,
lead you in your pilgrimage to find the Lord.

All **Amen.**

Minister May God,
who has delivered us from the dominion of darkness,
give us a place with the saints in light
in the kingdom of his beloved Son.

All **Amen.**

Minister May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
shine in your hearts and fill our lives with his joy and peace.

All **Amen.**

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

All **Amen.**

HYMN

1 As with gladness men of old
did the guiding star behold,
as with joy they hailed its light,
leading onward, beaming bright ;
so, most gracious Lord, may we
evermore be led to thee.

2 As with joyful steps they sped,
Saviour, to thy lowly bed,
there to bend the knee before
thee whom heaven and earth adore ;
so may we with willing feet
ever seek thy mercy-seat.

3 As they offered gifts most rare
at thy cradle rude and bare,
so may we with holy joy,
pure and free from sin's alloy,
all our costliest treasures bring,
Christ, to thee our heavenly King.

4 Holy Jesus, every day
keep us in the narrow way,
and, when earthly things are past,
bring our ransomed souls at last
where they need no star to guide,
where no clouds thy glory hide.

5 In the heavenly country bright
need they no created light ;
thou its light, its joy, its crown,
thou its sun which goes not down ;
there for ever may we sing
alleluias to our King.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

DISMISSAL

Minister 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 people and ministers depart.

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, Kath T, Leslie, Sue P.

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: 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 Patricia Bourne, Annie May Cox, Charles Henry Fair, Angela McHugh, Mollie Bradfield, Frank Toseland, Edward Greig, Gladys Foden, Agnes Cope, Cicely Wilson, Sylvia Pettit, Chris Christison, Dorothy Charles, John Harwood.

NOTICES

Benefice Magazine for January 2022 is available at the back of church. Articles for the February edition are invited, and should be sent to Stephen Ostler (01933 226730, sfo@mypiano.com), or to Canon Margaret, by 16 January, please.

DIARY

Tues 4 Jan

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer

Wed 5 Jan

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 6 Jan

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30 All Saints Holy Communion

Fri 7 Jan

19:00 Zoom AH PCC meeting
19:00 - 20:00 All Hallows choir practice
19:30 - 20:00 All Saints choir practice

Sat 8 Jan

10:30 - 12:30 All Hallows open to the public

Sun 9 Jan **Baptism of Christ**

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

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