



Holy Communion

Baptism of Christ
9 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 Hallows we continue to take precautions to keep everyone as safe as possible as we worship, the details of these are below.

*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.

***Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*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. We remain standing as the minister welcomes us to the service.

GREETING

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

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne;
hark, how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.
- 2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic Rose,
as of that Rose the Stem;
the Root whence mercy ever flows,
the Babe of Bethlehem.
- 3 Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side,
those wounds yet visible above
in beauty glorified:
no angel in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bends his burning eye
at mysteries so bright.
- 4 Crown him the Lord of peace,
whose power a sceptre sways
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.
- 5 Crown him the Lord of years,
the Potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime:
all hail, Redeemer, hail!
for thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

Matthew Bridges (1800–1894)

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.

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. 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:

Heavenly Father,
at the Jordan you revealed Jesus as your Son:
may we recognize him as our Lord
and know ourselves to be your beloved children;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 43.1-7

Thus says the LORD, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel:

Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you.

For I am the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour. I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you. Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you, I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.

Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the east, and from the west I will gather you; I will say to the north, 'Give them up', and to the south, 'Do not withhold; bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the earth everyone who is called by my name, whom I created for my glory, whom I formed and made.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 29

- 1 Ascribe to the Lord, you powers of heaven,
ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.
- 2 Ascribe to the Lord the honour due to his name;
worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
- 3 The voice of the Lord is upon the waters;
the God of glory thunders; the Lord is upon the mighty waters.
- 4 The voice of the Lord is mighty in operation;
the voice of the Lord is a glorious voice.
- 5 The voice of the Lord breaks the cedar trees;
the Lord breaks the cedars of Lebanon;
- 6 He makes Lebanon skip like a calf, and Sirion like a young wild ox.
- 7 The voice of the Lord splits the flash of lightning;
the voice of the Lord shakes the wilderness;
the Lord shakes the wilderness of Kadesh.
- 8 The voice of the Lord makes the oak trees writhe
and strips the forests bare; in his temple all cry, 'Glory!'
- 9 The Lord sits enthroned above the water flood;
the Lord sits enthroned as king for evermore.
- 10 The Lord shall give strength to his people;
the Lord shall give his people the blessing of peace.

SECOND READING Acts 8.14-17

When the apostles at Jerusalem heard that Samaria had accepted the word of God, they sent Peter and John to them. The two went down and prayed for them that they

might receive the Holy Spirit (for as yet the Spirit had not come upon any of them; they had only been baptised in the name of the Lord Jesus). Then Peter and John laid their hands on them, and they received the Holy Spirit.

At the end the reader may say:

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

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| <p>1 When Jesus came to Jordan
to be baptised by John,
he did not come for pardon,
but as his Father's Son.
He came to share repentance
with all who mourn their sins,
to speak the vital sentence
with which good news begins.</p> <p>2 He came to share temptation,
our utmost woe and loss,
for us and our salvation
to die upon the cross.
So when the Dove descended
on him, the Son of Man,
the hidden years had ended,
the age of grace began.</p> | <p>3 Come, Holy Spirit, aid us
to keep the vows we make,
this very day invade us,
and every bondage break.
Come, give our lives direction,
the gift we covet most:
to share the resurrection
that leads to Pentecost.</p> |
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Fred Pratt Green (1903–2000)

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GOSPEL READING Luke 3.15-17, 21-22

Minister Alleluia, alleluia.

This is my Son, the Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.

All Alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the wilderness John proclaimed a baptism of repentance. As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, John answered all of them by saying, 'I baptise you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptise you with the Holy Spirit and fire. His winnowing-

fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.'

Now when all the people were baptised, and when Jesus also had been baptised and was praying, the heaven was opened, and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, 'You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

The president moves to the font and says these words as water is poured into the font:

Minister God in Christ gives us water welling up for eternal life.
With joy you will draw water from the wells of salvation.

All Lord, give us this water and we shall thirst no more.

The president stands before the water and says:

Minister Praise God who made heaven and earth,

All who keeps his promise for ever.

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister Father, we give you thanks and praise for your gift of water in creation;
for your Spirit, sweeping over the waters, bringing light and life;
for your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, baptised in the river Jordan.

We bless you for your new creation,
brought to birth by water and the Spirit,
and for your grace bestowed upon us your children,
washing away our sins.

May your holy and life-giving Spirit move upon these waters.
Restore through them the beauty of your creation,
and bring those who are baptised
to new birth in the family of your Church.

Drown sin in the waters of judgement,
anoint your children with power from on high,
and make them one with Christ
in the freedom of your kingdom.

For all might, majesty, dominion and power
are yours, now and for ever.

All Alleluia. Amen.

ACT OF PENITENCE AND DEDICATION

Minister God of truth,
you are faithful to the covenant you have made with us;
look in mercy on your people.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Minister We have broken the pledges of our baptism,
and failed to be your disciples.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Minister Though we are saved by Christ
and dead to sin through the deep waters of death,
we have not witnessed to his grace by our manner of life.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Minister We have shown indifference to those in need
and have been afraid to stand up for justice and truth.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Minister We have been slow to forgive, and have failed to remember
your repeated forgiveness of our sins.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Minister Today we rejoice and give thanks
because your Son humbled himself to be baptised in the Jordan.
Through the waters you have given us the mystery of baptism
for the remission of our sins.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Minister Through water and Spirit
you give us new life as the people of God,
and pour out upon us the gifts of your new covenant.
From all our sins, O Lord:

All wash us, and we shall be clean.

Minister Almighty God,
in our baptism you have consecrated us
to be temples of your Holy Spirit.
May we, whom you have counted worthy,
nurture your indwelling Spirit with a lively faith,
and worship you with upright lives;
through Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

As the water is sprinkled over the people the president says

'Come,' say the Spirit and the Bride.
'Come forward, you who are thirsty,
receive the water of life,
the free gift to all who desire it.'

May almighty God have mercy on us,
forgive us our sins,
and bring us to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

PEACE

Minister God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

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 On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
announces that the Lord is nigh;
awake and hearken, for he brings
glad tidings from the King of kings.
- 2 Then cleansed be every breast from sin;
make straight the way for God within;
prepare we in our hearts a home,
where such a mighty guest may come.

- 3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
our refuge and our great reward;
without thy grace we waste away,
like flowers that wither and decay.
- 4 To heal the sick stretch out thine hand,
and bid the fallen sinner stand;
shine forth, and let thy light restore
earth's own true loveliness once more.
- 5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
whose advent sets thy people free,
whom with the Father we adore,
and Holy Ghost for evermore.

Jordanis oras praevia; Charles Coffin (1676–1749), translated by John Chandler (1806–1876)

TABLE PRAYER

- Minister Open the heavens, Lord our God,
and send your transforming Spirit on us and on these gifts.
May we who are baptised into Christ
be ready to share his cup of suffering
and strengthened to serve him for ever.
- 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 It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
- You celebrated your new gift of baptism
in signs and wonders at the Jordan.
Your voice was heard from heaven
to awaken faith in the presence among us
of your Word made flesh.

Your Spirit was seen as a dove,
revealing Jesus as your servant,
and anointing him with the oil of gladness
to preach the good news to the poor.

Therefore, as we celebrate the union of earth and heaven,
we rejoice to echo the song of the angels in heaven
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.
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.

All **Great is the mystery of faith:
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 Believing the promises of God,
 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 this 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.**

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.

ANTHEM Peter Hurford: Litany to the Holy Spirit

HYMN

- 1 Ring out the bells, and let the people know
that God is worshipped by the church below:
to all around this truth the bells declare —
'Your needs are lifted up to God in prayer!'
- 2 Ring out the bells, and let the people hear —
let hearts be open now, and faith draw near;
receive the grace that only God can give —
by word and symbol feed and grow and live.
- 3 Ring out the bells, and let the people sing
through changing seasons to our changeless King:
all perfect gifts are sent us from above —
respond with praises for such faithful love.
- 4 Ring out the bells until that glorious day
when death shall die and sin be done away:
then comes our God so everyone shall see —
let all the bells ring out in victory!

Michael Perry (1942–1996)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Lord of all time and eternity,
you opened the heavens and revealed yourself as Father
in the baptism of Jesus your beloved Son:

by the power of your Spirit
complete the heavenly work of our rebirth
through the waters of the new creation;
through 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

Minister The Father's voice bears witness to the Son.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

Minister The Son bows his head beneath the waters of baptism.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

Minister The Spirit as a dove descends from heaven.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

Minister Submitting to John's baptism, Christ delivers us from bondage.

All **God has revealed himself to us.**

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

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

John testified, 'I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptise with water said to me, "He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit." And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.'

John 1.32-34

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

BLESSING

Minister 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.**

HYMN

- 1 God is working his purpose out,
as year succeeds to year,
God is working his purpose out,
and the time is drawing near;
nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.
- 2 From utmost east to utmost west,
wherever feet have trod,
by the mouth of many messengers
goes forth the voice of God,
'Give ear to me, ye continents,
ye isles, give ear to me,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.'
- 3 What can we do to work God's work,
to prosper and increase
the love of God in humankind,
the reign of the Prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea?
- 4 March we forth in the strength of God,
with the banner of Christ unfurled,
that the light of the glorious gospel of truth
may shine throughout the world;
fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
to set their captives free,
that the earth may be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

5 All we can do is nothing worth
unless God blesses the deed;
vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
till God gives life to the seed;
yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
the time that shall surely be,
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God
as the waters cover the sea.

Arthur Campbell Ainger (1841-1919)

DISMISSAL

Minister We have come to Christ, the living water .
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY S. S. Wesley: Choral Song

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: John Edward Benbow, Walter Armstrong, Emma Petrikat, Gordon Flex, Helen Rowlatt, Sarah Emma Barron, Mary Barbara Wren, Alan Mitchell, Gladys Kathleen Charlton, Joe Webster, Dennis Byles, Septimus Orton, Maisie Blenkham, Diana Smith, Evelyn Tear, Marion Morgan, Gordon Kingham, Lilian Greig, Christine Mc Andrew, Michael Buck, Ruth McGraw, Brian McGraw, Winifred Ward, Millicent Campbell, Herbert Satterthwaite, Sybil Swindall, Robin Dunhill, Alan Sanders, Arthur Hurl.

NOTICES

Tea@2 Tues 11 Jan, St Andrew's Hall (Berrymore Rd).

Our Bible study group on Parables will meet via Zoom on Thursday evenings, starting on 13 Jan. Please email or ring Agnes if you would like to take part.

DIARY

Tues 11 Jan

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer
14:00 - 15:00 St Andrew's Hall Tea @2

Wed 12 Jan Aelred of Hexham

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 13 Jan Hilary, Bishop of Poitiers

8:30 - 9:00 Zoom Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30 All Saints Holy Communion
19:30 - 20:30 Zoom Bible study: Parables

Fri 14 Jan

19:00 - 20:00 All Hallows choir practice
19:30 - 20:00 All Saints choir practice

Sat 15 Jan

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

Sun 16 Jan Epiphany 2

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

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