Saints Hallows Together

Holy Communion

Second Sunday of Lent 13 March 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. If you wish to continue to observe **social distancing rules** during worship, please sit in the side aisles.

We encourage you to use the **hand sanitiser stations** when you arrive, before and after communion, and when you leave. We encourage you to wear **a face mask, particularly when singing**.

We continue to take communion in one kind only.

Personal photographs you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)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

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.

Words of welcome may be said.

HYMN

- Bright the vision that delighted once the sight of Judah's seer; sweet the countless tongues united to entrance the prophet's ear.
- 2 Round the Lord in glory seated cherubim and seraphim filled his temple, and repeated each to each the alternate hymn:

- 3 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven; earth is with its fullness stored; unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy, Lord.'
- Heaven is still with glory ringing,
 earth takes up the angels' cry,
 'Holy, holy, holy,' singing,
 'Lord of hosts, the Lord most high.'
- With his seraph train before him, with his holy church below, thus unite we to adore him, bid we thus our anthem flow:
- 6 'Lord, thy glory fills the heaven; earth is with its fullness stored; unto thee be glory given, holy, holy, holy, Lord.'

Richard Mant (1776-1848) based on Isaiah 6.1-6

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

Minister The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;

a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

KYRIE ELEISON

O God, you know my foolishness and my sins are not hidden from you:

Choir Kyrie eleison, All Kyrie eleison.

Choir Christe eleison,
All Christe eleison.
Choir Kyrie eleison,
All Kyrie eleison.

Let not the flood overwhelm me nor the depths swallow me up;

let not the pit shut its mouth upon me:

Choir Lord have mercy,
All Lord have mercy.
Choir Christ have mercy,
All Christ have mercy.
Choir Lord have mercy,
All Lord have mercy.

Hear me, O Lord, as your loving kindness is good;

turn to me as your compassion is great:

Choir Kyrie eleison,
All Kyrie eleison.
Choir Christe eleison,
All Christe eleison.
Choir Kyrie eleison,
All Kyrie eleison.

ABSOLUTION

Minister The Lord enrich you with his grace,

and nourish you with his blessing;

the Lord defend you in trouble and keep you from all evil;

the Lord accept your prayers,

and absolve you from your offences, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour.

All 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,

by the prayer and discipline of Lent

may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

The word of the LORD came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord GOD, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the LORD came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the LORD; and the LORD reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the LORD who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord GOD, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the LORD made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

LENT PROSE

Choir Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:

for we have sinned against thee.

All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us: for we have sinned against thee.

Choir O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:

way of salvation, gate of life celestial:

cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us: for we have sinned against thee.

SECOND READING Philippians 3.17-4.1

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- Christ is our light! the bright and morning star covering with radiance all from near and far.
 Christ be our light, shine on, shine on we pray into our hearts, into our world today.
- 2 Christ is our love! baptized that we may know the love of God among us, swooping low. Christ be our love, bring us to turn our face and see you in the light of heaven's embrace.
- Christ is our joy! transforming wedding guest!
 Through water turned to wine the feast was blessed.
 Christ be our joy; your glory let us see,
 as your disciples did in Galilee.

Leith Fisher (1941-2009)

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GOSPEL READING Luke 13.31-35

Minister The Lord is a great God,

O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.""

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

ΑII

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 We pray to the Lord for courage to give up other things and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

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.

Silence may be kept.

PEACE

Minister Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ who has given us access to his grace.

cf Romans 5.1,2

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 Church of God, elect and glorious, holy nation, chosen race; called as God's own special people, royal priests and heirs of grace: know the purpose of your calling, show to all his mighty deeds; tell of love which knows no limits, grace which meets all human needs.
- 2 God has called you out of darkness into his most marvellous light; brought his truth to life within you, turned your blindness into sight. Let your light so shine around you that God's name is glorified; and all find fresh hope and purpose in Christ Jesus crucified.
- 3 Once you were an alien people, strangers to God's heart of love; but he brought you home in mercy, citizens of heaven above.

 Let his love flow out to others, let them feel a Father's care; that they too may know his welcome and his countless blessings share.
- 4 Church of God, elect and holy, be the people he intends; strong in faith and swift to answer each command your master sends: royal priests, fulfil your calling through your sacrifice and prayer; give your lives in joyful service sing his praise, his love declare.

James Seddon (1915–1983)

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love.

Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All Amen.

EUCHARISTIC 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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,

almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son.

through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might, heav'n and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, 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

who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks;

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life.

Lord Jesus, come in glory, come in glory.

Lord Jesus, come in glory, come in glory.

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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister Trusting in the compassion 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 Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

AGNUS DEI

All Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us your peace [x4].

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister Jesus is the Lamb of God

who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All 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.

HYMNS

- 1 Lord of the cross of shame, set my cold heart aflame with love for you, my saviour and my master; who on that lonely day bore all my sins away, and saved me from the judgement and disaster.
- 2 Lord of the empty tomb, born of a virgin's womb, triumphant over death, its power defeated; how gladly now I sing your praise, my risen king, and worship you, in heaven's splendour seated.
- 3 Lord of my life today, teach me to live and pray as one who knows the joy of sins forgiven; so may I ever be, now and eternally, one with my fellow-citizens in heaven.

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- Jesus, these eyes have never seen that radiant form of thine; the veil of sense hangs dark between thy blessèd face and mine.
- I see thee not, I hear thee not, yet art thou oft with me; and earth hath ne'er so dear a spot as where I meet with thee.
- 3 Yet, though I have not seen, and still must rest in faith alone,

I love thee, dearest Lord, and will, unseen, but not unknown.

When death these mortal eyes shall seal, and still this throbbing heart, the rending veil shall thee reveal all glorious as thou art.

Ray Palmer (1808-1887)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul;

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

HYMN

- Light of the minds that know him, may Christ be light to mine! my sun in risen splendour, my light of truth divine; my guide in doubt and darkness, my true and living way, my clear light ever shining, my dawn of heaven's day.
- 2 Life of the souls that love him, may Christ be ours indeed! the living bread from heaven on whom our spirits feed;

who died for love of sinners to bear our guilty load, and make of life's brief journey a new Emmaus road.

- 3 Strength of the wills that serve him, may Christ be strength to me, who stilled the storm and tempest, who calmed the tossing sea; his Spirit's power to move me, his will to master mine, his cross to carry daily and conquer in his sign.
- 4 May it be ours to know him that we may truly love, and loving, fully serve him as serve the saints above; till in that home of glory with fadeless splendour bright, we serve in perfect freedom our strength, our life, our light.

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BLESSING

Minister Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,

to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;

and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,

be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

DISMISSAL

Minister 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, Jonathan, Diane J, Ron W, Wendy S, Julie V, Margaret C, Kath T, Leslie, June M, Marion D, Veronica D, Brian D, Shirley C.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Fred R, Shirley C, 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: Thomas Cherry, Phyllis Smith, John Dickenson, Joseph Cooke, Richard Adams, Jonathan Bates, Alastair Morby, John Rice, Paul Sanders, Ferdinand Buchta, Arthur Jakeman, Walter Wilkinson, Beryl Lowry, Stan Lovell, Ernest Hedley Tutt, Doreen Annie Heathcote, Iris Mary Boulden, Marjorie Manning, Joan Handley, Frank Barron, Grace Jenny Mandeville, Varbo Harry Cron Ager, Kate Edwards, Alan Dimmer, Frank Arthur Labram, Clara Maud Carter, Kathleen Johnson, Arthur James Brushfield.

NOTICES

Help required As a Benefice we would like to mark the National Day of Reflection on 23 March, remembering those who lost their lives during the pandemic. We want to host this at All Hallows, having the church open 10am - 4pm, with a book of condolence, prayers on the hour, prayer activity and joining the national minutes silence at 12noon. We are looking for volunteers from BOTH churches. If you are able to help please let Jan Smart or Bob Addie know. Thank you.

All Saints' Easter lilies: please add your name to the list at the back of church if you would like a lily to remember a loved one, at £3.00 each which includes the name on a framed list displayed at the pulpit on Easter Sunday.

Cake stall in All Saints to help our depleted flower fund on Sundays 13 and 20 March after the 9:15 service. Please help by either baking cakes for us to sale, or buying some (bring your own box to take them home), or leaving a donation in an envelope on the shelf at the back near the font. Anne McInnes is coordinating.

DIARY

Tues 15 Mar		
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
Wed 16 Mar		
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30 - 12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15 - 13:00	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
12:50 - 14:20	All Hallows' Hall	Lent group
17:30 - 18:00	Zoom	Evening Prayer
Thurs 17 Mar	Patrick, patron saint of Ireland	
8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
19:00 - 20:30	Lady Chapel, All Saints	Lent group
Fri 18 Mar		
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
19:00 - 20:00	All Hallows	choir practice
19:30 - 20:00	All Saints	choir practice
Sat 19 Mar	Joseph of Nazareth	
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30 - 12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
Sun 20 Mar	Lent 3	
9:15 - 10:30	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15 - 12:30	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00 - 18:30	Zoom	Compline

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