



Holy Communion

Fourth Sunday of Easter
8 May 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. 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**.*

***Personal photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)*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. As we sing our first hymn the altar party process into church.*

HYMN

- 1 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
 in a believer's ear!
 It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
 and drives away his fear.
- 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
 and calms the troubled breast;
 'tis manna to the hungry soul,
 and to the weary rest.
- 3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,
 my shield and hiding-place,
 my never-failing treasury filled
 with boundless stores of grace.
- 4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
 my Prophet, Priest, and King,
 my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
 accept the praise I bring.

- 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.
- 6 Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton (1725-1807)

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 Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome may be said.

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

Deacon Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8

Silence may be kept.

Deacon Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Lord our God, in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

cf Hosea 6

ABSOLUTION

Minister May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.
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.
Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

COLLECT

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

Deacon Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 23

- 1 The Lord is my shepherd; therefore can I lack nothing.
- 2 He makes me lie down in green pastures
and leads me beside still waters.
- 3 He shall refresh my soul
and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
- 4 Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for you are with me;
your rod and your staff, they comfort me.
- 5 You spread a table before me
in the presence of those who trouble me;
you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.
- 6 Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

SECOND READING Revelation 7.9-17

I, John, looked, and I heard the voice of many angels surrounding the throne and the
After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from

every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
his goodness restores my soul.

Chorus *And I will trust in you alone.
And I will trust in you alone,
for your endless mercy follows me,
your goodness will lead me home.*

2 He guides my ways in righteousness,
and he anoints my head with oil,
and my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on his pure delights.

3 And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,

for you are with me, and your rod and staff
are the comfort I need to know.

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) based on Psalm 23
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GOSPEL READING John 10.22-30

Choir/All Alleluia!

Cantor I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore.

Choir/All Alleluia!

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

Choir/All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister Let us pray to the Father,
who loved the world so much
that he sent his only Son to give us life.

This response may be included:

Lord, in your mercy,
All hear our prayer.

And at the end:

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

Silence is kept.

PEACE

Minister The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples
and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
All And also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

- 1 I will sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me,
how he left the realms of glory
for the cross on Calvary.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.
- 2 I was lost but Jesus found me,
found the sheep that went astray,
raised me up and gently led me
back into the narrow way.
Days of darkness still may meet me,
sorrow's path I oft may tread;
but his presence still is with me,
by his guiding hand I'm led.
- 3 He will keep me till the river
rolls its waters at my feet:
then he'll bear me safely over,
made by grace for glory meet.
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story
of the Christ who died for me —
sing it with his saints in glory,
gathered by the crystal sea.

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TABLE PRAYER

- Minister With this bread that we bring
All we shall remember Jesus.
- Minister With this wine that we bring
All we shall remember Jesus.
- Minister Bread for his body,
wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
All We shall remember Jesus.

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 indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father,
and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels
and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**Choir/All 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.**

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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

**Choir/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 this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
Though we are many, we are one body,
All because we all share in one bread.

AGNUS DEI

Choir/All 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

Minister Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

ANTHEM Howard Goodall: The Lord is my Shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want,
He maketh to lie down in green pastures:
He leadeth me beside the still waters.
Ye, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil,
For you are with, you will comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

HYMN

- 1 Loving Shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.
- 2 Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.
- 3 I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessèd ones above
happy in thy precious love.
- 4 Loving Shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.
- 5 Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.

Jane Elizabeth Leeson (1809–1881)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Merciful Father,
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:

keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living,
he declared your love, gave us grace,
and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Chorus *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)

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BLESSING

Minister The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
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

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY C. M. Widor: Toccata in F

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OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Ron W, Wendy S, Julie V, Kath T, Leslie, June M.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Fred R, Shirley C, Diana B.

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: Bernard Campbell, Kerry Woods, Mary Roberts, Geoffrey Ashpole, Doreen Meiklejohn, Malcolm Sherwood, Arthur Payne, Bill Conlon, Edna Percival, Roger Wilson, Ian Cundy, Gwen Denner, Ida Clark, Beryl Binstead, Freda Sanders, Fred Hodson, Arthur Victor Payne, Mary McAlpine McLeish Cokes, Walter Green, Mandy Lawrence.

Those who died recently, among them Dr Peter Gordon. We pray for those who mourn.

NOTICES

All Hallows' APCM has been postponed to 22 May, 16:00 in the hall.

DIARY

Mon 9 May

18:00 - 19:15	St Mary's Church Hall	Cubs
19:30 - 21:00	St Mary's Church Hall	Scouts

Tues 10 May

8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
12:00	All Saints	Funeral RIP Cedric Gregory
14:00 - 15:00	St Andrew's Hall	Tea @2

Wed 11 May

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
17:30 - 18:00	Zoom	Evening Prayer

Thurs 12 May

8:30 - 9:00	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00 - 10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
18:15 - 19:30	All Hallows Hall	Beavers

Fri 13 May

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 14 May **Matthias the Apostle**

9:30 - 12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30 - 12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 15 May **Easter 5**

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9:15 - 10:30	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15 - 12:30	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00 - 18:30	Zoom	Compline
19:30 - 21:30	Dale End, Croyland Rd	Explorers

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