

Holy Communion

Eleventh Sunday after Trinity 28 August 2022

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here. Our worship this morning is led by Canon Tim Short.

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We stand as the bell sounds to mark the beginning of our worship. As we sing our first hymn the altar party and choir process into church.

HYMN

- New every morning is the love our wakening and uprising prove; through sleep and darkness safely brought, restored to life and power and thought.
- New mercies, each returning day, hover around us while we pray; new perils past, new sins forgiven, new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
- If on our daily course our mind be set to hallow all we find, new treasures still, of countless price, God will provide for sacrifice.
- The trivial round, the common task, will furnish all we need to ask, room to deny ourselves, a road to bring us daily nearer God.
- 5 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love fit us for perfect rest above; and help us, this and every day, to live more nearly as we pray.

John Keble (1792-1866)

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.

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

We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Silence may be kept.

All Most merciful God,

Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,

and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May the God of love

bring you back to himself, forgive you your sins,

and assure you of his eternal love,

in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Choir/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. The Collect is said.

God of glory, the end of our searching, help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom, and to give all that we have to gain the pearl beyond all price, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Jeremiah 2.4-13

Hear the word of the LORD, O house of Jacob, and all the families of the house of Israel. Thus says the LORD:

What wrong did your ancestors find in me that they went far from me, and went after worthless things, and became worthless themselves? They did not say, 'Where is the LORD who brought us up from the land of Egypt, who led us in the wilderness, in a land of deserts and pits, in a land of drought and deep darkness, in a land that no one passes through, where no one lives?'

I brought you into a plentiful land to eat its fruits and its good things. But when you entered you defiled my land, and made my heritage an abomination. The priests did not say, 'Where is the LORD?' Those who handle the law did not know me; the rulers transgressed against me; the prophets prophesied by Baal, and went after things that do not profit.

Therefore once more I accuse you, says the LORD, and I accuse your children's children. Cross to the coasts of Cyprus and look, send to Kedar and examine with care; see if there has ever been such a thing. Has a nation changed its gods, even though they are no gods? But my people have changed their glory for something that does not profit. Be appalled, O heavens, at this, be shocked, be utterly desolate, says the LORD, for my people have committed two evils: they have forsaken me, the fountain of living water, and dug out cisterns for themselves, cracked cisterns that can hold no water.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 81.1,10-16

- 1 Sing merrily to God our strength, shout for joy to the God of Jacob.
- 10 'I am the Lord your God, who brought you up from the land of Egypt; open your mouth wide and I shall fill it.'
- But my people would not hear my voice and Israel would not obey me.
- So I sent them away in the stubbornness of their hearts, and let them walk after their own counsels.
- O that my people would listen to me, that Israel would walk in my ways!
- 14 Then I should soon put down their enemies and turn my hand against their adversaries.
- Those who hate the Lord would be humbled before him, and their punishment would last for ever.

But Israel would I feed with the finest wheat and with honey from the rock would I satisfy them.

SECOND READING Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16

Let mutual love continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it. Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them; those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured. Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled; for God will judge fornicators and adulterers. Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have; for he has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

'The Lord is my helper; I will not be afraid. What can anyone do to me?'

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and for ever. Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- Jesus, humble was your birth when you came from heaven to earth; every day in all we do, make us humble, Lord, like you.
- Jesus, strong to help and heal, showing that your love is real; every day in all we do, make us strong and kind like you.
- 3 Jesus, when you were betrayed, still you trusted God and prayed;

every day in all we do, help us trust and pray like you.

Jesus, risen from the dead, with us always, as you said; every day in all we do, help us live and love like you.

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GOSPEL READING Luke 14.1,7-14

Choir/All Alleluia! [x4]

Welcome with meekness the implanted word that has the power to save your souls.

Choir/All Alleluia! [x4]

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

On one occasion when Jesus was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the sabbath, they were watching him closely. When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, "Give this person your place," and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, "Friend, move up higher"; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.'

He said also to the one who had invited him, 'When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.'

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 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.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister In the power of the Spirit

and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

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.

PFACE

Minister 'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,'

says the Lord,

'there am I in the midst of them'.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

- O Christ the same, through all our story's pages, our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears; eternal Lord, the King of all the ages, unchanging still, amid the passing years:
 O living Word, the source of all creation, who spread the skies, and set the stars ablaze,
 O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation, we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.
- O Christ the same, the friend of sinners sharing our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide, still as of old upon Your body bearing the marks of love, in triumph glorified:
 O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven,
 O Prince of Life, in all Your saving power,
 O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given, we bring our thanks for this the present hour.
- O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping our lives and loves, our days and years remain, our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping, our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
 O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows, for all our hopes, when earth shall fade and flee, O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows, we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister Wise and gracious God,

you spread a table before us;

nourish your people with the word of life

and the bread of heaven.

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 Living God, Father of light,

hope of nations, friend of sinners, builder of the city that is to come: your love is made visible in Jesus Christ, you bring home the lost, restore the sinner and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation, with the Church of all the ages, with apostles, evangelists and martyrs we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

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 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.

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

Minister 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.

All Amen.

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

All 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.

All Though we are many, we are one body, 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 Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ

which he gave for you,

and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink

in remembrance that he died for you,

and feed on him in your hearts

by faith with thanksgiving.

All Amen.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

ANTHEM James Leith MacBeth Bain: Brother James' Air

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want, he makes me down to lie in pastures green, he leadeth me the quiet waters by.

My soul he doth restore again, and me to walk doth make within the paths of righteousness for his own name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the shadowed vale yet will I feel no ill, for thou art with me and thy rod and staff me comfort still.

My table thou hast furnished in the presence of my foes: my head thou dost with oil anoint, and my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days shall surely follow me: and in my Father's heart always my dwelling place shall be.

COMMUNION HYMN

- 1 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name! In works of sovereign power come shake the earth again, that all may see, and come with reverent fear to the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.
- 2 Restore, O Lord, in all the earth your fame, and in our time revive the church that bears your name, and in your anger, Lord, remember mercy, O living God, whose mercy shall outlast the years.
- Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold, in your refiner's fire; come purify the gold: though suffering comes, and evil crouches near, still our living God is reigning, he is reigning here.
- 4 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!
 In works of sovereign power
 come shake the earth again,
 that all may see, and come with reverent fear

to the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Lord of all mercy,

we your faithful people have celebrated that one true sacrifice which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:

by our communion

keep us firm on the foundation of the gospel and preserve us from all sin; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

- The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
 for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
 God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
 and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.
- The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened instead of despair.
- The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
 His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.
- 4 God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry 'Glory!' to God all in all.

BLESSING

Minister The peace of God,

which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; 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

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Robert Schumann: Canon in B minor

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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, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Andrew E, Clive F.

The housebound and those in residential homes: 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 Pat Thomas whom to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: William John Everden, Andree Coles, Harry Shepard, Guy Ricketts, Sally Laking, Jill Short, Horace Thomas Evered Tredgett, Helen Hubbard, Freda Kingham, Hilda Ozier, Evan Lloyd-Hughes, Jessie Conlon, Albert Johns, Andrew Cooper, Ken Orton, Gladys Kitchener, George Barrett, Wilf Thomas, George Pettifer, Freda Evans, Sheila Allebone, Grace Toseland, Betty Exall, Claire Wingate, Dorothy Lovell.

NOTICES

Ride and Stride to raise funds for All Hallows and All Saints, Saturday 10 September 10:00-16:00, organised by the Northamptonshire Historic Churches Trust. Please, if you can, help as a sponsored rider/strider, or a steward keeping our churches open that day. We will receive half of the funds you raise. For details please ask:

All Hallows: Christine (01933 401596, allhallowspccsec@btinternet.com) All Saints: Bob T. (bob_townson@yahoo.com)

A Magical Evening of Music Saturday 24 September 19:00, All Hallows. Songs from the shows, light religious music and some fun songs, too. Tickets £10, under 16s £5, to include wine/soft drink and canapes, available from Tony Edwards (07867 554476, TonyE1960@aol.com).

Confirmation: Bishop Donald will be coming to our Patronal Festival on 30 October. We hope that he will also conduct confirmations. If you would like to explore confirmation please speak to Rev Paula or Pat Thomas.

DIARY

Mon 29 Aug	Beheading of John the Baptist	
Tues 30 Aug 8:30 - 9:00 9:30 - 12:00	Zoom All Hallows' Hall	Morning Prayer coffee shop
Wed 31 Aug 9:30 - 12:00 10:30 - 12:30 12:15 - 13:00	Aidan All Hallows' Hall All Hallows All Hallows	coffee shop open to the public Midweek Eucharist
Thurs 1 Sept 8:30 - 9:00 10:00 - 10:30	Zoom All Saints	Morning Prayer Holy Communion
Fri 2 Sept 9:30 - 12:00 19:00 - 20:30	All Hallows' Hall All Hallows	coffee shop choir practice
Sat 3 Sept 9:30 - 12:00 9:30 - 10:30 10:30 - 12:30	Gregory the Great All Hallows' Hall All Hallows All Hallows	coffee shop MU Holy Communion open to the public
Sun 4 Sept 8:00 - 8:30 9:15 - 10:30 11:15 - 12:30 18:00 - 19:00	Trinity 12 All Saints All Saints All Hallows All Hallows	Eucharist Eucharist Eucharist Compline

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