Holy Communion



Third Sunday before Advent 6 November 2022

A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, it is good to have you here.

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

Personal photographs you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, are not to be published on social media sites (Instagram, Facebook etc.)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

HYMN

1	All creatures of our God and King, lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia, alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam:
Chorus	O praise him, O praise him, Alleluia, alleluia, allelluia!
2	Thou rushing wind that art so strong, ye clouds that sail in heaven along, O praise him, alleluia! Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice; ye lights of evening, find a voice:
3	Thou flowing water, pure and clear, make music for thy Lord to hear, Alleluia, alleluia! Thou fire, so masterful and bright, that givest us both warmth and light:
4	Dear mother earth, who day by day unfoldest blessings on our way, O praise him, alleluia!

The flowers and fruits that in thee grow, let them his glory also show:

 Let all things their creator bless, and worship him in humbleness;
 O praise him, alleluia!
 Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One:

William Henry Draper (1855–1933) based on St Francis of Assisi (1182–1226)

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

Deacon Jesus says,

'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Silence may be kept.

All God of mercy,

we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Minister Almighty God,

who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom,# through 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

All

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

God, our refuge and strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

FIRST READING Job 19.23-27a

O that my words were written down! O that they were inscribed in a book! O that with an iron pen and with lead they were engraved on a rock for ever!

For I know that my Redeemer lives, and that at the last he will stand upon the earth; and after my skin has been thus destroyed, then in my flesh I shall see God, whom I shall see on my side, and my eyes shall behold, and not another.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

SECOND READING 2 Thessalonians 2.1-5,13-17

As to the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ and our being gathered together to him, we beg you, brothers and sisters, not to be quickly shaken in mind or alarmed, either by spirit or by word or by letter, as though from us, to the effect that the day of the Lord is already here. Let no one deceive you in any way; for that day will not come unless the rebellion comes first and the lawless one is revealed, the one destined for destruction. He opposes and exalts himself above every so-called god or object of worship, so that he takes his seat in the temple of God, declaring himself to be God. Do you not remember that I told you these things when I was still with you?

But we must always give thanks to God for you, brothers and sisters beloved by the Lord, because God chose you as the first fruits for salvation through sanctification by the Spirit and through belief in the truth. For this purpose he called you through our proclamation of the good news, so that you may obtain the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. So then, brothers and sisters, stand firm and hold fast to the traditions that you were taught by us, either by word of mouth or by our letter.

Now may our Lord Jesus Christ himself and God our Father, who loved us and through grace gave us eternal comfort and good hope, comfort your hearts and strengthen them in every good work and word.

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	Safe in the shadow of the Lord beneath his hand and power, I trust in him, I trust in him, my fortress and my tower.
2	My hope is set on God alone though Satan spreads his snare; I trust in him, I trust in him, to keep me in his care.
3	From fears and phantoms of the night, from foes about my way, I trust in him, I trust in him, by darkness as by day.
4	His holy angels keep my feet secure from every stone; I trust in him, I trust in him, and unafraid go on.
5	Strong in the everlasting Name, and in my Father's care, I trust in him, I trust in him, who hears and answers prayer.
6	Safe in the shadow of the Lord, possessed by love divine, I trust in him, I trust in him, and meet his love with mine.

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GOSPEL READING Luke 20.27-38

Choir/All Alleluia!

Cantor Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

Choir/All Alleluia!

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke. All Glory to you, O Lord.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to Jesus, and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother. Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

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 We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

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 To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

cf Colossians 3.14

The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

- 1 Thy kingdom come! On bended knee the passing ages pray; and faithful souls have yearned to see on earth that kingdom's day.
- 2 But the slow watches of the night not less to God belong; and for the everlasting right the silent stars are strong.
- 3 And lo, already on the hills the flags of dawn appear; gird up your loins, ye prophet souls, proclaim the day is near:
- 4 The day in whose clear-shining light all wrong shall stand revealed,

when justice shall be throned in might, and every hurt be healed;

5 When knowledge, hand in hand with peace, shall walk the earth abroad: the day of perfect righteousness, the promised day of God.

Frederick Lucian Hosmer (1840–1929)

TABLE PRAYER

Minister To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

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 Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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 How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

> From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with [*N* and] all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

- Minister Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, 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.
- 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.

MOTET G. F. Handel: I know my redeemer liveth

HYMN

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.
- Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!
 In works of sovereign power
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 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 God of peace, whose Son Jesus Christ proclaimed the kingdom and restored the broken to wholeness of life:

> look with compassion on the anguish of the world, and by your healing power make whole both people and nations; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

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

- In Christ alone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my song; this Cornerstone, this solid Ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease! My Comforter, my All in All, here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone! who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe! This gift of love and righteousness, scorned by the ones he came to save: till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied for every sin on him was laid; here in the death of Christ I live.
- There in the ground his body lay,
 light of the world by darkness slain:
 Then bursting forth in glorious day
 up from the grave he rose again!
 And as he stands in victory
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
 for I am his and he is mine —
 bought with the precious blood of Christ.
- 4 No guilt in life, no fear in death, this is the power of Christ in me; from life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny. No power of hell, no scheme of man, can ever pluck me from his hand; till he returns or calls me home, here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

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BLESSING

Minister Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory;

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 Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
 All for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
 Deacon Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:
- All and you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY G. F. Handel: Music from the Royal Fireworks

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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, Sue M, Father Gregory, Hilly S.

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: Ethel Buchta, Charles Adams, Florence Orton, Peggy Scott, Graham Thompson, Rose Lawrence, Ivy Mitchell, Graham McInnes, Haydn Smart, Harold Patrick, Oscar Pettifer, Edna Wooding, Alice Attewell, Lily Clipstone, William Poole, Robert Andrew, Walter MacNought, Beryl Sudborough, David Fletton, Peter Marshall, Dora Foskitt, Walter George Swain, Hilda Grace Marriot, Phyllis Ward, Derreck Pierce, James William Eades, Joan Stephenson, Eddie McHugh.

NOTICES

Morning Prayer on Zoom now starts at 9:00 instead of 8:30 on Tuesday and Thursday mornings. Everybody is welcome to join by emailing Canon Paula (revpaulayork@gmail.com) for the invitation link.

Tea @2 Tuesday 8 November 14:00, St Andrew's Hall.

All Hallows' Winter Fayre Saturday 12 November 10:00-12:30. Please let us have items for the tombola, the chocolate stall and the bric-a-brac stall. Thank you for your support.

All Hallows' Remembrance Sunday service (13 November) starts at 9:30 so we can join the Act of Remembrance on Broad Green afterwards.

Choral Evensong for Remembrance Sunday 13 November 18:00, All Hallows.

Concert with the Wellingborough Community Gospel Choir Saturday 19 November, 19:30, All Hallows. Tickets £10, under 16 £5, to include refreshments, available from Tony Edwards (07867 554476 / 01933 276433 / TonyE1960@aol.com).

DIARY

Mon 7 Nov	Wilibrod of York	
Tues 8 Nov	Saints and martyrs of England	
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00 14:00-15:00	All Hallows' Hall Tea @2	coffee shop St Andrew's Hall
Wed 9 Nov		
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30 12:15-13:00	All Hallows All Hallows	open to the public Midweek Eucharist
19:00-20:00	All Saints	AS choir practice
Thurs 10 Nov	Leo the Great	
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00-10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
19:00-20:00	All Hallows	Handbell practice
Fri 11 Nov	Martin of Tours	
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	AH choir practice
Sat 12 Nov		
9:00-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	Winter Fayre
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
Sun 13 Nov	2 before Advent, Remembrance Sunday	
9:15-10:15	All Saints	Eucharist
10:00-11:30	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-19:00	All Hallows	Choral Evensong for Remembrance

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