



Holy Communion All Hallows' Church

Third Sunday of Epiphany
22 January 2023

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

*We ask that you do **not publish photographs** you take in our church, with children other than your own in them, 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 'The kingdom is upon you!
 the voice of Jesus cries,
 fulfilling with its message
 the wisdom of the wise;
 it lightens with fresh insight
 the striving human mind,
 creating new dimensions
 of faith for all to find.

- 2 'God's kingdom is upon you!
 the message sounds today,
 it summons every pilgrim
 to take the questing way,
 with eyes intent on Jesus,
 our leader and our friend,
 who trod faith's road before us,
 and trod it to the end.

- 3 The kingdom is upon us!
 Stirred by the Spirit's breath,
 we glory in its freedom
 from emptiness and death;
 we celebrate its purpose,
 its mission and its goal,
 alive with the conviction
 that Christ can make us whole.

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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.

CONFESSION

Deacon The grace of God has dawned upon the world
through our Saviour Jesus Christ,
who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.

Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION

Minister The almighty and merciful Lord
grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins,
time for amendment of life,
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

GLORIA

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 all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING Isaiah 9.1-4

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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 1 Corinthians 10-18

I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose.

For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, 'I belong to Paul,' or 'I belong to Apollos,' or 'I belong to Cephas,' or 'I belong to Christ.'

Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptised in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptised none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptised in my name. I did baptise also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptised anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptise but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of 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

- 1 O thou who camest from above
the fire celestial to impart,
kindle a flame of sacred love
on the mean altar of my heart!
- 2 There let it for thy glory burn
with inextinguishable blaze,
and trembling to its source return
in humble prayer and fervent praise.
- 3 Jesus, confirm my heart's desire
to work, and speak, and think for thee;
still let me guard the holy fire,
and still stir up the gift in me.
- 4 Ready for all thy perfect will,
my acts of faith and love repeat;

till death thy endless mercies seal,
and make the sacrifice complete.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 4.12-23

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor Christ was revealed in flesh,
proclaimed among the nations,
and believed in throughout the world.

All/choir Alleluia!

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

All/choir Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the lake, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

‘Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles – the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.’

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.’

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the lake – for they were fishermen. And he said to them, ‘Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.’ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All/choir 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 worship the Saviour with joy,
and make our prayer to our heavenly Father.

This response may be included:

All Lord, in your mercy,
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 Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace
there shall be no end.

cf Isaiah 9.6,7

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

Deacon Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

The final line of each verse is repeated.

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,

and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.

5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

TABLE PRAYER

Minister Gracious God,
accept the offering of your Church,
the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving,
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.

All **His spirit is with us.**

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 All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism
Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us.

In the water made wine
the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
and say our joyful hymn of praise:

All/choir 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

All/choir 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 Believing the promises of God,
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 the 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.**

All/choir 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 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 Edward Elgar: Ave verum corpus

Latin:

Ave verum corpus natum.
ex Maria Virgine,
Very pasum, immolatum
in cruce pro homine
Cujus latus perforatum.
vero flxit sanguine:
est nobis praegustatum.
mortis in examine.
O Clemens, O dulcis Jesu,
Fili Mariae, Mariae.

English:

Jesu, Lamb of God, Redeemer,
born the Virgin Mary's Son,
who upon the cross a victim
for all us salvation won.
from whose side, which man hath pierced,
flowed the water and the blood:
By thy sacred body broken,
in our death be thou our food
O gracious loving, O Son of Mary,
Jesus, eternal Lord, eternal Lord.

HYMN

- 1 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.
- 2 Cold on his cradle the dew-drops are shining;
low lies his head with the beasts of the stall;
angels adore him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Saviour of all.
- 3 Say, shall we yield him, in costly devotion,
odours of Edom, and offerings divine,
gems of the mountain, and pearls of the ocean,
myrrh from the forest, or gold from the mine?

- 4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
vainly with gifts would his favour secure:
richer by far is the heart's adoration,
dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.
- 5 Brightest and best of the sons of the morning,
dawn on our darkness, and lend us thine aid;
star of the east, the horizon adorning,
guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

Reginald Heber (1783–1826)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

The last two lines of each verse are repeated.

- 1 And can it be that I should gain
an interest in the Saviour's blood?
Died he for me, who caused his pain?
For me, who him to death pursued?
Amazing love! How can it be
that thou, my God, shouldst die for me?

- 2 'Tis mystery all: the Immortal dies!
Who can explore his strange design?
In vain the first-born seraph tries
to sound the depths of love divine.
'Tis mercy all! Let earth adore,
let angel minds enquire no more.
- 3 He left his Father's throne above —
so free, so infinite his grace —
emptied himself of all but love,
and bled for Adam's helpless race.
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;
for, O my God, it found out me!
- 4 Long my imprisoned spirit lay
fast bound in sin and nature's night;
thine eye diffused a quickening ray;
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;
my chains fell off, my heart was free,
I rose, went forth, and followed thee.
- 5 No condemnation now I dread;
Jesus, and all in him, is mine!
Alive in him, my living Head,
and clothed in righteousness divine,
bold I approach the eternal throne,
and claim the crown, through Christ, my own.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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.**

DISMISSAL

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Henri Mulet: Carillon-Sortie

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in **body, mind or spirit**, among them Richard H, Kay G, Jonathan, Kath T, June M, Jenny A, Hilly S, Diana B.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley C.

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: Fanny Boulden, Emily Oakley, Michael James Stephen Freeman, John William Stevens, Kathleen Estelle Mallows, Paul Andrew Wells, Alan George Mitchell, Walter Armstrong, Albert Charles Liley, Winifred (Trudi) Freeman, Caroline Deaton, Fred Gazeley, Leonard Talbut, Mary Walden, Greta Banham, Rita Edmonds, Dorothy Heath, John Newcombe, Bernard Richards, Alan Palmer, Margaret Anne Rivers Morris, Mary Houston, Neil Campbell, Marion Morgan.

NOTICES

Benefice Eucharist (Candlemas) Sunday 29 January 10:00, All Saints. There will be no other morning services in the benefice.

Benefice Evensong Sunday 29 January 18:00, All Saints. There will be no Compline online that day.

APPOINTING A NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP

The process for appointing our next Diocesan Bishop has begun. Details of what this involves can be found on the Diocesan website:

<https://www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/aboutus/news/vacancy-in-see.php>

It is important that everyone in the Diocese is able to have input to the process of shaping a Diocesan Vision for the new Bishop and suggesting names of suitable candidates. This can be done in the following ways:

Join a public zoom consultation meeting

The Archbishop's appointment secretary will meet representatives of the Diocese in January and will also hold a public zoom meeting. If you wish to attend this meeting please contact andrew.roberts@peterborough-diocese.org.uk.

Submit your thoughts in writing

Please email your submission to vacancy@peterborough-diocese.org.uk to help shape the Diocesan vision for the new Bishop.

Pray

Please pray for the process, for the people directly involved and for the person who God is calling to be our new Bishop, whoever they may be.

God our Father, you have welcomed each one of us in Jesus

and called us to be His Body in this place;

send us your Holy Spirit, at this time of uncertainty and change,

to fill us with vision, energy, and faithfulness in prayer,

that we may be true to our calling to bring new life to our communities;

guide us with your heavenly wisdom as we seek to find our new Bishop,

that the one who we receive may be a wise and gentle shepherd of your people:

ready to serve us with joy, to build us up in faith, and to lead us by example

in loving obedience to your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

DIARY

Mon 23 Jan

Tues 24 Jan **Francis de Sales**

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
12:00-13:00	All Hallows	Funeral of Mrs Susan Byles RIP

Wed 25 Jan **Conversion of Paul**

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

Thurs 26 Jan **Timothy and Titus**

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00-10:30	All Saints	Holy Communion

Fri 27 Jan

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:15-19:15	All Saints	AS choir practice
19:30-20:30	All Hallows	AH choir practice

Sat 28 Jan **Thomas Aquinas**

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

Sun 29 Jan **Presentation of Jesus in the Temple (Candlemas)**

10:00-11:30	All Saints	Benefice Eucharist
18:00-19:00	All Saints	Benefice Evensong

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