



## Holy Communion All Saints' Church

Third Sunday before Lent  
5 February 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       Thou, whose almighty word  
          chaos and darkness heard,  
          and took their flight;  
          hear us, we humbly pray,  
          and where the gospel-day  
          sheds not its glorious ray,  
          let there be light.
- 2       Thou, who didst come to bring  
          on thy redeeming wing  
          healing and sight,  
          health to the sick in mind,  
          sight to the inly blind,  
          O now to all humankind  
          let there be light.
- 3       Spirit of truth and love,  
          life-giving, holy Dove,  
          speed forth thy flight;  
          move on the water's face,  
          bearing the lamp of grace,  
          and in earth's darkest place  
          let there be light.
- 4       Holy and blessèd Three,  
          glorious Trinity,  
          Wisdom, Love, Might;

boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.

*John Marriott (1780-1825)*

## **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**

Minister God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

**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 in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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. Amen.  
In the glory of God the Father. 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:*

Eternal God,  
whose Son went among the crowds  
and brought healing with his touch:  
help us to show his love,  
in your Church as we gather together,  
and by our lives as they are transformed  
into the image of Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Isaiah 58.1-9a

Thus says the Lord:

Shout out, do not hold back! Lift up your voice like a trumpet! Announce to my people their rebellion, to the house of Jacob their sins.

Yet day after day they seek me and delight to know my ways, as if they were a nation that practised righteousness and did not forsake the ordinance of their God; they ask of me righteous judgements, they delight to draw near to God. 'Why do we fast, but you do not see? Why humble ourselves, but you do not notice?'

Look, you serve your own interest on your fast-day, and oppress all your workers. Look, you fast only to quarrel and to fight and to strike with a wicked fist. Such fasting as you do today will not make your voice heard on high. Is such the fast that I choose, a day to humble oneself? Is it to bow down the head like a bulrush, and to lie in sackcloth and ashes? Will you call this a fast, a day acceptable to the LORD?

Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke? Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?

Then your light shall break forth like the dawn, and your healing shall spring up quickly; your vindicator shall go before you, the glory of the LORD shall be your rearguard. Then you shall call, and the LORD will answer; you shall cry for help, and he will say, Here I am.

*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** 1Corinthians 2.1-12

When I came to you, brothers and sisters, I did not come proclaiming the mystery of God to you in lofty words or wisdom. For I decided to know nothing among you except Jesus Christ, and him crucified. And I came to you in weakness and in fear and in much trembling. My speech and my proclamation were not with plausible words of wisdom, but with a demonstration of the Spirit and of power, so that your faith might rest not on human wisdom but on the power of God.

Yet among the mature we do speak wisdom, though it is not a wisdom of this age or of the rulers of this age, who are doomed to perish. But we speak God's wisdom, secret and hidden, which God decreed before the ages for our glory. None of the rulers of this age understood this; for if they had, they would not have crucified the Lord of glory. But, as it is written,

'What no eye has seen, nor ear heard, nor the human heart conceived, what God has prepared for those who love him'

– these things God has revealed to us through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything, even the depths of God. For what human being knows what is truly human except the human spirit that is within? So also no one comprehends what is truly God's except the Spirit of God. Now we have received not the spirit of the world, but the Spirit that is from God, so that we may understand the gifts bestowed on us by 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 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

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## **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 5.13-20

**All/choir Alleluia! [x8]**

Choir I am the light of the world, says the Lord.  
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness  
but will have the light of life.

**All/choir Alleluia! [x8]**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus went up the mountain and was joined by his disciples. Then he began to teach them: 'You are the salt of the earth; but if salt has lost its taste, how can its saltiness be restored? It is no longer good for anything, but is thrown out and trampled under foot.

You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hidden. No one after lighting a lamp puts it under the bushel basket, but on the lampstand, and it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfil. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

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 worship the Saviour with joy,  
and make our prayer to our heavenly 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

## PEACE

Minister God has called us to live in peace.

*cf 1 Corinthians 7.17*

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

- 1 Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.
- 2 Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.
- 3 Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.
- 4 Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.
- 5 Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;
- 6 Changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

## 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.

## 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 It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise:

**All/choir 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 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 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.

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

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

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

## **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.*

## **HYMNS**

- 1        Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,  
          body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,  
          blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,  
          wash me with water flowing from thy side.
- 2        Strength and protection may thy Passion be,  
          O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;  
          deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,  
          so shall I never, never part from thee.
- 3        Guard and defend me from the foe malign,  
          in death's dread moments make me only thine;  
          call me and bid me come to thee on high  
          where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

*Anima Christi, sanctifica me, sometimes ascribed to Pope John XXII (1249–1334) translator unknown*

- 1        Thy kingdom come, O God,  
          thy rule, O Christ, begin;  
          break with thine iron rod  
          the tyrannies of sin.
- 2        Where is thy reign of peace  
          and purity and love?  
          When shall all hatred cease,  
          as in the realms above?
- 3        When comes the promised time  
          that war shall be no more,  
          and lust, oppression, crime  
          shall flee thy face before?
- 4        We pray thee, Lord, arise,  
          and come in thy great might;  
          revive our longing eyes,  
          which languish for thy sight.
- 5        Men scorn thy sacred name,  
          and wolves devour thy fold;  
          by many deeds of shame  
          we learn that love grows cold.
- 6        O'er lands both near and far  
          thick darkness broodeth yet:

arise, O Morning Star,  
arise, and never set!

Lewis Hensley (1824-1905)

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Merciful Father, who gave Jesus Christ to be for us the bread of life,  
that those who come to him should never hunger:  
draw us to the Lord in faith and love,  
that we may eat and drink with him at his table in the kingdom,  
where 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

Chorus *This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.  
This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine,  
let it shine, let it shine, let it shine.*

1 The light that shines is the light of love,  
lights the darkness from above.  
It shines on me and it shines on you,  
and shows what the power of love can do.  
I'm gonna shine my light both far and near,  
I'm gonna shine my light both bright and clear.  
Where there's a dark corner in this land  
I'm gonna let my little light shine.

2 On Monday he gave me the gift of love,  
Tuesday, peace came from above.

On Wednesday he told me to have more faith,  
on Thursday he gave me a little more grace.  
Friday, he told me just to watch and pray,  
Saturday, he told me just what to say.  
On Sunday he gave me the power divine,  
to let my little light shine.

*possibly based on a song by Harry Dixon Loes (1895–1965) Words: © Copyright owner untraced*

## **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**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The people and ministers depart.*

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Colin Mawby: A Joyful Celebration

*Played by David Lawrence.*

## **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: Sidney Benford, Rosie Pateman, Joan Anne Hole, Alan Fitch, Angela Farnell, George Falkner, Jane Collins, Trudy White, Gladys Dew, Vi Earth, Mavis Jenkin, Derek Hooton, Ivy Lilian Wooding, Doris Packwood, George Slate, Malcolm Partridge, Sydney Waples.

## NOTICES

**Choral Evensong** Sunday 12 February 18:00, All Hallows. No Compline that day.

**A very big thank you** for all the prayers, cards, wishes and deeds I have received over the past few months. They were greatly appreciated. Thank you. *Sue M.*

**A new group for pre-school children and their carers** will be starting after the Easter school holidays. We need storytellers, crafters, music makers, refreshment providers. Could you help? Please come along to the Vicarage on 7 February at 7pm to find out more.

## 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:

### **Submit your thoughts in writing**

Please email your submission to [vacancy@peterborough-diocese.org.uk](mailto: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 6 Feb

### Tues 7 Feb

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop

### Wed 8 Feb

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 9 Feb

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

### Fri 10 Feb

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 11 Feb

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

### Sun 12 Feb      2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Lent

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-19:00	All Hallows	Choral Evensong

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