



Holy Communion All Hallows Church

Second Sunday of Lent
5 March 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 At the name of Jesus
 every knee shall bow,
 every tongue confess him
 King of glory now:
 'tis the Father's pleasure
 we should call him Lord,
 who from the beginning
 was the mighty Word.

- 2 At his voice creation
 sprang at once to sight,
 all the angel faces,
 all the hosts of light,
 thrones and dominations,
 stars upon their way,
 all the heavenly orders,
 in their great array.

- 3 Humbled for a season,
 to receive a name
 from the lips of sinners
 unto whom he came,
 faithfully he bore it
 spotless to the last,
 brought it back victorious,
 when from death he passed:

4 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.

5 Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

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 Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

KYRIE ELEISON

Minister We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins to all those
who with heartfelt repentance and true faith turn to him:
have mercy on you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All 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:

Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way come to share in his glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Genesis 12.1-4a

The LORD said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.'

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

LENT PROSE

Choir Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:
for we have sinned against thee.

**All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

Choir O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

Silence may be kept.

SECOND READING Romans 4.1-5,13-17

What are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness.

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations'). Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

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 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said,
if thou wouldst my disciple be;
deny thyself, the world forsake,
and humbly follow after me.
- 2 Take up thy cross: let not its weight
fill thy weak spirit with alarm;
his strength shall bear thy spirit up,
and brace thy heart, and nerve thine arm.
- 3 Take up thy cross, nor heed the shame,
nor let thy foolish pride rebel:
thy Lord for thee the cross endured,
to save thy soul from death and hell.
- 4 Take up thy cross then in his strength,
and calmly every danger brave;
'twill guide thee to a better home,
and lead to victory o'er the grave.
- 5 Take up thy cross, and follow Christ,
nor think till death to lay it down;
for only they who bear the cross
may hope to wear the glorious crown.
- 6 To thee, great Lord, the One in Three,
all praise for evermore ascend:
O grant us in our home to see
the heavenly life that knows no end.

Charles William Everest (1814-1877)

GOSPEL READING John 3.1-17

All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

Cantor The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from

God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?'

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

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 bring to the Father our prayers of intercession
through Christ who gave himself for the life of the world.

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 Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

cf Romans 5.1,2

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 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.
- 2 O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.
- 3 O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;
- 4 And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.
- 5 O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;
- 6 And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.
- 7 Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman (1801–1890)

TABLE PRAYER

Minister God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love,
accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

All **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC 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 indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

**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 Trusting in the compassion 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 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 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 Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
 but only say the word,
 and I shall be healed.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

COMMUNION MOTET Richard Lloyd: View me, Lord

View me, Lord, a work of thine; Shall I then lie drown'd in night?
Might thy grace in me but shine, I should seem made all of light.
Cleanse me, Lord, that I may kneel at thine altar pure and white;
They that once thy mercies feel, Gaze no more on earths delight.
Worldly joys, like shadows fade when the heavenly light appears;
But the cov'nants thou hast made, Endless, know nor days, nor years.
In thy Word, Lord, is my trust, To thy mercies fast I fly:
Though I am but clay and dust, Yet thy grace can lift me high.

HYMN

- 1 Forgive us when our deeds ignore
 your righteous rule of all the earth,
 when our decisions harm the poor,
 denying their eternal worth.
- 2 Forgive us when we turn aside
 from what is honest, true and fair,
 when dreams of pleasure, wealth and pride
 supplant your clear commands to care.
- 3 Forgive us, Lord, our endless greed
 for what was never truly ours,
 when, driven more by want than need,
 we harness this world's brutal powers.
- 4 Forgive us that we change the rules
 by which the game of life is played,
 and never learn to wield the tools
 which could see joy and hope remade.
- 5 Forgive us, God! Our lives betray
 our shallow, vague response to grace;
 so help us walk your holy way,
 to make your world a better place.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Almighty God,
you see that we have no power
of ourselves to help ourselves:
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,
and inwardly in our souls;
that we may be defended from all adversities
which may happen to the body,
and from all evil thoughts
which may assault and hurt the soul;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord! Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!*

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;
but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Fanny Crosby, (Frances Jane van Alstyne) (1820–1915)

BLESSING

Minister Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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 G. F. Handel: Largo from Serse

NOTICES

Choral Evensong Sunday 12 March 18:00, All Hallows.

Lent Group for All will meet on Saturday 11 March and Saturday 25 March 100:00-14:00 in, All Hallows Hall. Activities for the children, discussion for the adults and a FREE lunch for all. Please sign up for one or both sessions on the sheet in church.

Magazine deadline: today. Don't forget to submit your article to:
magazine@allhallowsandallsaintswellingborough.co.uk

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, Peter S.

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 who have died recently, among them Stella Moses, Willaim Reville and Jean Carter. We pray for those who mourn.

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Reginald Hill Carter, Leonard George Tyzack, Jennifer Lamperd, Joan Stoble, Elizabeth Tebbutt, Margaret Alice Charter, Kenneth Wallis, Alice Maud Stevens, Thomas William Bues, Robert Adamson, Fred Thomas Tredgett, Emily Pratt, Milly Barron, Horace William Redman, Peter Blagden-Gamlin, Frank Archibald Peck, Eric Buchanan, Tom Farrelly, Edwin Turnell, Lilian Croft, John McInnes, Elizabeth Hartwell, George Downes, Pat Salisbury, Marilyn Higgs, Peter Richardson, Frederick Swindall, Eric Buchanon, Harry Bunker, Sidney Dagger, Elsie Worley, Patricia Brown.

APPOINTING A NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP

The process for appointing our next Diocesan Bishop continues. Please continue to pray for those involved in this process. 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.

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DIARY

Mon 6 Mar

Tues 7 Mar

Perpetua, Felicity and their companions

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
16:00-17:00	Zoom	All Hallows Pastoral Committee Mtg
19:30- 20:30	The Vicarage	Planning Meeting for Little Acorns

Wed 8 Mar

Edward, Bishop of Lincoln

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
16:00-17:00	Zoom	All Saints Pastoral Committee Mtg
19:00-21:00		Ministry Team Meeting

Thurs 9 Mar

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

Fri 10 Mar

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 Mar

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-14:00	All Hallows' Hall	Lent Group including Lunch
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 12 Mar

Third Sunday of Lent

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-18:30	All Hallows	Choral Evensong

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