



Holy Communion All Hallows Church

Third Sunday of Lent
12 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 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

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:

Eternal God,
give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING Exodus 12.1-4a

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the LORD commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarrelled with Moses, and said, 'Give us water to drink.' Moses said to them, 'Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the LORD?' But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, 'Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?' So Moses cried out to the LORD, 'What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.' The LORD said to Moses, 'Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.' Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarrelled and tested the LORD, saying, 'Is the LORD among us or not?'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

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 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

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

SECOND READING Romans 5.1-11

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in our hope of sharing the glory of God. And not only that, but we also boast in our sufferings, knowing that suffering produces endurance, and endurance produces character, and character produces hope, and hope does not disappoint us, because God's love has been poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit that has been given to us.

For while we were still weak, at the right time Christ died for the ungodly. Indeed, rarely will anyone die for a righteous person – though perhaps for a good person someone might actually dare to die. But God proves his love for us in that while we still were sinners Christ died for us. Much more surely then, now that we have been justified by his blood, will we be saved through him from the wrath of God. For if while we were enemies, we were reconciled to God through the death of his Son, much more surely, having been reconciled, will we be saved by his life. But more than that, we even boast in God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have now received reconciliation.

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 Rise and hear! The Lord is speaking,
 as the gospel words unfold;
 we, in all our age-long seeking,
 find no firmer truth to hold.
- 2 Word of goodness, truth, and beauty,
 heard by simple folk and wise,
 word of freedom, word of duty,
 word of life beyond our eyes.
- 3 Word of God's forgiveness granted
 to the wild or guilty soul,
 word of love that works undaunted,
 changes, heals, and makes us whole.

4 Speak to us, O Lord, believing,
as we hear, the sower sows;
may our hearts, your word receiving,
be the good ground where it grows.

Howard Charles Adie Gaunt (1902-1983)

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GOSPEL READING John 4.5-42

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

Cantor Your word brings new life,
let us listen to your Word.

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.

Jesus came to a Samaritan city called Sychar, near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph. Jacob's well was there, and Jesus, tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well. It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water, and Jesus said to her, 'Give me a drink.' (His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.) The Samaritan woman said to him, 'How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?' (Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.) Jesus answered her, 'If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, "Give me a drink," you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep. Where do you get that living water? Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well, and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?' Jesus said to her, 'Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again, but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty. The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life.' The woman said to him, 'Sir, give me this water, so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water.'

Jesus said to her, 'Go, call your husband, and come back.' The woman answered him, 'I have no husband.' Jesus said to her, 'You are right in saying, "I have no husband"; for you have had five husbands, and the one you have now is not your husband. What you have said is true!' The woman said to him, 'Sir, I see that you are a prophet. Our ancestors worshipped on this mountain, but you say that the place where people must worship is in Jerusalem.' Jesus said to her, 'Woman, believe me, the hour is coming when you will worship the Father neither on this mountain nor in Jerusalem. You worship what you do not know; we worship what

we know, for salvation is from the Jews. But the hour is coming, and is now here, when the true worshippers will worship the Father in spirit and truth, for the Father seeks such as these to worship him. God is spirit, and those who worship him must worship in spirit and truth.’ The woman said to him, ‘I know that Messiah is coming’ (who is called Christ). ‘When he comes, he will proclaim all things to us.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am he, the one who is speaking to you.’

Just then his disciples came. They were astonished that he was speaking with a woman, but no one said, ‘What do you want?’ or, ‘Why are you speaking with her?’ Then the woman left her water-jar and went back to the city. She said to the people, ‘Come and see a man who told me everything I have ever done! He cannot be the Messiah, can he?’ They left the city and were on their way to him.

Meanwhile the disciples were urging him, ‘Rabbi, eat something.’ But he said to them, ‘I have food to eat that you do not know about.’ So the disciples said to one another, ‘Surely no one has brought him something to eat?’ Jesus said to them, ‘My food is to do the will of him who sent me and to complete his work. Do you not say, “Four months more, then comes the harvest”? But I tell you, look around you, and see how the fields are ripe for harvesting. The reaper is already receiving wages and is gathering fruit for eternal life, so that sower and reaper may rejoice together. For here the saying holds true, “One sows and another reaps.” I sent you to reap that for which you did not labour. Others have laboured, and you have entered into their labour.’

Many Samaritans from that city believed in Jesus because of the woman’s testimony, ‘He told me everything I have ever done.’ So when the Samaritans came to him, they asked him to stay with them; and he stayed there for two days. And many more believed because of his word. They said to the woman, ‘It is no longer because of what you said that we believe, for we have heard for ourselves, and we know that this is truly the Saviour of the world.’

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 Jesu, lover of my soul,
let me to thy bosom fly,
while the nearer waters roll,
while the tempest still is high:
hide me, O my Saviour, hide,
till the storm of life is past;
safe into the haven guide,
O receive my soul at last.
- 2 Other refuge have I none,
hangs my helpless soul on thee;
leave, ah, leave me not alone,
still support and comfort me.
All my trust on thee is stayed,
all my help from thee I bring;
cover my defenceless head
with the shadow of thy wing.
- 3 Thou, O Christ, art all I want;
more than all in thee I find;
raise the fallen, cheer the faint,
heal the sick, and lead the blind.
Just and holy is thy name,
I am all unrighteousness;
false and full of sin I am,
thou art full of truth and grace.
- 4 Plenteous grace with thee is found,
grace to cover all my sin;

let the healing streams abound,
make and keep me pure within.
Thou of life the fountain art:
freely let me take of thee,
spring thou up within my heart,
rise to all eternity.

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

TABLE PRAYER

Minister God of our journey,
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;
through Jesus Christ our 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 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, 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/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 Farrant: Call to remembrance

HYMN

1 Be thou my guardian and my guide,
and hear me when I call;
let not my slippery footsteps slide,
and hold me lest I fall.

2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell
around the path I tread;
O save me from the snares of hell,
thou quickener of the dead.

3 And if I tempted am to sin,
and outward things are strong,
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,
and save my soul from wrong.

4 Still let me ever watch and pray,
and feel that I am frail;
that if the tempter cross my way,
yet he may not prevail.

Isaac Williams (1802-1865)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand
the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds
to follow you, the only God;
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 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, oh,
we are marching in the light of God.

2 We are living in the love of God...

3 We are moving in the power of God...

Original Xhosa text: Siyahamb' ekukhanyen' kwenkhos'

*Xhosa (South African) traditional hymn
v. 1 Anders Nyberg (b. 1955)
vv. 2, 3 Andrew Maries (b. 1949)*

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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 Percy Whitlock: Folk Tune

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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, Andre J.

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 why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Keith Haynes, Madge Ashpole, Rosamund Tye, Thomas Cherry, Phyllis Smith, David Scott, John Dickenson, Joseph Cooke, Richard Adams, Jonathan Bates, Alastair Morby, John Rice, Paul Sanders, Ferdinand Buchta, Arthur Jakeman, Walter Wilkinson, Beryl Lowry, John William Haydn Herrod, Dorothy May Oram, Ernest Hedley Tutt, Doreen Annie Heathcote, Iris Mary Boulden, Marjorie Manning, Joan Handley, Paul Sanders, Frank Barron, Grace Jenny Mandeville, Varbo Harry Cron Ager, Kate Edwards, Alan Dimmer.

NOTICES

Choral Evensong this evening 18:00, here at All Hallows.

Tea @2 Tuesday 14 March 14:00, St Andrew's Hall. For details contact Pat Thomas 01933 382979.

Lent Group for All Saturday Saturday 25 March 10:00-14:00, All Hallows Hall. Activities for the children, discussion for the adults and a FREE lunch for all. Please sign up on the sheet in church.

Growing Faith from Generation to Generation Tuesday 14 March 19:30-21:00, St Mark's Church. A Deanery special event with practical advice and resources on intergenerational ministry and how to grow faith in our churches, schools and homes. Open to everybody.

Bishop's Bible Day Saturday 18 March, Northampton High School for Girls. A day to explore the Bible together with others from across the Diocese. Key speaker: Revd Dr Isabelle Hamley (former Chaplain to Archbishop Justin). More information: www.peterborough-diocese.org.uk/events-training/events/bishops-bible-day-4092.php

PRAYER for discerning the new Bishop

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 13 Mar

10:00-11:00 Nene Valley Crem. Funeral RIP Mr William Reville

Tues 14 Mar

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop
14:00-15:00 St Andrew's Hall Tea @2
19:30-21:00 St Marks, Queensway Gen2 Deanery Event open to all

Wed 15 Mar

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
18:00 - 19:00 Zoom All Saints School Faith Committee Mtg

Thurs 16 Mar

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

Fri 17 Mar

Patrick

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 18 Mar

9:30 - 16:00 Northampton Bishop's Bible Day
High School for Girls
9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop
10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to the public

Sun 19 Mar

Mothering Sunday

9:15-10:15 All Saints Eucharist
11:15-12:15 All Hallows Eucharist
18:00-19:00 Zoom Compline

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