



## Holy Communion All Hallows Church

Third Sunday of Easter  
23 April 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 is the King! O friends rejoice;  
brothers and sisters with one voice  
tell all the world he is your choice. *Alleluia.*
- 2 O magnify the Lord, and raise  
anthems of joy and holy praise  
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days. *Alleluia.*
- 3 They with a faith for ever new  
followed the King, and round him drew  
thousands of faithful hearts and true. *Alleluia.*
- 4 O Christian women, Christian men,  
all the world over, seek again  
the Way disciples followed then. *Alleluia.*
- 5 Christ through all ages is the same:  
place the same hope in his great name,  
with the same faith his word proclaim. *Alleluia.*
- 6 Let love's unconquerable might  
your scattered companies unite  
in service to the Lord of light. *Alleluia.*
- 7 So shall God's will on earth be done,  
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,  
and the whole church at last be one. *Alleluia.*

*George Kennedy Allen Bell (1883–1958)*

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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.**

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## CONFESSION

Deacon Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All **Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*cf Hosea 6*

## ABSOLUTION

Minister May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

All **Amen.**

## GLORIA

All/choir **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:*

Risen Christ,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Acts 2.14a,36-41

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd, 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?' Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

*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 Peter 1.17-23

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word 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 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,  
and companions on the road;  
we are here to help each other  
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you  
in the night-time of your fear;  
I will hold my hand out to you,  
speak the peace you long to hear.

4 I will weep when you are weeping;  
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;  
I will share your joy and sorrow  
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,  
we shall find such harmony,  
born of all we've known together  
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,  
let me be as Christ to you;  
pray that I may have the grace  
to let you be my servant too.

*Richard A. M. Gillard (b. 1953)*

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## **GOSPEL READING** Luke 24.13-35

**All/choir Alleluia!** [x3]

Cantor I am the first and the last, says the Lord;  
I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore.

**All/choir Alleluia!** [x3]

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

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

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him.

And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women

had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?' That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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 pray to the Father,  
who loved the world so much  
that he sent his only Son to give us life.

*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 The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

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 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

*Chorus*    *Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

2            I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
              but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
              I danced for the fishermen, for James and John —  
              they came with me and the Dance went on.

3            I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
              the holy people said it was a shame.  
              They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
              and they left me there on a cross to die.

4            I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black —  
              it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
              They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
              but I am the Dance, and I still go on.

5            They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
              I am the life that'll never, never die;  
              I'll live in you if you'll live in me —  
              I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Sydney Carter (1915–2004)*

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## **TABLE PRAYER**

Minister    With this bread that we bring  
**All**            **we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister    With this wine that we bring  
**All**            **we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister    Bread for his body,  
              wine for his blood,  
              gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**All**            **We shall remember Jesus.**

## **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, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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 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 Alleluia! Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.*

## **COMMUNION MOTET** Charles Wood: This joyful Eastertide

1 This joyful Eastertide  
away with sin and sorrow!  
My love, the Crucified,  
has sprung to life this morrow.

Refrain *Had Christ, who once was slain,  
not burst his three-day prison,  
our faith had been in vain:  
but now hath Christ arisen,  
arisen, arisen;  
but now has Christ arisen!*

- 2        Death's flood has lost its chill  
          since Jesus crossed the river.  
          Lover of souls, from ill  
          my passing soul deliver.
- 3        My flesh in hope shall rest  
          and for a season slumber  
          till trump from east to west  
          shall wake the dead in number.

## HYMN

- 1        Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
          of triumphant gladness!  
          God hath brought his Israel  
          into joy from sadness;  
          loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
          Jacob's sons and daughters;  
          led them with unmoistened foot  
          through the Red Sea waters.
- 2        'Tis the spring of souls to-day;  
          Christ hath burst his prison,  
          and from three days' sleep in death  
          as a sun hath risen:  
          all the winter of our sins,  
          long and dark, is flying  
          from his light, to whom we give  
          laud and praise undying.
- 3        Now the queen of seasons, bright  
          with the day of splendour,  
          with the royal feast of feasts,  
          comes its joy to render;  
          comes to glad Jerusalem,  
          who with true affection  
          welcomes in unwearied strains  
          Jesu's resurrection.
- 4        Alleluia now we cry  
          to our King immortal,  
          who triumphant burst the bars  
          of the tomb's dark portal;  
          Alleluia, with the Son  
          God the Father praising;

Alleluia yet again  
to the Spirit raising.

*Aisomen pantes laoi - St John of Damascus (c.675–c.750) translated by John Mason Neale (1818–1866)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

All **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### HYMN

- 1 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.
- 3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,

rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

4 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)*

## **BLESSING**

Minister The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
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 the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** C. M. Widor: Marche Pontifical

## **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, Steve C, Colin M.

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: Kate Maud Coles, Phyllis Mary Anderson, Janet Marguerite Anderson, Bill Soames, Phyllis Edith Byles, Ruby Irene Meeks, Frank Steele, Gregory Owen, Anne Margaret Soper, Reginald Hayers, Vernon William Jackson, Marie Lucas, Laurie Wright, Arthur West, Beatrice Worley, John Osborne, Irene Branston, Barbara Barker, Maureen Parker, Roy Earth, Herbert Cook, Robert Underwood, Caroline Piggott, Peter Woods, Frederick Stapleton, Phyllis Bellamy.

## **NOTICES**

Joint Benefice service Sunday 30 April 10:00, All Hallows. No service at All Saints.

In celebration of the Coronation of King Charles III on Sunday 7 May we will have celebratory Eucharists at the normal times (8:00 AS, 9:15 AS, and 11:15 AH), followed by The Coronation Big Lunch (bring & share) at 13:00 outside All Hallows, then Civic Evensong at 18:00 at All Saints.

## **PRAY FOR A NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP**

The process for appointing our next Diocesan Bishop continues. Please pray for those involved in this process, and for the person whom God is calling to be our 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 24 Apr**

**Tues 25 Apr**      **Mark the Evangelist**

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

**Wed 26 Apr**

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 27 Apr**

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

**Fri 28 Apr**

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 29 Apr**      **Catherin of Siena**

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

**Sun 30 Apr**      **4th Sunday of Easter**

10:00-11:00	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-19:00	Zoom	Choral Evensong

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