



Benefice Holy Communion All Saints' Church

Seventh Sunday of Easter
21 May 2023

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

Today we say goodbye to Angie as she moves on from our parishes to Ordination as a Deacon at the end of June. We wish her well and pray for her future ministry. She will be much missed.

*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 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:
- 3 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,

to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory,
of that perfect rest.

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.

Minister Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Words of welcome may be said.

CONFESSION

Deacon What God has prepared for those who love him,
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

cf 1 Corinthians 2.9

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, we give you thanks and praise;
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand in majesty most high:
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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, ascended Lord,
as we rejoice at your triumph,
fill your Church on earth with power and compassion,
that all who are estranged by sin

may find forgiveness and know your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 1.6-14

When the apostles had come together, they asked Jesus, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'

When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

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 4.12-14; 5.6-11

Beloved, do not be surprised at the fiery ordeal that is taking place among you to test you, as though something strange were happening to you. But rejoice in so far as you are sharing Christ's sufferings, so that you may also be glad and shout for joy when his glory is revealed. If you are reviled for the name of Christ, you are blessed, because the spirit of glory, which is the Spirit of God, is resting on you.

Humble yourselves therefore under the mighty hand of God, so that he may exalt you in due time. Cast all your anxiety on him, because he cares for you. Discipline yourselves, keep alert. Like a roaring lion your adversary the devil prowls around, looking for someone to devour. Resist him, steadfast in your faith, for you know that your brothers and sisters throughout the world are undergoing the same kinds of suffering. And after you have suffered for a little while, the God of all grace, who has

called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, support, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the power for ever and ever. Amen.

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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 John 17.1-11

All/choir Alleluia! [x3]

Cantor Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people:
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

All/choir Alleluia! [x3]

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and said, 'Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed.

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.'

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 Lord who has conquered death.

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 made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf Ephesians 1.13,14

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 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Chorus *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960)

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest;
make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

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, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,

holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**All/choir Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

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 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!
Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!**

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 Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord;
worthy is the Lord God almighty.
Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord;
worthy is the Lord God almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come,
worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.

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 John Rutter: The Lord bless you and keep you

The Lord bless you and keep you;
The Lord make His face to shine upon you
To shine upon you and be gracious
And be gracious unto you
The Lord bless you and keep you
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you,
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you
And give you peace, and give you peace;
And give you peace, and give you peace.

HYMN

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found —
we stand on holy ground.
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight —
our radiant King of light!
Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.
No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.
Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Eternal God, giver of love and power,
your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world
to preach the gospel of his kingdom:
confirm us in this mission,
and help us to live the good news we proclaim;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:
- Chorus* Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Michael Saward (b. 1932)

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BLESSING

- Minister The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;
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 J. S. Bach: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

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, Colin M, baby Dolly-Mae, Ann A.

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: Leslie Charles Tite, Eileen Fairey, George Cook, Ursula Irene Freeman, Ivy Manning, Evelyn Sanders, Ivy Hodson, Albert Rainbow, Wyn Morby, Harry Phillips, Wellington Gunpot, Ruth Thankful, Joseph Frederick Raitt, Alfred White.

NOTICES

Music for a Summer's Evening with Anna Burgon and friends Saturday 3 June 19:00, All Hallows. Tickets £10 from either Tony Edwards or Margaret Burgon (includes refreshments). Music for every taste. Don't miss what will be a fantastic evening.

Benefice Prayer Group meets first on Sat 3 June, then on the first Saturday of every month, at 10:15 in All Hallows. This is a joint group of All Saints & All Hallows, and everyone is invited.

Little Acorns - new preschool group starts on Monday 5 June, then meets every Monday 9:30-11:30 in All Hallows' Hall. This is also a joint benefice group.

Be a Chorister for a Day Saturday 24 June 10:30-15:00, All Hallows. A day for any youngsters aged 7 years upwards to come and learn some fun music with Tom Moore (St Matthews, Northampton & Wakefield Cathedral). More details from Tony. All parents are welcome to come along and see what is on offer.

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 22 May

20:30-21:30 All Hallows Deanery Sung Compline
to mark Thy Kingdom Come

Tues 23 May

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

Wed 24 May John & Charles Wesley

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
19:00-21:00 Ministry Team Meeting

Thurs 25 May The Venerable Bede

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

Fri 26 May Augustine

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 27 May

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

Sun 28 May Pentecost

9:15-10:15 All Saints Eucharist
11:15-12:15 All Hallows Eucharist
18:00-18:30 Zoom Compline

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