



## Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Sixth Sunday after Trinity

16 July 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 Come, let us join our cheerful songs  
with angels round the throne;  
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,  
but all their joys are one.
- 2 'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,  
'to be exalted thus';  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,  
'for he was slain for us.'
- 3 Jesus is worthy to receive  
honour and power divine;  
and blessings, more than we can give,  
be, Lord, for ever thine.
- 4 Let all that dwell above the sky,  
and air, and earth, and seas,  
conspire to lift thy glories high,  
and speak thine endless praise.
- 5 The whole creation joins in one  
to bless the sacred name  
of him that sits upon the throne,  
and to adore the Lamb.

*Isaac Watts (1674–1748) based on Revelation 5.11-13*

## 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 God the Father forgives us in Christ  
and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away all anger and bitterness,  
all slander and malice,  
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

*cf Ephesians 4.30,32*

All O King enthroned on high,  
filling the earth with your glory:  
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.  
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,  
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*cf Isaiah 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 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 in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

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 in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

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 in the highest and peace to his people on earth. 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:*

Creator God,  
you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see,  
and serve you in all that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All        Amen.

## FIRST READING Genesis 25.19-34

These are the descendants of Isaac, Abraham's son: Abraham was the father of Isaac, and Isaac was forty years old when he married Rebekah, daughter of Bethuel the Aramean of Paddan-aram, sister of Laban the Aramean. Isaac prayed to the LORD for his wife, because she was barren; and the LORD granted his prayer, and his wife Rebekah conceived. The children struggled together within her; and she said, 'If it is to be this way, why do I live?' So she went to inquire of the LORD. And the LORD said to her,

'Two nations are in your womb, and two peoples born of you shall be divided; the one shall be stronger than the other, the elder shall serve the younger.'

When her time to give birth was at hand, there were twins in her womb. The first came out red, all his body like a hairy mantle; so they named him Esau. Afterwards his brother came out, with his hand gripping Esau's heel; so he was named Jacob. Isaac was sixty years old when she bore them.

When the boys grew up, Esau was a skilful hunter, a man of the field, while Jacob was a quiet man, living in tents. Isaac loved Esau, because he was fond of game; but Rebekah loved Jacob.

Once when Jacob was cooking a stew, Esau came in from the field, and he was famished. Esau said to Jacob, 'Let me eat some of that red stuff, for I am famished!' (Therefore he was called Edom.) Jacob said, 'First sell me your birthright.' Esau said, 'I am about to die; of what use is a birthright to me?' Jacob said, 'Swear to me first.' So he swore to him, and sold his birthright to Jacob. Then Jacob gave Esau bread and lentil stew, and he ate and drank, and rose and went his way. Thus Esau despised his birthright.

*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** Romans 8.1-11

There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law – indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

*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 Earth was waiting, spent and restless,  
with a mingled hope and fear,  
faithful men and women praying,  
'Surely, Lord, the day is near:  
the Desire of all the nations —  
it is time he should appear!'
- 2 Then the Spirit of the Highest  
to a virgin meek came down,  
and he burdened her with blessing,  
and he pained her with renown;  
for she bore the Lord's anointed  
for his cross and for his crown.
- 3 Earth has groaned and laboured for him  
since the ages first began,  
for in him was hid the secret  
which through all the ages ran —  
Son of Mary, Son of David,  
Son of God, and Son of Man.

*Walter Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)*

## GOSPEL READING Matthew 13.1-9,18-23

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Cantor We do not live by bread alone,  
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

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

Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone with ears listen!

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.'

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 In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*This response may be included:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All** hear our prayer.

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**All** accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

## PEACE

Minister God has 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.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All** And also with you.

Deacon Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

### HYMN

1 We plough the fields, and scatter  
the good seed on the land,  
but it is fed and watered  
by God's almighty hand:  
he sends the snow in winter,  
the warmth to swell the grain,

the breezes, and the sunshine,  
and soft, refreshing rain.

Chorus *All good gifts around us  
are sent from heaven above;  
then thank the Lord, O thank the Lord,  
for all his love.*

2 He only is the maker  
of all things near and far;  
he paints the wayside flower,  
he lights the evening star;  
the winds and waves obey him,  
by him the birds are fed;  
much more to us, his children,  
he gives our daily bread.

3 We thank thee then, O Father,  
for all things bright and good,  
the seed-time and the harvest,  
our life, our health, our food.  
Accept the gifts we offer  
for all thy love imparts,  
and, what thou most desirest,  
our humble, thankful hearts.

*Wir pflügen und wir streuen - Matthias Claudius (1740-1815) tr. by Jane Montgomery Campbell (1817-1878)*

## TABLE PRAYER

Minister Holy God,  
holy and strong, holy and immortal,  
give us the bread of everlasting life,  
and make us branches of the true vine.

All **Amen.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.

All **His spirit is with us.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

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

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

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

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

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

**All/choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power 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 Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

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

**COMMUNION MOTET** Maurice Greene: Thou visitest the earth

Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it, and blessest it  
and crownest the year, the year with thy goodness  
and crownest the year, the year with thy goodness.

## HYMN

- 1 Put peace into each other's hands  
and like a treasure hold it,  
protect it like a candle-flame,  
with tenderness enfold it.
- 2 Put peace into each other's hands  
with loving expectation;  
be gentle in your words and ways,  
in touch with God's creation.
- 3 Put peace into each other's hands  
like bread we break for sharing;  
look people warmly in the eye:  
our life is meant for caring.
- 4 Give thanks for strong — yet tender — hands,  
held out in trust and blessing.  
Where words fall short, let hands speak out,  
the heights of love expressing.
- 5 Reach out in friendship, stay with faith  
in touch with those around you.  
Put peace into each other's hands:  
the Peace that sought and found you.

*Fred Kaan (1929–2009) Words: © 1989, 2001, Stainer & Bell Ltd, London, England*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister God of our pilgrimage,  
you have led us to the living water:  
refresh and sustain us  
as we go forward on our journey,  
in the name of 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            Onward, Christian soldiers,  
              marching as to war,  
              with the cross of Jesus  
              going on before:  
              Christ the royal Master  
              leads against the foe;  
              forward into battle,  
              see, his banners go!
- Chorus    *Onward, Christian soldiers,  
              marching as to war,  
              with the cross of Jesus  
              going on before!*
- 2            Crowns and thrones may perish,  
              kingdoms rise and wane,  
              but the church of Jesus  
              constant will remain:  
              gates of hell can never  
              'gainst that church prevail;  
              we have Christ's own promise,  
              and that cannot fail:
- 3            Onward, then, ye people,  
              join our happy throng,  
              blend with ours your voices  
              in the triumph song:  
              glory, laud, and honour  
              unto Christ the King,  
              this through countless ages  
              men and angels sing:

*Sabine Baring-Gould (1834-1924)*

## **BLESSING**

Minister The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

## **DISMISSAL**

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Alexandre Guilmant: Grand Choeur in D

## 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, Graham E, Mary R.

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: Ken Ward, Doreen Peggy Lawrence, Ken Matthews, Ida May Labram, Abigail Byrd, Arthur Sewell, Ann Tobin, Jean Roberts, Betty Lawrence, Charles Ashby, Maud Desborough, Cheryl Branston, Connie Newcombe, Patricia Ward, Susan Dainty, Norman Bedford, Cyril Payne, Frank Dymont.

## NOTICES

Wellingborough Inter faith Group warmly invites you to their AGM Tuesday 18 July 19:00, Victoria Centre.

Tea and cake Tuesday 25 July 14:00, 16 Cherry Avenue. Maureen and Graham are pleased to invite you to their garden where they hope to raise funds for the Summer of Hope MU project with a suggested donation of £1 tea and cake and a raffle. Please bring a chair if possible. All members of the Church are invited.

Hymns & Pimms Sunday 30 July 6pm, All Saints.

Concert by the Wellingborough Gospel Choir Saturday 12 August 19:00, All Hallows. Tickets £10/adult £5/under 16, from Tony.

## PRAY FOR A NEW DIOCESAN BISHOP

The process for appointing our next Diocesan Bishop continues. Please pray for those involved in this, 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 17 July

9:15-11:00 All Hallows' Hall Little Acorns

### Tues 18 July

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

### Wed 19 July **Gregory of Nyssa and his siter Macrina**

9:00-10:30 All Saints All Saints School Leavers' Service  
9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop  
10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to the public  
12:15-12:45 All Hallows Midweek Eucharist

### Thurs 20 July

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

### Fri 21 July

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop  
19:30-21:00 All Hallows joint choir practice

### Sat 22 July **Mary Magdalene**

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

### Sun 23 July **Trinity 7**

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

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