



## Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Thirteenth Sunday after Trinity

3 September 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 Jesus, where'er thy people meet,  
there they behold thy mercy-seat;  
where'er they seek thee thou art found,  
and every place is hallowed ground.
- 2 For thou, within no walls confined,  
inhabitest the humble mind;  
such ever bring thee when they come,  
and, going, take thee to their home.
- 3 Dear Shepherd of thy chosen few,  
thy former mercies here renew;  
here to our waiting hearts proclaim  
the sweetness of thy saving name.
- 4 Here may we prove the power of prayer  
to strengthen faith and sweeten care,  
to teach our faint desires to rise,  
and bring all heaven before our eyes.
- 5 Lord, we are few, but thou art near;  
nor short thine arm, nor deaf thine ear:  
O rend the heavens, come quickly down,  
and make a thousand hearts thine own!

*William Cowper (1731-1800)*

## **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.*

## **PRAYER OF PREPARATION**

All **Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## **CONFESSION**

Deacon God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

All **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

## ABSOLUTION

Minister Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
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.*

Almighty God,  
you search us and know us:  
may we rely on you in strength  
and rest on you in weakness,  
now and in all our days;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Exodus 3.1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the LORD appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the LORD saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the LORD said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you," and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?' God said to Moses, 'I AM WHO I AM.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I AM has sent me to you."' God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The LORD, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.'

*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 12.9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honour. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, 'Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.' No, 'if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.' Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

*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 Think of a world without any flowers,  
think of a wood without any trees,  
think of a sky without any sunshine,  
think of the air without any breeze.  
*We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*
- 2 Think of a world without any animals,  
think of a field without any herd,  
think of a stream without any fishes,  
think of a dawn without any bird.  
*We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*
- 3 Think of a world without any people,  
think of a street with no-one living there,  
think of a town without any houses,  
no-one to love and nobody to care.  
*We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,  
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

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## **GOSPEL READING Matthew 16.21-28**

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Cantor Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
You have the words of eternal life.

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

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

From that time on, Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, 'God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.' But he turned and said to Peter, 'Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling-block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

Then Jesus told his disciples, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## **AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

Minister Let us declare our faith in God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us with power from on high.  
We believe in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 called us to live in peace.

*cf 1 Corinthians 7.17*

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 I, the Lord of sea and sky,  
I have heard my people cry.  
All who dwell in dark and sin  
my hand will save.  
I, who made the stars of night,  
I will make their darkness bright.  
Who will bear my light to them?  
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?  
I have heard you calling in the night.  
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.  
I will hold your people in my heart.*

2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,  
I have borne my people's pain.

I have wept for love of them.  
They turn away.  
I will break their hearts of stone,  
give them hearts for love alone.  
I will speak my word to them.  
Whom shall I send?

3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,  
I will tend the poor and lame.  
I will set a feast for them.  
My hand will save.  
Finest bread I will provide  
till their hearts be satisfied.  
I will give my life to them.  
Whom shall I send?

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## TABLE PRAYER

Minister Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.

**All Blessed be God forever.**

## 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 F. A. G. Ouseley : From the rising of the sun**

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same  
my Name shall be great among the Gentiles,  
and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my Name.  
for my Name shall be great among the heathen.  
Thus saith the Lord.

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same  
my Name shall be great among the Gentiles,  
and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my Name.

Thus saith the Lord.

## 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 God our creator,  
you feed your children with the true manna,  
the living bread from heaven:

let this holy food sustain us through our earthly pilgrimage  
until we come to that place  
where hunger and thirst are no more;  
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            There's a wideness in God's mercy  
                 like the wideness of the sea;  
                 there's a kindness in his justice  
                 which is more than liberty.  
                 There is no place where earth's sorrows  
                 are more felt than up in heaven;  
                 there is no place where earth's failings  
                 have such kindly judgement given.
- 2            For the love of God is broader  
                 than the measure of our mind,  
                 and the heart of the Eternal  
                 is most wonderfully kind.  
                 But we make his love too narrow  
                 by false limits of our own;  
                 and we magnify his strictness  
                 with a zeal he would not own.
- 3            There is plentiful redemption  
                 through the blood that has been shed;  
                 there is joy for all the members  
                 in the sorrows of the Head.  
                 There is grace enough for thousands  
                 of new worlds as great as this;  
                 there is room for fresh creations  
                 in that upper home of bliss.

*Second half of tune:*

- 4            If our love were but more simple,  
                 we should take him at his word;

and our lives would be all gladness  
in the joy of Christ our Lord.

*Frederick William Faber (1814–1863)*

## **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** C. S. Lang: Tuba tune

## 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, Colin M, Howard R.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley C, Susan P.

*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: Sally Laking, Jill Short, Horace Thomas Evered Tredgett, Albert Joseph Short, Clara Shatford, Rachael Murphy, Kenneth Nelson Maudsley, Richard Cummings, Debra O' Hanlon, Paul Lovell, Stuart Miles, Sheila Allebone, Grace Toseland, Betty Exall, Claire Wingate, Dorothy Lovell, Kathleen Battson, Doreen Adams, Les Smith, Bob Loveridge.

## NOTICES

**Choral Evensong** Sunday 10 September 18:00, All Hallows. This will be a celebration of church music, giving thanks for the service of Peter Simmonds RIP as organist to All Hallows.

**Little Acorns pre-school group** starts again: Monday 11 September 9:15-11:30, All Hallows' Hall.

**Exploring Celtic Prayer** Saturday 16 September 10:00, All Hallows. Ever wondered what Celtic Prayer is? This is your chance to find out more! Join us as Revd John leads us on a journey of exploration.

**Compline** starts again: 17 September 18:00, Zoom. You can get the link from Canon Paula.

**Wellingborough Homeless Forum** is looking for more volunteers to be on a rota to serve street meals behind the Daylight Centre on Saturday evenings. Interested? Please tell Canon John (01933 653140).

## DIARY

### Mon 4 Sept

### Tues 5 Sept

|               |                   |                       |
|---------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 9:00-9:30     | Zoom              | Morning Prayer        |
| 9:30-12:00    | All Hallows' Hall | coffee shop           |
| 16:00 - 17:00 | Zoom              | AH Pastoral Committee |

### Wed 6 Sept

|             |                   |                       |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 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     |
| 16:00-17:00 | Zoom              | AS Pastoral Committee |

### Thurs 7 Sept

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

### Fri 8 Sept

#### Birth of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

### Sat 9 Sept

|             |                   |                                    |
|-------------|-------------------|------------------------------------|
| 9:30-12:00  | All Hallows' Hall | coffee shop                        |
| 10:00-16:00 | All Saints        | Ride & Stride - open to the public |
| 10:00-16:00 | All Hallows       | Ride & Stride - open to the public |

### Sun 10 Sept

#### Trinity 14

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

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