



## Holy Communion

All Saints' Church

Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

17 September 2023

*A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether you are here for the first time or a more regular worshipper, we are delighted to have you with us, and we hope that you will enjoy the service.*

*During the service our children and young people are invited to join Y.E.S. (Young Eager Saints) which meets in the Lady Chapel towards the front of the church. They meet at the children's area before the service.*

*All that you need to follow the service from beginning to end is contained in this leaflet. If you would prefer a large print copy, please indicate this to the person who gave you this leaflet. Please join in the responses in bold.*

*After the service refreshments are served at the back of church, please do join us.*

*There is no cash collection taken during the service, however, we welcome donations (large and small!) towards our mission and ever increasing maintenance costs. These can be left in the collection plate or be made using our contactless card machine, both of which can be found at the back of the church.*

### HYMN

- 1 Lord, as the day begins  
lift up our hearts in praise;  
take from us all our sins,  
guard us in all our ways:  
our every step direct and guide  
that Christ in all be glorified!
- 2 Christ be in work and skill,  
serving each other's need;  
Christ be in thought and will,  
Christ be in word and deed:  
our minds be set on things above  
in joy and peace, in faith and love.
- 3 Grant us the Spirit's strength,  
teach us to walk his way;  
so bring us all at length  
safe to the close of day:

from hour to hour sustain and bless,  
and let our song be thankfulness.

4 Now as the day begins  
make it the best of days;  
take from us all our sins,  
guard us in all our ways:  
our every step direct and guide  
that Christ in all be glorified!

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)*

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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.

*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 in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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. Amen. [x2]

## COLLECT

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.*

*The Collect is said.*

Lord God,  
defend your Church from all false teaching  
and give to your people knowledge of your truth,  
that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

**FIRST READING** Exodus 14.19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The LORD drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the LORD in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the LORD is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the LORD tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the LORD saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the LORD did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the LORD and believed in the LORD and in his servant Moses.

*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 14.1.-12

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.'

So then, each of us will be accountable to 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 Jesus lives! thy terrors now  
can, O death, no more appal us;  
Jesus lives! by this we know  
thou, O grave, canst not enthral us. *Alleluia.*
- 2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death  
but the gate of life immortal:  
this shall calm our trembling breath,  
when we pass its gloomy portal. *Alleluia.*

- 3 Jesus lives! for us he died;  
then, alone to Jesus living,  
pure in heart may we abide,  
glory to our Saviour giving. *Alleluia.*
- 4 Jesus lives! our hearts know well  
naught from us his love shall sever;  
life nor death nor powers of hell  
tear us from his keeping ever. *Alleluia.*
- 5 Jesus lives! to him the throne  
over all the world is given:  
may we go where he is gone,  
rest and reign with him in heaven. *Alleluia.*

*Jesus lebt! mit ihm auch ich. Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715–1769) tr. Frances Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897)*

## **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 18.21-35

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Cantor 'I have called you friends,' says the Lord,  
'for all I have known from my Father, I have made known to you.'

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

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

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he would pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you

pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he would pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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.

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      Just as I am, without one plea  
        but that thy blood was shed for me,  
        and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
        O Lamb of God, I come.
- 2      Just as I am, though tossed about  
        with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
        fightings and fears within, without,  
        O Lamb of God, I come.
- 3      Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
        sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
        yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
        O Lamb of God, I come.
- 4      Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
        wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
        because thy promise I believe,  
        O Lamb of God, I come.
- 5      Just as I am, thy love unknown  
        has broken every barrier down;  
        now to be thine, yea, thine alone,  
        O Lamb of God, I come.
- 6      Just as I am, of that free love  
        the breadth, length, depth, and height to prove,  
        here for a season, then above,  
        O Lamb of God, I come.

*Charlotte Elliott (1789–1871)*

### **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, God of might,  
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,  
in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died  
he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat;  
this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you,  
gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you  
the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

**All/choir Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Minister Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister 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 Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:  
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world:  
grant us your peace [x4].

## 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.*

## **HYMNS**

- 1 Jesus, stand among us at the meeting of our lives;  
Be our sweet agreement at the meeting of our eyes.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.
- 2 So to You we're gathering out of each and every land;  
Christ the love between us at the joining of our hands.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.
- 3 Jesus, stand among us at the breaking of the bread;  
Join us as one body as we worship You, our Head.  
O Jesus, we love You, so we gather here;  
Join our hearts in unity and take away our fear.

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- 1 Such love, pure as the whitest snow;  
such love weeps for the shame I know;  
such love, paying the debt I owe;  
O Jesus, such love.
- 2 Such love, stilling my restlessness;  
such love, filling my emptiness;  
such love, showing me holiness;  
O Jesus, such love.
- 3 Such love, springs from eternity;  
such love, streaming through history;  
such love, fountain of life to me;  
O Jesus, such love.

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Minister Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
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            Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!  
God's saving news to all the nations take:  
proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,  
that all the world his glorious praise may sing.
- 2            Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,  
he will in grace respond to all who call:  
how shall they call if they have never heard  
the gracious invitation of his word?
- 3            Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:  
share God's good gifts — let no one be denied;  
live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,  
your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.
- 4            Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!  
Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;  
go till all nations his great name adore  
and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

*James Seddon (1915-1983)*

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## 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**

## **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, Mary 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 please email Pat Thomas (pat\_hotmail.co.uk) with the name of the person to pray for and the reason why.*

## **REMEMBER THE DEPARTED**

**Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week:** Terence Eugene Waite, Grace Herod, Richard Wigglesworth, Lillian Florence Fuller, June Lock, Ellen Cornwell, Joan Gwendoline Chapman, Robert Newcombe, John Jakeman, Dinah Holder, Michael Pettitt, Colin Tuplin, James Ward, Robert Stapleton, Pam Smith, Winifred Leedham, Eileen Baldock, Donna Warner.

## **NOTICES**

**Compline** starts again today at 18:00 on Zoom. You can get the link from Canon Paula (revpaulayork@gmail.com).

**Piano recital** by Pamela Rawlinson Saturday 21 October 16:00 All Hallows. Tea and cake afterwards. Tickets £10, from Tony Edwards, for All Hallows' Organ Fund.

**Howard Rainbow's funeral** is on 29 September at 12:00, in All Saints.

## DIARY

### Mon 18 Sept

9:15-11:30	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
19:00-20:30	56 Hatton Park Rd.	All Hallows PCC meeting

### Tues 19 Sept

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

### Wed 20 Sept

#### John Coleridge Patteson

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
19:30-21:00	All Saints	All Saints PCC meeting

### Thurs 21 Sept

#### Matthew the Evangelist

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
10:00-10:30	All Saints	BCP Holy Communion
19:00-21:00	All Hallows	Rehearsal – Choir Festival

### Fri 22 Sept

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:15-19:45	All Saints	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Saints	adult choir practice

### Sat 23 Sept

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
12:00-13:00	All Saints	Baptism

### Sun 24 Sept

#### Trinity 16

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

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