



## Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

24 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.*

*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.*

*Refreshments are served before the service, feel free to take your drink to your pew for the start of the service.*

*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 near the entrance of the church.*

### HYMN

- 1 Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty;  
hold me with thy powerful hand:  
Bread of heaven,  
feed me now and evermore.
- 2 Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
let the fiery cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
strong deliverer,  
be thou still my strength and shield.
- 3 When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:

songs and praises  
I will ever give to thee.

*Arglwydd, arwain trwy'r anialwch - William Williams (1717-1791) tr. by Peter Williams (1727-1796)*

## 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.*

Lord of creation, whose glory is around and within us:  
open our eyes to your wonders,  
that we may serve you with reverence  
and know your peace at our lives' end,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Exodus 16.2-15

The whole congregation of the Israelites complained against Moses and Aaron in the wilderness. The Israelites said to them, 'If only we had died by the hand of the LORD in the land of Egypt, when we sat by the fleshpots and ate our fill of bread; for you have brought us out into this wilderness to kill this whole assembly with hunger.'

Then the LORD said to Moses, 'I am going to rain bread from heaven for you, and each day the people shall go out and gather enough for that day. In that way I will test them, whether they will follow my instruction or not. On the sixth day, when they prepare what they bring in, it will be twice as much as they gather on other days.' So Moses and Aaron said to all the Israelites, 'In the evening you shall know that it was the LORD who brought you out of the land of Egypt, and in the morning you shall see the glory of the LORD, because he has heard your complaining against the LORD. For what are we, that you complain against us?' And Moses said, 'When the LORD gives you meat to eat in the evening and your fill of bread in the morning, because the LORD has heard the complaining that you utter against him – what are we? Your complaining is not against us but against the LORD.'

Then Moses said to Aaron, 'Say to the whole congregation of the Israelites, "Draw near to the LORD, for he has heard your complaining."' And as Aaron spoke to the whole congregation of the Israelites, they looked towards the wilderness, and the glory of the LORD appeared in the cloud. The LORD spoke to Moses and said, 'I have heard the complaining of the Israelites; say to them, "At twilight you shall eat meat, and in the morning you shall have your fill of bread; then you shall know that I am the LORD your God.'"

In the evening quails came up and covered the camp; and in the morning there was a layer of dew around the camp. When the layer of dew lifted, there on the surface of the wilderness was a fine flaky substance, as fine as frost on the ground. When the Israelites saw it, they said to one another, 'What is it?' For they did not know what it was. Moses said to them, 'It is the bread that the LORD has given you to eat.'

*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 Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will

remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing. For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well – since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **HYMN**

*The final line of each verse is repeated.*

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,  
beside the Syrian sea,  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

5            Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still small voice of calm.

*John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)*

## **GOSPEL READING Matthew 20.1-16**

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Cantor    'I give you a new commandment,' says the Lord,  
              'love one another as I have loved you.'

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

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

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you envious because I am generous?" So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

              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:*

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

*And at the end:*

**All Merciful Father,  
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*

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

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

## **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

## HYMN

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
entered our world, your glory veiled;  
not to be served, but to serve,  
and give your life that we might live.

*Chorus This is our God, the Servant King,  
he calls us now to follow him,  
to bring our lives as a daily offering  
of worship to the Servant King.*

2 There in the garden of tears,  
my heavy load he chose to bear;  
his heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3 Come, see his hands and his feet,  
the scars that speak of sacrifice,  
hands that flung stars into space  
to cruel nails surrendered.

4 So let us learn how to serve,  
and in our lives enthrone him;  
each other's needs to prefer,  
for it is Christ we're serving.

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)*

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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**

St Thomas Aquinas: Now, my tongue, the mystery telling

Now, my tongue, the mystery telling  
of the glorious body sing,  
and the blood, all price excelling,

which the Gentiles' Lord and King,  
in a Virgin's womb once dwelling,  
shed for this world's ransoming.  
Given for us, and condescending  
to be born for us below,  
he, with us in converse blending,  
dwelt the seed of truth to sow,  
till he closed with wondrous ending  
his most patient life of woe.

That last night, at supper lying,  
'mid the Twelve, his chosen band,  
Jesus, with the law complying,  
keeps the feast its rites demand;  
then, more precious food supplying,  
gives himself with his own hand.  
Word-made-flesh, true bread he maketh  
by his word his flesh to be,  
wine his blood; which whoso taketh  
must from carnal thoughts be free:  
faith alone, though sight forsaketh,  
shows true hearts the mystery.

## HYMN

- 1 O changeless Christ, for ever new,  
who walked our earthly ways,  
still draw our hearts as once you drew  
the hearts of other days.
- 2 As once you spoke by plain and hill  
or taught by shore and sea,  
so be today our teacher still,  
O Christ of Galilee.
- 3 As wind and storm their Master heard  
and his command fulfilled,  
may troubled hearts receive your word,  
the tempest-tossed be stilled.
- 4 And as of old to all who prayed  
your healing hand was shown,  
so be your touch upon us laid,  
unseen but not unknown.

5 In broken bread, in wine outpoured,  
your new and living way  
proclaim to us, O risen Lord,  
O Christ of this our day.

6 O changeless Christ, till life is past  
your blessing still be given;  
then bring us home, to taste at last  
the timeless joys of heaven.

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Almighty God,  
you have taught us through your Son  
that love is the fulfilling of the law:  
grant that we may love you with our whole heart  
and our neighbours as ourselves;  
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 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,  
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,  
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided,  
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,  
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,  
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us,  
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land, in this our generation,  
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care;

for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,  
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt him,  
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain;  
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him,  
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.

5 Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us,  
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne;  
past put behind us, for the future take us,  
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

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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**

Leonn Boellmann: Toccata in C minor from *Suite Gothique*

## **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:** Gladys Winifred Fairbain, Margaret Manning, Albert Webber, Florence Blyth, Doris Steele, William George Billing, William James Oliver Freeman, Robert Orton, Marjorie Joiner, Maurice Champion, Dennis Coles, Muriel Temple, Howard Allen, Pat Roberts, Harry Haynes.

## **NOTICES**

**Service of Celebration for Lay Ministry** Saturday 30 September 14:30, Peterborough Cathedral.

**We celebrate Harvest** on Sunday 8 October. You are invited to bring to church donations of dried/tinned food or toiletries for the Daylight Centre: with a coin (or note!) taped to them.

**Harvest Songs of Praise** Sunday 8 October 18:00, All Hallows.

**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.

## DIARY

### Mon 25 Sept

#### Lancelot Andrews

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

### Tues 26 Sept

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

### Wed 27 Sept

#### Vincent de Paul

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 28 Sept

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

### Fri 29 Sept

#### Michael and all angels

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

### Sat 30 Sept

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop  
10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to the public  
14:30-15:30 Peterborough Cathedral Service of Celebration for Lay Ministry

### Sun 1 Oct

#### Trinity 17

8:00-8:30 All Saints Holy Communion  
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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