



Eucharist for Generosity Week

All Saints' Church

1 October 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

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| <p>1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,
to his feet thy tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
who like me his praise should sing?
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise the everlasting King.</p> <p>2 Praise him for his grace and favour
to our fathers in distress;
praise him still the same for ever,
slow to chide, and swift to bless:
Alleluia, alleluia,
glorious in his faithfulness.</p> | <p>3 Father-like, he tends and spares us,
well our feeble frame he knows;
in his hands he gently bears us,
rescues us from all our foes:
Alleluia, alleluia,
widely as his mercy flows.</p> <p>4 Angels, help us to adore him;
ye behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him,
dwellers all in time and space:
Alleluia, alleluia,
praise with us the God of grace.</p> |
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Henry Francis Lyte (1793–1847) based on Psalm 103

GATHERING

Minister In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Minister God is able to provide us with every blessing in abundance,
so that by always having enough of everything,
we may share abundantly in every good work.

cf. 2 Corinthians 9.8

Minister Let everything be said and done in the name of the Lord Jesus,

All giving thanks to God through Jesus Christ.

Minister Let us bring our gifts to the Lord

All that they may be used for his glory.

Minister May the Spirit of God fill our hearts

All as we come to meet him in this place.

Words of welcome may be said.

CONFESSION

Deacon As those who know the generosity of God, let us confess our sins,
especially the ways in which we take his good gifts for granted.

Deacon Father, in all things you are generous towards us,
yet we have sown sparingly;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Jesus, you show us the way of humility,
yet we have given reluctantly;
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Deacon Holy Spirit, you show us the gift of grace,
yet we have loved grudgingly;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister Almighty God,
who in Jesus Christ has given you a kingdom
that cannot be destroyed,
forgive your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will

and give you the joy of his kingdom,
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.

God of grace, ever creating and restoring,
you breathe life into all things
and embrace us with an everlasting love;
help us to grow in wonder and awe,
to embody a spirit of gratitude,
and to dream generous dreams;
that, in gathering what we have,
we may graciously offer ourselves
to accomplish what you will,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

READING 2 Corinthians 8.1-15

We want you to know, brothers and sisters, about the grace of God that has been granted to the churches of Macedonia; for during a severe ordeal of affliction, their abundant joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For, as I can testify, they voluntarily gave according to their means, and even beyond their means, begging us earnestly for the privilege of sharing in this ministry to the saints—and this, not merely as we expected; they gave

themselves first to the Lord and, by the will of God, to us, so that we might urge Titus that, as he had already made a beginning, so he should also complete this generous undertaking among you. Now as you excel in everything—in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness, and in our love for you—so we want you to excel also in this generous undertaking.

I do not say this as a command, but I am testing the genuineness of your love against the earnestness of others. For you know the generous act of our Lord Jesus Christ, that though he was rich, yet for your sakes he became poor, so that by his poverty you might become rich. And in this matter I am giving my advice: it is appropriate for you who began last year not only to do something but even to desire to do something—now finish doing it, so that your eagerness may be matched by completing it according to your means. For if the eagerness is there, the gift is acceptable according to what one has—not according to what one does not have. I do not mean that there should be relief for others and pressure on you, but it is a question of a fair balance between your present abundance and their need, so that their abundance may be for your need, in order that there may be a fair balance. As it is written,

‘The one who had much did not have too much,
and the one who had little did not have too little.’

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 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.
- 2 We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.
- 3 I will hold the Christ-light for you
in the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.
- 4 I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh, I'll laugh with you;

I will share your joy and sorrow
till we've seen this journey through.

5 When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.

6 Brother, sister, let me serve you,
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace
to let you be my servant too.

Richard A. M. Gillard (b. 1953)

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GOSPEL READING Luke 21.1-4

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor 'I am the light of the world,' says the Lord.
'Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,
but will have the light of life.'

All/choir Alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

He looked up and saw rich people putting their gifts into the treasury; he also saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. He said, 'Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them; for all of them have contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty has put in all she had to live on.'

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.

LITANY OF GENEROSITY

Minister Let us give thanks to God
for his gifts so generous given to us,
and for the blessings we are called to share.

For recognising that all things come from you,
for remembering that we are stewards of your gifts,
for wisely using the resources entrusted to us.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For rejoicing in the beauty of creation,
for the care of your world,
for sharing the gifts of creation equally among all people.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For encountering the joy of giving,
for humility in putting others' needs before our own,
for embracing the privilege of sharing in the ministry to the saints.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For courage in offering sacrificial generosity,
for giving to be an act of worship,
for grace in offering our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For all financial gifts offered to your Church,
for freely giving as we have received,
for giving and not counting the cost.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For releasing our hold on material possessions,
for contentment in what we have, for trust in letting go.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For generosity in love, encouragement and hope,
for openness in invitation and hospitality,
for wisdom in the gift of friendship.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For serving you as you deserve,
for following our calling as your disciples,
for serving you with gladness of heart.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For being a blessing through the blessings we receive,
for generosity which enables mission,
for sharing abundantly in every good work.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

Minister For living a generous life,
for our actions to point beyond themselves,
for our generosity to be an expression of love and gratitude.

All We offer ourselves to you, O God.

INTERCESSIONS

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:

Source of all life and giver of all that is good, hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind to serve you with joy forever.
All Amen.

Silence is kept.

PEACE

Minister The Spirit brings love, generosity and 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.

HYMN

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Rop tu mo baile, a Choindiu cride (Irish, 8th century)

translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880–1931), versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860–1935)

TAKING THE BREAD AND THE WINE

Minister Blessed are you, Lord God of abundance:
through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Minister Blessed are you, Lord God of abundance:
through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the wine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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 Eternal God and Father,
all things are in your making.
In fulfilment of your promise
you have showered us with blessings
and filled us with your gifts.

You form us in your image,
the first fruits of your creation,
and by your Holy Spirit embed within us generous hearts
that we may be channels of your self-giving love.

Through your Son Jesus Christ,
you have freed us from our sins
and made us a kingdom of priests
to serve you with joy for ever.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**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

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| 1 Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us — he is with us;
break the bread, drink the wine —
Christ is with us here. | <i>In this bread there is healing,
in this cup there's life for ever;
in this moment, by the Spirit
Christ is with us here.</i> |
| 2 Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us — he is with us;
know his grace, find his peace —
feast on Jesus here. | 3 Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us — he is with us;
we'll proclaim, till he comes —
Jesus crucified.
<i>Refrain</i> |

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| 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? | 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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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.*

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Loving and righteous God,
here at your table we have tasted
your goodness and generosity
which exceeds all that we can desire or deserve;
liberate us from all jealousy and greed,
that we may respond cheerfully by offering ourselves,
and love and serve others to witness to your glory,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

All Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

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| 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth. | 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death and hell
that we might share his victory. |
| 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all. | 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died. |
| 3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all he loved his life he gave. | 6 Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth. |

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BLESSING

Minister The God of hope fill us with every blessing,
that we may share in every good work;
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.

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: Thomas Howell, Gilbert Osborne Mason, Pamela Newton, John Daniel Soames, Lillian Ottaway, Neil Owen Meekings, Mary Rudd, Anthony Paul Lovell, Thomas Howell, Madge Woolston, Derek Whiteoak, Arthur Billett, Rex Swindall, Douglas Battson, Freda Wooding, Alice Edith Dove, Constance Martin, Wilfred Maurice Phillips, Lily Gartside (Hemshead), Eileen Maud Baxter.

NOTICES

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

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.

All Souls Service Sunday 5 November 18:00, All Saints. The names of the departed will be read during the service. Please add the names of those you wish to be remembered to the list at the back of both churches. Use capital letters for legibility.

GENEROSITY WEEK EVENTS Monday 2.10.23 - Sunday 8.10.23

Monday - Friday 9.00am **Morning Prayer** (see Diary sheet for venue & on Zoom)

Monday - Friday 6pm **Evening Prayer** (see Diary sheet for venue & on Zoom)

Wednesday 7.30pm **Quiz in aid of Off The Streets** in Wellingborough - Old Grammarians, Oxford St. Teams of 4, £20 per team (includes refreshments). See Jan or Tony for tickets.

Friday 6.30pm **Fire Pit & Pizza** evening for the 11-18s at the Vicarage

Saturday 2pm **All Saints Legacy Afternoon** Enjoy tea and cake as we learn more about the history of our church building. Includes rare access to historic photos and magazines.

Sunday 9.15am **Harvest Festival** at All Saints

11.15am **Harvest Festival** at All Hallows

6pm **Harvest Songs of Praise** All Hallows

DIARY

Mon 2 Oct

9:00-9:30	All Hallows & Zoom	Morning Prayer in Generosity Week
9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
18:00-18:30	All Hallows & Zoom	Evening Prayer in Generosity Week

Tues 3 Oct

9:00-9:30	All Saints & Zoom	Morning Prayer in Generosity Week
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:00-18:30	All Saints & Zoom	Evening Prayer in Generosity Week

Wed 4 Oct

Francis of Assisi

9:00-9:30	All Hallows	Morning Prayer in Generosity Week
9:00-9:45	All Saints	school worship
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 Team meeting
18:00-18:30	All Hallows	Evening Prayer in Generosity Week
19:30-21:30	Old Grammarians	Quiz Evening in aid of Off the Streets

Thurs 5 Oct

9:00-9:30	All Saints & Zoom	Morning Prayer in Generosity Week
10:00-10:30	All Saints	BCP Holy Communion
18:00-18:30	All Saints	Evening Prayer in Generosity Week

Fri 6 Oct

William Tyndale

9:00-9:30	All Hallows	Morning Prayer in Generosity Week
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:00-18:30	All Hallows	Evening Prayer in Generosity Week
18:30-20:30	Vicarage Garden	Fire Pit and Pizza Night
18:15-19:45	All Saints	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Saints	adult choir practice

Sat 7 Oct

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:15	All Hallows	MU Corporate Communion
10:15-10:45	All Hallows	Benefice Prayer Group
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
14:00-15:30	All Saints	Legacy Afternoon

Sun 8 Oct

Harvest

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Eucharist with Parade & School Choir
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-18:30	All Hallows	Harvest Songs of Praise

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