



Eucharist for Gratitude

All Hallows Church

8 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.

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 we serve refreshments, 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.

INTROIT Psalm 67 sung by the choir

God be merciful unto us and bless us:
and show us the light of His countenance and be merciful unto us.
That thy ways may be known upon earth:
thy saving health among all nations.
Let the people praise thee O God: yea let all the people praise thee.
O let the nations rejoice and be glad: for thou shalt judge
the folk righteously and govern the nations upon earth.
Let the people praise thee O God: let all the people praise thee.
Then shall the earth bring forth her increase:
and God, even our God shall give us His blessing.
God shall bless us: and all the ends of the earth shall fear him

HYMN

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| <p>1 Come, ye thankful people, come,
raise the song of harvest-home:
all be safely gathered in,
ere the winter storms begin;
God, our Maker, doth provide
for our wants to be supplied;
come to God's own temple, come;
raise the song of harvest-home!</p> | <p>2 All the world is God's own field,
fruit unto his praise to yield;
wheat and tares together sown,
unto joy or sorrow grown;
first the blade and then the ear,
then the full corn shall appear:
grant, O harvest Lord, that we
wholesome grain and pure may be.</p> |
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3 For the Lord our God shall come,
and shall take his harvest home;
from his field shall purge away
all that doth offend, that day;
give his angels charge at last
in the fire the tares to cast,
but the fruitful ears to store
in his garner evermore.

4 Then, thou Church Triumphant, come,
raise the song of harvest-home;
all be safely gathered in,
free from sorrow, free from sin,
there for ever purified
in God's garner to abide:
come, ten thousand angels, come,
raise the glorious harvest-home!

Henry Alford (1810-1871)

GATHERING

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

All Amen.

Minister Enter the gates of the Lord with thanksgiving,
All and enter his courts with praise.

Minister Give thanks to the Lord,
All and bless his name.

Minister For the Lord is good;
All his steadfast love endures forever.

cf. Psalm 100.4-5

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 Creative God, you have gifted us with your creation,
yet we take your good gifts for granted;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Deacon Gracious God, you bless us each day,
yet we forget to be thankful;
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Deacon Generous God, you offer new life through your Son,
yet we turn away from you;
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be your Saviour
forgive your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
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

Minister In a time of silence, let us pray
that we may draw closer to the one who has created all things.

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 1 Thessalonians 5.1-19

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape!

But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep, sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night.

But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

But we appeal to you, brothers and sisters, to respect those who labour among you, and have charge of you in the Lord and admonish you; esteem them very highly in love because of their work. Be at peace among yourselves. And we urge you, beloved, to admonish the idlers, encourage the faint-hearted, help the weak, be patient with all of them. See that none of you repays evil for evil, but always seek to do good to one another and to all. Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

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| 1 To thee, O Lord, our hearts we raise
in hymns of adoration,
to thee bring sacrifice of praise
with shouts of exultation:
bright robes of gold the fields adorn,
the hills with joy are ringing,
the valleys stand so thick with corn
that even they are singing. | 2 And now, on this our festal day,
thy bounteous hand confessing,
upon thine altar, Lord, we lay
the first-fruits of thy blessing:
by thee the hungry soul is fed
with gifts of grace supernal;
thou who dost give us earthly bread,
give us the bread eternal. |
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3 We bear the burden of the day,
and often toil seems dreary;
but labour ends with sunset ray,
and rest comes for the weary:
may we, the angel-reaping o'er,
stand at the last accepted,
Christ's golden sheaves for evermore
to garner bright elected.

4 O blessèd is that land of God,
where saints abide for ever;
where golden fields spread far and broad,
where flows the crystal river:
the strains of all its holy throng
with ours today are blending;
thrice blessèd is that harvest-song
which never hath an ending.

William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11.25-30

All/choir Alleluia! [x7]

Cantor We don't live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

All/choir Alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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 THANKSGIVING

Minister Let us give thanks to God
for his gifts so generous given to us,
and for the blessings we each abundantly receive.

For the beauty of creation,
for the wonder of new life,
for all things seen and unseen.

All We give you thanks, O God.

Psalm 75.1

Minister For the gift of life that you breathe into us,
for minds to think, hearts to love, and hands to serve.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For our families and friends, for all who we love and who love us,
for your image revealed through those around us.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For life of your church, its vibrancy and diversity,
for the mission in which we all share.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For the vocations in which you call us,
for the skills which are nurtured and grow,
for our ministries in all walks of life.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For your creativity planted in each person,
for voices to sing our praises to you,
for our capacity to create.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For your love which brings us peace even in the darkest of times,
for your strength when we feel weak and vulnerable,
for your hope when all seems lost.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For all financial gifts offered to our church,
for blessings offered to be a blessing to others,
for sacrifices made to further mission
and enable us to be Christ in the world.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For the generosity of this community,
for all who give their time and skills,
for the gifts which are built up and encouraged,
for acts which point beyond themselves and reveal your glory.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For you, O God, for your beauty revealed in all things around us,
for love and life everlasting.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For the wisdom of your Spirit, for gifts given and nurtured,
for sustaining us in prayer.

All We give you thanks, O God.

For your Son, Jesus Christ, for the gift of his perfect sacrifice,
for our hope in him, and the joy of serving his Church.

All We give thanks 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:

**All Lord, in your mercy,
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 May we be made strong,
enduring everything with patience,
while joyfully giving thanks to the Father,
who has enabled us
to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

cf. Colossians 1.11-12

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.

ANTHEM Joseph Barnaby: O Lord, how manifold are thy works

O Lord, how manifold are thy works,
in wisdom hast thou made them all.
The valleys stand so thick with corn they laugh and sing.
O Lord, how manifold are thy works.
Praise the Lord O my soul and forget not all His benefits.

TAKING THE BREAD AND THE WINE

Minister Giving God from whom comes every good and perfect gift,
that we might grow in gratitude and share your blessings;
accept these gifts of bread and wine,
and may the sacrifice of Christ draw us closer to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.

All **His spirit is with us.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

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

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Minister 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 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 Coming before you with thankful hearts,
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

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 Gracious God,
 around your table we taste
 your generosity and your sacrificial love;
 help us to be rooted, grafted and built in you,
 that in all we are and all we do,
 we may show forth abundant thanksgiving
 and live lives of immeasurable gratitude;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

HYMNS

- 1 Praise and thanksgiving,
Father, we offer,
for all things living
thou madest good;
harvest of sown fields,
fruits of the orchard,
hay from the mown fields,
blossom and wood.
- 2 Bless thou the labour
we bring to serve thee,
that with our neighbour
we may be fed.
Sowing or tilling,
we would work with thee;
harvesting, milling
for daily bread.
- 3 Father, providing
food for thy children,
thy wisdom guiding
teaches us share
one with another,
so that rejoicing
with us, our brother
may know thy care.
- 4 Then will thy blessing
reach every people;
freely confessing
thy gracious hand.
Where thy will reigneth
no one will hunger:
thy love sustaineth;
fruitful the land.

Albert Frederick Bayly (1901–1984) Words: © 1988, Oxford University Press

- 1 God, whose farm is all creation,
take the gratitude we give;
take the finest of our harvest,
crops we grow that we may live.
- 2 Take our ploughing, seeding,
reaping,
hopes and fears of sun and rain,
all our thinking, planning, waiting,
ripened in this fruit and grain.
- 3 All our labour, all our watching,
all our calendar of care
in these crops of your creation,
take, O God: they are our prayer.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Gracious God,
around your table we taste
your generosity and your sacrificial love;
help us to be rooted, grafted and built in you,
that in all we are and all we do,
we may show forth abundant thanksgiving
and live lives of immeasurable gratitude;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

- 1 We plough the fields, and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
he sends the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes, and the sunshine,
and soft, refreshing rain.
- 2 He only is the maker
of all things near and far;
he paints the wayside flower,
he lights the evening star;
the winds and waves obey him,
by him the birds are fed;
much more to us, his children,
he gives our daily bread.

Chorus

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

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

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

BLESSING

Minister The God of grace enrich us in every way,
with hearts overflowing with thanksgiving to God;
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 Sigfried Karg-Elert: Nun danket alle Gott

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, Graham E, Mary R, Peter G.

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: Reg Green, Edward Albert Loveday, Alfred John Lee, Olive Henson, Wilf Foster, Dennis Briggs, John Bailey, Pearl Aufrère Tabernacle, Baby Lauren and Baby Jack Bentley, Gordon Pentlow, Nora Richardson, Lawrence Hardwick.

NOTICES

Harvest Songs of Praise today 18:00, All Hallows.

Tea @2 Tuesday 10 October 14:00, St Andrew's Hall.

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 Hallows. 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 on the nave desk. Use capital letters for legibility.

The next Bishop of Peterborough will be the Right Reverend Debbie Sellin, currently Bishop of Southampton. She will be installed at a service in Peterborough Cathedral in early 2024.

DIARY

Mon 9 Oct

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

Tues 10 Oct

Paulinus

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer

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

14:00-15:00 St Andrew's Hall Tea @2

16:00-17:00 Zoom AH Pastoral Ministry meeting

Wed 11 Oct

Ethelburga

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 12 Oct

Wilfrid of Ripon

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer

10:00-10:30 All Saints BCP Holy Communion

Fri 13 Oct

Edward the Confessor

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 14 Oct

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

10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to the public

Sun 15 Oct

Trinity 19

9:15-10:15 All Saints Family Eucharist

11:15-12:15 All Hallows Eucharist

18:00-18:30 All Hallows Compline

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