



Eucharist for Gratitude

All Saints' 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.

Please place your harvest gifts in the boxes at the back 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, left in the collection plate or using our contactless card machine at the back of the church.

HYMN

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| 1 Come, ye faithful, raise the anthem,
cleave the skies with shouts of praise;
sing to him who found the ransom,
Ancient of eternal Days,
God of God, the Word incarnate,
whom the heaven of heaven obeys. | 4 High on yon celestial mountains
stands his sapphire throne, all bright,
midst unending alleluias
bursting from the sons of light;
Zion's people tell his praises,
victor after hard-won fight. |
| 2 Ere he raised the lofty mountains,
formed the seas, or built the sky,
love eternal, free, and boundless,
moved the Lord of life to die,
fore-ordained the Prince of princes
for the throne of Calvary. | 5 Bring your harps, and bring your incense,
sweep the string and pour the lay;
let the earth proclaim his wonders,
King of that celestial day;
he the Lamb once slain is worthy,
who was dead, and lives for ay. |
| 3 There, for us and our redemption,
see him all his life-blood pour!
There he wins our full salvation,
dies that we may die no more;
then, arising, lives for ever,
reigning where he was before. | 6 Laud and honour to the Father,
laud and honour to the Son,
laud and honour to the Spirit,
ever Three and ever One,
consubstantial, co-eternal,
while unending ages run. |

Job Hupton (1762-1849) and John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

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, we give you thanks and praise;
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand in majesty most high:
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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,[d] 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 sung by All Saints School's choir

GOSPEL READING Matthew 11.25-30

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 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.

OUR STATEMENT OF FAITH

Minister We share together as God's family,
remembering all that we believe:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we all exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All We believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**All This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one God,
Father Son and Holy Spirit. 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:

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 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.

HYMN

- 1 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.
- 2 Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
Wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;

humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

3 Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

4 Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgements,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children:
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) based on Psalm 147

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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 is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is and is to come.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

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 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!
Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!**

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 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;
glory to the Lord God almighty.
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord;
glory to the Lord God almighty,
Who was, and is, and is to come,
glory, glory, glory to the Lord.

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.

COMMUNION MOTET William Harris: Glory, love and praise in honour

HYMN

1 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Chorus
Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.

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| <p>2 For the beauty of each hour
the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:</p> <p>3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:</p> | <p>4 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:</p> <p>5 For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,</p> |
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Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

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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.

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

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.

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.

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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