



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Bible Sunday
29 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.

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.

INTROIT Thomas Atwood: Teach me, O Lord, the way of your statutes

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
teach me, teach me the way of thy statutes
and I shall keep it unto the end.

HYMN

- 1 Thou, whose almighty word
 chaos and darkness heard,
 and took their flight;
 hear us, we humbly pray,
 and where the gospel-day
 sheds not its glorious ray,
 let there be light.

- 2 Thou, who didst come to bring
 on thy redeeming wing
 healing and sight,
 health to the sick in mind,
 sight to the inly blind,

O now to all humankind
let there be light.

3 Spirit of truth and love,
life-giving, holy Dove,
speed forth thy flight;
move on the water's face,
bearing the lamp of grace,
and in earth's darkest place
let there be light.

4 Holy and blessed Three,
glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
boundless as ocean's tide
rolling in fullest pride,
through the earth far and wide
let there be light.

John Marriott (1780-1825)

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 The word of God is living and active.
It judges the thoughts and intentions of the heart.

All is open and laid bare before the eyes of him
to whom we give account.
We confess our sins in penitence and faith.

cf Hebrews 4.12

Minister Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord,
even your salvation, according to your promise:
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light upon my path:
Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost;
O seek your servant, for I do not forget your commandments.
Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

ABSOLUTION

Minister May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love,
in 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.

Merciful God,
teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty,
that trusting in your word
and obeying your will
we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING Nehemiah 8.1-4a, 8-12

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. The scribe Ezra stood on a wooden platform that had been made for the purpose.

So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep.' For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, 'Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.' So the Levites stilled all the people, saying, 'Be quiet, for this day is holy; do not be grieved.' And all the people went their way to eat and drink and to send portions and to make great rejoicing, because they had understood the words that were declared to them.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence may be kept.

PSALM 119.9-16

- 9 How shall young people cleanse their way
 to keep themselves according to your word?
- 10 With my whole heart have I sought you;
 O let me not go astray from your commandments.
- 11 Your words have I hidden within my heart,
 that I should not sin against you.
- 12 Blessed are you, O Lord;
 O teach me your statutes.
- 13 With my lips have I been telling
 of all the judgements of your mouth.
- 14 I have taken greater delight in the way of your testimonies
 than in all manner of riches.
- 15 I will meditate on your commandments
 and contemplate your ways.
- 16 My delight shall be in your statutes
 and I will not forget your word.

SECOND READING Colossians 3.12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

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 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 my God and King.
 The heavens are not too high,
 his praise may thither fly:
 the earth is not too low,
 his praises there may grow.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 my God and King.
- 2 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 my God and King.
 The church with psalms must shout,
 no door can keep them out;
 but above all the heart
 must bear the longest part.
 Let all the world in every corner sing,
 my God and King.

George Herbert (1593–1633)

GOSPEL READING Matthew 24.30-35

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor The word of the Lord endures forever.
 The word of the Lord is the good news announced to 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 sign of the Son of Man will appear in heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth will mourn, and they will see "the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven" with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation

will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

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 We pray for strength to follow Jesus.

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 Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly.
Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts.

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

ANTHEM Charles Villiers Stanford : Te Deum in B flat

TABLE PRAYER

Minister Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

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 It is indeed right and good,
our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is your eternal and creative Word,
through whom all things came into being;
the Word made flesh who dwelt among us,
full of grace and truth.

He fulfils the Law and the Prophets,
dying for our sins and rising again
in accordance with the Scriptures.

He stands among us in his risen power,
opening to us his living word,
and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.

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.

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.

HYMNS

Chorus *Broken for me, broken for you,
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

1 He offered his body, he poured out his soul,
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

2 Come to my table and with me dine,
eat of my bread and drink of my wine:

3 This is my body given for you,
eat it remembering I died for you:

4 This is my blood I shed for you,
for your forgiveness, making you new:

Janet Lunt (b. 1954)

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1 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!
In works of sovereign power
come shake the earth again,
that all may see, and come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

- 2 Restore, O Lord, in all the earth your fame,
 and in our time revive
 the church that bears your name,
 and in your anger, Lord, remember mercy,
 O living God,
 whose mercy shall outlast the years.
- 3 Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold,
 in your refiner's fire;
 come purify the gold:
 though suffering comes, and evil crouches near,
 still our living God
 is reigning, he is reigning here.
- 4 Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!
 In works of sovereign power
 come shake the earth again,
 that all may see, and come with reverent fear
 to the living God,
 whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950) and Chris Rolinson (b. 1958)
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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister God of all grace,
 your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
 with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom:
 renew your people with your heavenly grace,
 and in all our weakness sustain us by your true and living bread;
 who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 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.

- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.
- 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.

Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938) Words: © By kind permission of the author

BLESSING

Minister Go now in peace,
knowing that you have been born again,
not of perishable seed, but of imperishable,
through the living and enduring word of 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 Jacques Lemmens: Fanfare

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

Those who suffer in **body, mind or spirit**, among them Richard Hole, Kay G, Jonathan, Kath Thomas, June Morby, Jenny Attewell, Hilly S, Diana Brown, Colin Mason, Graham Earl, Mary Ricketts, Peter Gandy, John Burton.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley Cockerill, Susan Poolman.

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: Ernest Cedric Oram, Ethel Maud Oram, Linda Rees, Margaret Webber, Richard Povey, Andrew Bigley, Bernard Salsbury, Michael Dickie, Dorothy Cramer, Michael Mutlow, Alex Scallon, George William Smith, Marjorie Kirkland, David Teal, Mary Bamberry, Richard Anstead.

NOTICES

All Saints' Sunday 5 November services:

8:00 *Communion*, All Saints.

10:00 *Patronal Festival Eucharist*, All Saints - a joint benefice service, followed by refreshments.

18:00 *All Souls Service*, 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.

Remembrance Sunday 12 November services:

9:15 (as normal) *Eucharist*, All Saints

9:30 (brought forward) *Eucharist*, All Hallows

11:00 *Act of Remembrance*, Broad Green

18:00 *Evensong for Remembrance*, All Hallows

Tea @Two on Tuesday 14 November 14:00 will meet at Wellingborough Museum.

Youth Group for children over 11 yrs Sunday 19 November 16:30, All Hallows' Hall. The group is led by Canon Paula and Chris Butts. Turn up on the day if interested.

DIARY

Mon 30 Oct

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

Tues 31 Oct

All Hallows' Eve

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

Wed 1 Nov

9:00-10:00 All Saints All Saints School service
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 Pastoral team meeting

Thurs 2 Nov

All Souls' Day

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

Fri 3 Nov

Richard Hooker

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 4 Nov

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop
9:30-10:15 All Hallows MU Holy communion
10:15-10:45 All Hallows Benefice Prayer Group
10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to the public
12:00-13:00 All Saints Baptism

Sun 5 Nov

All Saints' Sunday

8:00-8:30 All Saints Holy Communion
10:00-11:00 All Saints Patronal Festival Eucharist
18:00-19:00 All Hallows All Souls' Service

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