



Holy Communion

All Saints' Church

All Saints' Sunday
5 November 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 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.

INTROIT Paul Edwards: Give us the wings of faith

Give us the wings of faith to rise within the veil, and see the Saints of God,
How great their joys, how bright their glories be.

Once they were mourning here below their couch was wet with tears:
They wrestled hard, as we do now, with sins and doubts and fears.

We ask them whence their victory came, they with united breath,
Ascribe the conquest to the Lamb, their triumph to his death.

They marked the footsteps that he trod, His zeal inspired their breast.
And following their incarnate God, they reached the promised rest.

HYMN

- 1 For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 2 Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness, still their one true light. Alleluia, alleluia.

- 3 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 4 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 5 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again, and arms are strong. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 6 The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of paradise the blest. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 7 But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of glory passes on his way. Alleluia, alleluia.
- 8 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia.

William Walsham How (1823-1867)

GREETING

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

All Amen.

Minister Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord!
Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints,
in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

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 Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses,
let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely,
looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Hebrews 12.1.

Minister Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister You are loving to all
and your mercy is over all your creation:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister Your faithful servants bless your name
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:
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, 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 Let us pray
that we may be strengthened by our communion with all the saints.

The Collect is said:

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the

Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

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 1 John 3.1-3

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

CHOIR ITEM sung by All Saints School Choir

GOSPEL READING Matthew 5.1-12

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, called out of a darkness into his marvellous light.

All/choir Alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, and he began to teach them, saying:

'Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called sons of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are you when people insult you, persecute you and falsely say all kinds of evil against you because of me. Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.'

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 United in the company of all the faithful
and looking for the coming of the kingdom,
let us offer our prayers to God,
the source of all life and holiness..

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 We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God,
through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace
to those who were far off and those who were near.

Ephesians 2.19,17

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 Wood: O thou, the central orb

O thou the Central orb of righteous love, pure beams of the most high,
eternal light of this our wintry world,
thy radiance bright awakes new joy in faith, soars above.
Come, quickly come, and let thy glory shine,
gilding our darksome heavens with rays divine:
Thy Saints with holy lustre round thee move,
As stars about thy throne, set in the height of God's ordaining council,
as thy sight gives measured grace to each: thy power to prove.
Let thy bright beams disperse the gloom of sin,
our nature all shall feel eternal day, in fellowship with thee,
transforming day to souls ere while unclean, now pure within. Amen.

TABLE PRAYER

Minister As the grain once scattered in the fields
 and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
 are now united on this table in bread and wine,
 so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
 from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

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

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.

In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
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.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister With saints and martyrs through the ages,
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 **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 I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
 The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

HYMNS

1 Angel-voices ever singing
 round thy throne of light,
 angel-harps for ever ringing,
 rest not day nor night;

thousands only live to bless thee
and confess thee
Lord of might.

2 Thou who art beyond the farthest
mortal eye can scan,
can it be that thou regardest
songs of sinful man?
Can we know that thou art near us,
and wilt hear us?
Yea, we can.

3 Yea, we know that thou rejoices
o'er each work of thine;
thou didst ears and hands and voices
for thy praise design;
craftsman's art and music's measure
for thy pleasure
all combine.

4 In thy house, great God, we offer
of thine own to thee;
and for thine acceptance proffer
all unworthily
hearts and minds and hands and voices
in our choicest
psalmody.

5 Honour, glory, might, and merit
thine shall ever be,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
blessèd Trinity.
Of the best that thou hast given
earth and heaven
render thee.

Francis Pott (1832-1909)

1 Seek ye first the kingdom of God,
and his righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Seek ye first...

- 2 Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of God.
Allelu, alleluia.
Man shall not...
- 3 Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and ye shall find;
knock and the door shall be opened up to you.
Allelu, alleluia.
Ask and it shall...

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Lord of heaven,
in this eucharist you have brought us near
to an innumerable company of angels
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage
we have shared their fellowship,
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;
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 Will you come and follow me
if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my love be known,
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

- 2 Will you leave yourself behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see
if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free
and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean,
and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

*John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)
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BLESSING

Minister May God,
who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

All **Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship
and a share in their praises.

All **Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

All **Amen.**

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 Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth,
 go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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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: Eddie Bassett, Isabella Catherine Lambert, Dorothy Foster, Herbert Leslie Hairsine, Christopher Frederick Tredgett, Eleanor Ann Thomas, Geoffrey Bertram Woodbridge, Ethel Buchta, Charles Adams, Florence Orton, Peggy Scott, Graham Thompson, Rose Lawrence, Ivy Mitchell, Graham McInnes, Haydn Smart, Harold Patrick, Oscar Pettifer, Edna Wooding, Alice Attewell, Lily Clipstone.

NOTICES

All Souls Service today 18:00, All Hallows. A commemoration of the departed.

Holy Communion is cancelled on Thursday 9 November at All Saints.

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.

All Hallows' Winter Fayre Saturday 18 November 10:00-12:00, All Hallows.

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.

All Saints' Christmas Quiz is now on sale, from Caroline. £1 per entry.

DIARY

Mon 6 Nov

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

Tues 7 Nov

Willibrod of York

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer

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

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

Wed 8 Nov

Saints and martyrs of England

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 9 Nov

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri 10 Nov

Leo the Great

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 11 Nov

Martin of Tours

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

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

Sun 12 Nov

Remembrance Sunday

9:15-10:15 All Saints Family Eucharist

9:30-10:30 All Hallows Eucharist

11:00-12:00 Broad Green Act of Remembrance

18:00-19:00 All Hallows Evensong

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