



## Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Third Sunday before Advent  
(Remembrance Sunday)

12 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.*

*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.*

### HYMN

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;  
he doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
he alone  
calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,  
sword and crown betray his trust;  
what with care and toil he buildeth,  
tower and temple, fall to dust.  
But God's power,  
hour by hour,  
is my temple and my tower.
- 3 God's great goodness aye endureth,  
deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
splendour, light, and life attend him,

beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
from his store  
new-born worlds rise and adore.

4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver  
bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
his desire our soul delighteth,  
pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
at his hand;  
joy doth wait on his command.

5 Still from earth to God eternal  
sacrifice of praise be done,  
high above all praises praising  
for the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
one and all:  
ye who follow shall not fall.

*Robert Seymour Bridges (1844-1930)  
based on Meine Hoffnung stehet feste, by Joachim Neander (1650-1680)*

## 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.*

## ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

Minister Let us remember before God,  
and commend to his sure keeping  
those who have died for their country in war;  
those whom we knew,  
and whose memory we treasure;  
and all those who have lived and died  
in the service of humankind.

## THE ODE

Minister They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.  
At the going down of the sun and in the morning,  
We will remember them.

All **We will remember them.**

*Two minutes silence is kept.*

Minister Ever-living God,  
we remember those  
whom you have gathered from the storm of war  
into the peace of your presence;  
may that same peace calm our fears,  
bring justice to all peoples  
and establish harmony among the nations,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

## THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

Minister When you go home tell them of us and say  
For your tomorrow we gave our today.

## 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 Let us confess to God  
the sins and shortcomings of the world;  
its pride, its selfishness, its greed;  
its evil divisions and hatreds.  
Let us confess our share in what is wrong,  
and our failure to seek and establish that peace  
which God wills for his children.`

*Silence may be kept.*

All            Most merciful God,  
                  Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
                  we confess that we have sinned  
                  in thought, word and deed.  
                  We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
                  We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
                  In your mercy  
                  forgive what we have been,  
                  help us to amend what we are,  
                  and direct what we shall be;  
                  that we may do justly, love mercy,  
                  and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

Minister    May the Father of all mercies  
                  cleanse you from your sins,  
                  and restore you in his image  
                  to the praise and glory of his name,  
                  through Jesus Christ our Lord. `

All            Amen.

## **GLORIA IN EXCELSIS**

All/choir    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 in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

                  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 in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

                  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 in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Amen.

## 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, our refuge and strength,  
bring near the day when wars shall cease  
and poverty and pain shall end,  
that earth may know the peace of heaven  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All**      **Amen.**

## READING 1 Thessalonians 4.13-18

We do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

*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      King of glory, King of peace,  
I will love thee;  
and, that love may never cease,  
I will move thee.  
Thou hast granted my request,  
thou hast heard me;  
thou didst note my working breast,  
thou hast spared me.
- 2      Wherefore with my utmost art  
I will sing thee,

and the cream of all my heart  
I will bring thee.  
Though my sins against me cried,  
thou didst clear me,  
and alone, when they replied,  
thou didst hear me.

3        Seven whole days, not one in seven,  
          I will praise thee;  
          in my heart, though not in heaven,  
          I can raise thee.  
          Small it is, in this poor sort  
          to enrol thee:  
          e'en eternity's too short  
          to extol thee.

*George Herbert (1593-1633)*

## **GOSPEL READING** Matthew 25.1-13

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Cantor    'It is my Father's will,' says the Lord,  
              'that I should loose nothing of all that he has given to me.  
              And I should raise it up on the last day.'

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

**All        Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus spoke this parable to the disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, "Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him." Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, "Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out." But the wise replied, "No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves." And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, "Lord, lord, open to us." But he replied, "Truly I tell you, I do not know you." Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.'

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 In peace let us pray to the Lord.

*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.

Minister Most holy God and Father,  
hear our prayers for all who strive for peace  
and all who fight for justice.  
Help us, who today remember the cost of war,  
to work for a better tomorrow;  
and, as we commend to you lives lost in terror and conflict,  
bring us all, in the end, to the peace of your presence;  
through Christ our Lord.

**All** Amen.

*Silence is kept.*

## PEACE

Minister Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
I do not give to you as the world gives.'

*John 14.27*

The peace of the Lord be with you.  
All And also with you.

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

### HYMN

- 1 Like a mighty river flowing,  
like a flower in beauty growing,  
far beyond all human knowing  
is the perfect peace of God.
- 2 Like the hills serene and even,  
like the coursing clouds of heaven,  
like the heart that's been forgiven  
is the perfect peace of God.
- 3 Like the summer breezes playing,  
like the tall trees softly swaying,  
like the lips of silent praying  
is the perfect peace of God.
- 4 Like the morning sun ascended,  
like the scents of evening blended,  
like a friendship never ended  
is the perfect peace of God.
- 5 Like the azure ocean swelling,  
like the jewel all-excelling,  
far beyond our human telling  
is the perfect peace of God.

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## TABLE PRAYER

Minister To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.



May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

**All**            **Amen.**

## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Minister    The Lord be with you,

**All**            **and also with you.**

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,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,  
the builder of the city that is to come.  
Your love made visible in Jesus Christ  
brings home the lost,  
restores the sinner  
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,  
flooding lives with goodness and truth,  
gathering into one in your kingdom  
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation  
we glorify your 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   Uniting our prayers  
              with the whole company of heaven,  
              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.

All **Amen.**

*Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.*

**COMMUNION MOTET** Adrian Griffiths: For the fallen

## **HYMN**

- 1 'Come to me', says Jesus,  
'all who are distressed;  
take my yoke upon you,  
I will give you rest.
- 2 I am meek and humble,  
find, with me, release  
from false airs and graces;  
come, and be at peace.'
- 3 Hear the call of Jesus,  
come, be deeply blessed;  
his the invitation,  
you the honoured guest.
- 4 Here, where bread is broken,  
here, where wine is poured,  
thankfully receive him,  
find your faith restored.
- 5 Pardon, feed and heal us,  
humble, courteous Lord,  
gracious host, for ever  
honoured and adored.

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Minister Gracious Lord,  
in this holy sacrament  
you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last  
to that fullness of life for which we long;  
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All            Father of all,  
                 we give you thanks and praise,  
                 that when we were still far off  
                 you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
                 Dying and living, he declared your love,  
                 gave us grace,  
                 and opened the gate of glory.  
                 May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
                 we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
                 we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
                 Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
                 so we and all your children shall be free,  
                 and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
                 through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## NOTICES

### HYMN

- 1            For the healing of the nations,  
                 Lord, we pray with one accord,  
                 for a just and equal sharing  
                 of the things that earth affords.  
                 To a life of love in action  
                 help us rise and pledge our word.
- 2            Lead us forward into freedom,  
                 from despair your world release,  
                 that, redeemed from war and hatred,  
                 all may come and go in peace.  
                 Show us how through care and goodness  
                 fear will die and hope increase.
- 3            All that kills abundant living,  
                 let it from the earth be banned:  
                 pride of status, race or schooling,  
                 dogmas that obscure your plan.  
                 In our common quest for justice  
                 may we hallow life's brief span.
- 4            You, Creator-God, have written  
                 your great name on humankind;  
                 for our growing in your likeness  
                 bring the life of Christ to mind;

that by our response and service  
earth its destiny may find.

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## **BLESSING**

Minister God grant to the living grace,  
to the departed rest,  
to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people  
unity, peace and concord,  
and to us and all God's servants life everlasting;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

## **THE NATIONAL ANTHEM**

God save our gracious King!  
Long live our noble King!  
God save the King!  
Send him victorious,  
Happy and glorious,  
Long to reign over us,  
God save the King!

*The people and ministers depart.*

## **ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Sir Edward Elgar: Nimrod (from Enigma Variations)

*Following on our own church service,  
the Town Remembrance Service is held in Broad Green.*

## 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:** the fallen in armed conflicts, William Poole, Robert Andrew, Walter MacNought, Beryl Sudborough, David Fletton, Peter Marshall, Barry Quantrill, Arthur Ambrose, Lily Renk, Dennis Beeby, James Hill, Elizabeth Ferris, Evelyn Watson, Frank Loans, Lee Hopkins, Baby Carl Bates, James William Raymond, Ralph Ward, Nora Raymond, David Reid, Jim Leatherland, Gurdeep Singh Kasba.

## NOTICES

**Evensong for Remembrance** This evening 18:00, 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 available. Price £1. All funds go towards the upkeep of our church.

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## DIARY

### Mon 13 Nov

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

### Tues 14 Nov

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer  
9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop  
14:00-15:00 W'borough Museum Tea @2

### Wed 15 Nov

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 16 Nov Margaret of Scotland

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

### Fri 17 Nov Hugh of Lincoln

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 18 Nov Elizabeth of Hungary

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop  
10:00-12:00 All Hallows Winter Fayre

### Sun 19 Nov 2nd Sunday before Advent

9:15-10:15 All Saints Family Eucharist  
9:30-10:30 All Hallows Eucharist  
16:30-18:30 All Hallows' Hall Youth Group  
18:00-19:00 Zoom Compline

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