



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Christ the King
26 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 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
The cross stands empty to the sky.
Let streets and homes with praises ring.
Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
to distant years in Palestine,
but saving, healing, here and now,
and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift and war,
where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
and find the way, the life, the truth,
revealed in Jesus, freed for all.

5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
good news to this and every age,
till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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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 Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

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

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

Lord God, heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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.

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. Amen, 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 the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24

Thus says the Lord GOD: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all

the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord GOD. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord GOD to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep. I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the LORD, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the LORD, have spoken.

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 Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power.

God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

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HYMN

- 1 The King of love my shepherd is,
 whose goodness faileth never;
 I nothing lack if I am his
 and he is mine for ever.
- 2 Where streams of living water flow
 my ransomed soul he leadeth,
 and where the verdant pastures grow
 with food celestial feedeth.
- 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,
 but yet in love he sought me,
 and on his shoulder gently laid,
 and home rejoicing brought me.
- 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill
 with thee, dear Lord, beside me;
 thy rod and staff my comfort still,
 thy cross before to guide me.
- 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
 thy unction grace bestoweth;
 and O what transport of delight
 from thy pure chalice floweth!
- 6 And so through all the length of days
 thy goodness faileth never:
 good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise
 within thy house for ever.

Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877) based on Psalm 23

GOSPEL READING Matthew 25.31-46

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

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:

'When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left.

'Then the king will say to those at his right hand, "Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me." Then the righteous will answer him, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?" And the king will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me."

'Then he will say to those at his left hand, "You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me." Then they also will answer, "Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?" Then he will answer them, "Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me." And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life.'

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 the coming of God's kingdom.

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 To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

cf Colossians 3.14

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 William Mathias: Let all the world in every corner sing

Choir O come let us sing unto the Lord:
let us heartily rejoice in the strength of our salvation.
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving:
and shew ourselves glad in him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God: and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are all the corners of the earth:

and the strength of the hill is his also.

O come let us worship and fall down: and kneel before the Lord our Maker; for he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Let us sing unto the Lord, let us sing unto the Lord, let us sing unto the Lord.

All/choir 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.

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! Amen.

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 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.

For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest, he offered himself once for all
upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race
by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**All/choir Holy, Holy holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heav'n and earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
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 **Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.**

Jesus, bearer of our sins: Have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world: give 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

Jesus, remember me
when you come into your kingdom.
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when you come into your kingdom.

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1 Beauty for brokenness, hope for despair,
Lord, in your suffering world this is our prayer.
Bread for the children, justice, joy, peace,
sunrise to sunset your kingdom increase!

2 Shelter for fragile lives, cures for their ills,
work for the craftsmen, trade for their skills.
Land for the dispossessed, rights for the weak,
voices to plead the cause of those who can't speak.

Chorus *God of the poor, friend of the weak,
give us compassion, we pray:*

*melt our cold hearts, let tears fall like rain.
Come, change our love from a spark to a flame.*

3 Refuge from cruel wars, havens from fear,
cities for sanctuary, freedoms to share.
Peace to the killing fields, scorched earth to green,
Christ for the bitterness, his cross for the pain.

4 Rest for the ravaged earth, oceans and streams,
plundered and poisoned: our future, our dreams.
Lord, end our madness, carelessness, greed;
make us content with the things that we need.
Chorus

5 Lighten our darkness, breathe on this flame,
until your justice burns brightly again;
until the nations learn of your ways,
seek your salvation and bring you their praise.
Chorus

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
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 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!

Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing:

- Chorus* Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal name.
- 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth:
- 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified:
- 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love:
- 5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song:

Michael Saward (b. 1932)

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BLESSING

Minister Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
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 Now unto the King eternal, immortal, invisible, the only wise God,
be honour and glory for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY Daniel Bishop: Trumpet tune

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, Graham Earl, Mary Ricketts, Don Stevens, Marion Dent.

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: Myrtle Barbara Redman, Doris Perks, Keith Patrick Mahoney, Albert Edward Carnelly, Eric John Falkner, Thomas Sidney Povey, Winifred McMorrow Melville, Peter Gannon, Harold Sidney Stevens, Anne Nester Hughs, Caroline Elizabeth Martin, Bernard Sanders, Susan Margaret Adams, Mavis Marion Charlton, Joseph Charles Shatford, Elizabeth Frances Rowbery, Mavis Elizabeth West, Betty Hill, Susan Simson, James Holloway, Betty De'Ath, Shena Toseland, Charles Short, Kerry-Jane Lewis, Henry Thorpe, Cliff 'Dick' Roberts, Patricia Bevis, Henry Orton, Sid Desborough, Evelyn Barrett, Evelyn Lovett, John William Wooding, Erika June Mathia, Bill Timpson.

NOTICES

Would you like to try your hand at handbell ringing? No musical knowledge is needed, just the ability to read numbers from 1 to 15. No pressure, no public performances. Sessions: All Hallows, Thursdays 15:00. For more info see Caroline at All Saints.

Advent Carol Service next Sunday 6pm All Hallows, with the choirs of both churches.

Advent Quiet Morning Saturday 9 December 10:00-12:00, All Hallows' Lady Chapel. Please sign up on the sheet in church if you wish to attend.

Carols for the Town Saturday 9 December 13:00-14:00, outside Castello Lounge in Market Street. A lay-led town service, assisted by Canon Paula and Tony Edwards.

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SERVICES throughout ADVENT and CHRISTMAS

As usual, every Wednesday 12:15 Midweek Eucharist – All Hallows
and every Thursday 10:00 Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) – All Saints

Advent Sunday 3 December

8:00 Holy Communion – All Saints
9:15 Family Eucharist – All Saints
11:15 Eucharist – All Hallows
18:00 Carol Service – All Hallows

Saturday 9 December

10:00-12:00 Advent Quiet Morning – All Hallows
13:00-14:00 Carols for the Town – Market St, outside Castello Lounge

2nd Sunday of Advent 10 December

9:15 Family Eucharist – All Saints
11:15 Eucharist – All Hallows
16:00 Christingle – All Saints

Saturday 16 December

10:00-16:00 Advent Prayer Stations – All Hallows

3rd Sunday of Advent 17 December

9:15 Family Eucharist – All Saints
11:15 Eucharist – All Hallows
18:00 Compline – Zoom

Thursday 21 December

19:00 Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols – All Saints

Christmas Eve, Sunday 24 December

10:00 Benefice Service – All Hallows
18:00 Nativity – All Saints
23:30 Midnight Mass – All Hallows

Christmas Day, Monday 25 December

8:00 Holy Communion – All Saints
9:15 Eucharist – All Saints
10:00 Eucharist – All Hallows

Sunday 31 December

10:00 Eucharist – All Saints

WEEKLY DIARY

Mon 27 Nov

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

Tues 28 Nov

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Wed 29 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 30 Nov **Andrew the Apostle**

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer

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

13:20-15:00 All Hallows All Saints School Christingle rehearsal

Fri 1 Dec

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

9:30-10:30 All Hallows All Saints School Christingle

18:15-19:45 All Saints junior choir practice

19:30-21:00 All Saints adult choir practice

Sat 2 Dec

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

Sun 3 Dec **Advent Sunday**

8:00-8:30 All Saints Holy Communion

9:15-10:15 All Saints Family Eucharist

11:15-12:15 All Hallows Eucharist

18:00-19:00 All Hallows Advent Carol Service

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