



Holy Communion

All Saints' 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.

During the service our children and young people are invited to join Y.E.S. (Young Eager Saints) which meets in the Lady Chapel towards the front of the church. They meet at the children's area 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. 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.

HYMN

- 1 Rejoice! The Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore:
- Chorus *Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*
- 2 Jesus the Saviour reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
- 3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:

5 Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:

Chorus *We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!*

Charles Wesley (1707–1788)

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, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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. [x2]

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.

All Thanks be to God.

Silence may be kept.

HYMN

- 1 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,
who gave the world its skies and lands and seas,
then formed the fish and creatures of the earth;
our God be praised for wondrous gifts like these!
- 2 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God,
who gave the power of choice to humankind,
that we might rule the earth through servanthood,
and so find joy in all that God designed.
- 3 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God;
proclaim to all the open mystery
that Christ, whose death destroyed the power of sin,
was raised by God and reigns in Trinity.
- 4 Take up the song, and sing the praise of God;
with music make both earth and heaven ring,
for God is good and loves all he has made;
so now to him all thanks and praises bring!

Rae E. Whitney (b. 1927)

Words: © Selah Publishing Co. Inc. All rights reserved. Permission applied for

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:

All Lord, in your mercy,
hear our prayer.

And at the end:

All Merciful Father,
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

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

Deacon Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

1 I cannot tell why he, whom angels worship,
should set his love upon the sons of men,

or why, as Shepherd, he should seek the wanderers,
to bring them back, they know not how or when.
But this I know, that he was born of Mary
when Beth'lem's manger was his only home,
and that he lived at Nazareth and laboured,
and so the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is come.

2 I cannot tell how silently he suffered,
as with his peace he graced this place of tears,
or how his heart upon the cross was broken,
the crown of pain to three and thirty years.
But this I know, he heals the broken-hearted
and stays our sin and calms our lurking fear
and lifts the burden from the heavy laden;
for still the Saviour, Saviour of the world is here.

3 I cannot tell how he will win the nations,
how he will claim his earthly heritage,
how satisfy the needs and aspirations
of east and west, of sinner and of sage.
But this I know, all flesh shall see his glory,
and he shall reap the harvest he has sown,
and some glad day his sun will shine in splendour
when he the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is known.

4 I cannot tell how all the lands shall worship,
when at his bidding every storm is stilled,
or who can say how great the jubilation
when every heart with love and joy is filled.
But this I know, the skies will thrill with rapture,
and myriad myriad human voices sing,
and earth to heav'n, and heav'n to earth, will answer,
'at last the Saviour, Saviour of the world, is King!'

William Young Fullerton (1857-1932)

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.

EUCHARISTIC 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, God of 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,
in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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 Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace [x4].

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.

COMMUNION MOTET Goodall: The Lord is my shepherd

The Lord is my Shepherd I shall not want,
he maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
He leadeth me beside the still waters.

Yea, though I walk through the shadow of the valley of death, I will fear no evil,
For you are with me, your rod and your staff they comfort me.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life,
And I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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. | 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. |
| 2 | Where streams of living water flow
my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow
with food celestial feedeth. | 5 | Thou spread'st a table in my sight;
thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight
from thy pure chalice floweth! |
| 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. | 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

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:
- 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) Words: © Michael Saward / The Jubilate Group. Adm. by The Jubilate Group

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

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

All Saints' Christmas Quiz sheets are on sale. See Caroline or Pat for your copy.

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 at All Hallows, Thursdays 15:00. For more info see Caroline.

Next Sunday you are invited to bring to All Saints' main service a new, unwrapped gift suitable for 0-18 years. These will be taken by the Salvation Army in Wellingborough for children who may not receive a Christmas present otherwise.

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.

*Copyright acknowledgement (where not already indicated above): setting © David Ogden: Mass of New Wine
Some material included in this service is copyright: © 1989 National Council of the Churches of Christ, USA*

© The Archbishops' Council 2000, 2002, 2004

© The Crown/Cambridge University Press: The Book of Common Prayer (1662)

Where otherwise not stated, hymns are reproduced from Ancient & Modern Electronic Words Edition

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

All Saints and All Hallows, Wellingborough

phone: 07525705289 / 01933 278484

email: office@allhallowsandallsaintswellingborough.co.uk

website: allhallowsandallsaintswellingborough.co.uk