



# Holy Communion

## All Hallows Church

First Sunday of Advent  
3 December 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 O come, O come, Emmanuel,  
and ransom captive Israel,  
that mourns in lonely exile here,  
until the Son of God appear:

*Chorus Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel  
shall come to thee, O Israel.*

2 O come, thou Rod of Jesse, free  
thine own from Satan's tyranny;  
from depths of hell thy people save,  
and give them victory o'er the grave:

3 O come, thou Dayspring, come and cheer  
our spirits by thine advent here;  
disperse the gloomy clouds of night,  
and death's dark shadows put to flight:

4 O come, thou Key of David, come,  
and open wide our heavenly home;

make safe the way that leads on high,  
and close the path to misery:

5 O come, O come, thou Lord of Might,  
who to thy tribes, on Sinai's height,  
in ancient times didst give the law  
in cloud and majesty and awe:

*John Mason Neale (1818–1866) translated from Latin Advent Antiphons*

## **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.*

## **LIGHTING THE FIRST ADVENT CANDLE – THE PATRIARCHS**

Minister Jesus said,

'Keep awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.'

**All Amen. Come soon, Lord Jesus!**

*The first candle is lit.*

Minister God of Abraham and Sarah,  
and all the patriarchs of old,  
you are our Father too.

Your love is revealed to us in Jesus Christ,  
Son of God and Son of David.

Help us in preparing to celebrate his birth  
to make our hearts ready for your Holy Spirit  
to make his home among us.

We ask this through Jesus Christ,  
the light who is coming into the world.

**All Amen.**

**Choir/All Advent candles tell their story  
as we watch and pray,  
longing for the Day of Glory,  
'Come, Lord, soon,' we say.  
Pain and sorrow, tears and sadness,  
changed for gladness on that day.**

## CONFESSION

Deacon When the Lord comes,  
he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness,  
and will disclose the purposes of the heart.  
Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Minister Turn to us again, O God our Saviour,  
and let your anger cease from us:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Minister Show us your mercy, O Lord,  
and grant us your salvation:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Minister Your salvation is near for those that fear you,  
that glory may dwell in our land:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## ABSOLUTION

Minister May the God of all healing and forgiveness  
draw you to himself,  
that you may behold the glory of his Son,  
the Word made flesh,  
and be cleansed from all your sins  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All 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.*

Almighty God,  
as your kingdom dawns,  
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,  
that we may be ready to meet you  
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**All Amen.**

## FIRST READING Isaiah 64.1-9

O that you would tear open the heavens and come down, so that the mountains would quake at your presence – as when fire kindles brushwood and the fire causes water to boil – to make your name known to your adversaries, so that the nations might tremble at your presence! When you did awesome deeds that we did not expect, you came down, the mountains quaked at your presence. From ages past no one has heard, no ear has perceived, no eye has seen any God besides you, who works for those who wait for him. You meet those who gladly do right, those who remember you in your ways.

But you were angry, and we sinned; because you hid yourself we transgressed. We have all become like one who is unclean, and all our righteous deeds are like a filthy cloth. We all fade like a leaf, and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away. There is no one who calls on your name, or attempts to take hold of you; for you have hidden your face from us, and have delivered us into the hand of our iniquity.

Yet, O LORD, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand. Do not be exceedingly angry, O LORD, and do not remember iniquity for ever. Now consider, we are all your people.

*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 Corinthians 1.3-9

My brothers and sisters: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind – just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you – so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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 Longing for light, we wait in darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts. Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2 Longing for peace, our world is troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save us.  
Make us your living voice.

3 Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for others,  
shared until all are fed.

4 Longing for shelter, many are homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering others,  
walls made of living stone.

5 Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.

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## GOSPEL READING Mark 13.24-37

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Cantor Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,  
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'In those days, after that suffering, the sun will be darkened, and the moon will not give its light, and the stars will be falling from heaven, and the powers in the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in clouds" with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

'From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

'But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake – for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## CREED

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 joyful expectation of his coming to our aid we pray to Jesus.

*This response may be included:*

Lord, in your mercy,  
**All**        **hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,  
**All**        **accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

Minister Come, Lord Jesus, do not delay;  
give new courage to your people  
who trust in your love.  
By your coming,  
raise us to share in the joy of your kingdom  
on earth as in heaven,  
where you live and reign  
with the Father and the Spirit,  
one God for ever and ever.  
**All**        **Amen.**

## **PEACE**

Minister In the tender mercy of our God,  
the dayspring from on high shall break upon us,  
to give light to those who dwell in darkness  
and in the shadow of death  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

*cf Luke 1.78,79*

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**

### **HYMN**

1        When the King shall come again  
all his power revealing,  
splendour shall announce his reign,  
life and joy and healing:  
earth no longer in decay,

hope no more frustrated;  
this is God's redemption-day  
longingly awaited.

2 In the desert trees take root  
fresh from his creation;  
plants and flowers and sweetest fruit  
join the celebration:  
rivers spring up from the earth,  
barren lands adorning;  
valleys, this is your new birth,  
mountains, greet the morning!

3 Strengthen feeble hands and knees,  
fainting hearts, be cheerful!  
God who comes for such as these  
seeks and saves the fearful:  
deaf ears hear the silent tongues  
sing away their weeping;  
blind eyes see the lifeless ones  
walking, running, leaping.

4 There God's highway shall be seen  
where no roaring lion,  
nothing evil or unclean  
walks the road to Zion:  
ransomed people homeward bound,  
all your praises voicing,  
see your Lord with glory crowned,  
share in his rejoicing!

*Christopher Idle (b. 1938) based on Isaiah 35*

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## TABLE PRAYER

Minister As this bread was scattered  
and then gathered and made one,  
so may your Church be gathered into your Kingdom.

**All Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Minister Wisdom has built her a house;  
she has mixed her wine;  
she has set her table.

**All Glory to you, O God, for ever.**



## **EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER**

Minister The Lord is here.

**All His spirit is with us.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.

**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself  
to come among us in human flesh,  
he fulfilled the plan you formed  
before the foundation of the world  
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,  
we now watch for the day  
when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven  
to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and singing:

**All/choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

**All/choir Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.**

Minister Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,  
for ever and ever.

**All Amen.**

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Minister Awaiting his coming in glory,  
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 Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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

## **COMMUNION MOTET W. A. Mozart : Ave Verum**

Ave, ave, verum corpus  
natum ex Maria Virgine,  
very passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine.  
Cujus latus perforatum  
unda fluxit et sanguine.  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
in mortis examine.

Jesus, Word of God Incarnate,  
Of the Virgin Mary born;  
on the Cross Thy sacred body,  
for us men with nails was torn.  
Cleanse us by the Blood and water  
streaming from thy pierced side.  
Feed us with thy body broken,  
now and in death's agony.

## HYMN

- 1 O Child of promise, come!  
O come, Emmanuel!  
Come, Prince of Peace, to David's throne;  
come, God, with us to dwell.
- 2 The Lord's true Servant, come,  
in whom is his delight,  
on whom his Holy Spirit rests,  
the Gentiles' promised light.
- 3 O come, Anointed One,  
to show blind eyes your face!  
Good tidings to the poor announce;  
proclaim God's year of grace!
- 4 O come, Messiah King,  
to reign in endless light,  
when heavenly peace at last goes forth  
from Zion's holy height.

*James Quinn, SJ (1919-2010)*

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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister O Lord our God,  
make us watchful and keep us faithful  
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;  
that, when he shall appear,  
he may not find us sleeping in sin  
but active in his service and joyful in his praise;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## NOTICES

### HYMN

- 1 Lo, he comes with clouds descending,  
once for favoured sinners slain;

thousand thousand saints attending  
swell the triumph of his train: Alleluia!  
God appears on earth to reign.

2 Every eye shall now behold him  
robed in dreadful majesty;  
those who set at naught and sold him,  
pierced and nailed him to the Tree,  
deeply wailing,  
shall the true Messiah see.

3 Those dear tokens of his passion  
still his dazzling body bears,  
cause of endless exultation  
to his ransomed worshippers:  
with what rapture  
gaze we on those glorious scars!

4 Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
high on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
claim the kingdom for thine own: Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and John Cennick (1718-1755)*

## **BLESSING**

Minister Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,  
scatter the darkness from before your path,  
and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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 Our Lord says, 'I am coming soon.'

All **Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.**

Deacon May the Lord, when he comes, find us watching and waiting.

All **Amen.**

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** J. S. Bach: Fugue in D minor

## 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, Marion Dent, 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:** Emily Palmer, Winifred Mary Cooper, Isabel Galilee, Alison Clark, Frank Pierce, Alan Frank Knight, Dora Foskitt, Walter George Swain, Hilda Grace Marriot, Phyllis Ward, Derreck Pierce, Constance Bailey, Edith Blaber, Robert Jeffery Odell, Mary Parkin, May Wallis, Iris Robins, Eileen Falkner, David Innis, Terrance Daniel Smith, Arthur Toyer, Bill Clayson, Anthony Hayers, Margaret Cooke.

**Those who died recently**, among them Doreen James. We pray for those who mourn.

## NOTICES

**If you would like to help with Christmas flowers** in any way, please let Ann Harrison know. We are hoping to decorate the church on 22 December. Donations towards the cost of the flowers would be much appreciated.

**Would you like to try your hand at handbell ringing?** No musical knowledge is needed. No pressure, no public performances. Sessions in All Hallows' Hall, Thursdays 15:00. For more info ask Caroline.

**Advent Carol Service & Procession** today 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.

**Christingle** - come and join us on Sunday 10 December at 16:00 at All Saints.

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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

### **2<sup>nd</sup> 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

### **3<sup>rd</sup> 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 4 Dec

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

### Tues 5 Dec

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 6 Dec

#### Nicholas

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop  
10:30-12:30 All Hallows open to the public  
12:15-12:45 All Hallows Midweek Eucharist  
16:00-17:00 Zoom AS Pastoral Team meeting

### Thurs 7 Dec

#### Ambrose

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

### Fri 8 Dec

#### Conception

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 9 Dec

9:30-12:00 All Hallows' Hall coffee shop  
10:00-12:00 All Hallows Advent Quiet Morning  
13:00-14:00 Market St Carols for the Town

### Sun 10 Dec

#### Second Sunday of Advent

9:15-10:15 All Saints Family Eucharist  
11:15-12:15 All Hallows Eucharist  
16:00-17:00 All Saints Christingle

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