



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Second Sunday before Lent

4 February 2024

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 at the back of the church. Alternatively you can scan the QR code which appears on the last page of this service sheet.

HYMN

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| <p>1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.</p> <p>2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.</p> | <p>3 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:</p> <p>4 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory,
of that perfect rest.</p> |
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- 5 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.
- 6 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.
- 7 Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817-1877)

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 The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.
As we offer ourselves to him in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence and trust in his mercy.

All God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

ABSOLUTION

Minister Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
who in his great mercy
has promised forgiveness of sins
to all those who
with heartfelt repentance and true faith
turn to him:
have mercy on *you*,
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,
and bring *you* to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

GLORIA

All/choir Glory to God, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest.

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' a younger member of our congregation leads us in prayer.

The Collect is said.

Almighty God,
give us reverence for all creation
and respect for every person,
that we may mirror your likeness
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Proverbs 8.1,22-31

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The LORD created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth.

When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth – when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING Colossians 1.15-20

Christ is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

- 1 In our darkness light has shone, Alleluia,
still today the light shines on, Alleluia;
Word made flesh in human birth, Alleluia,
Light and Life of all the earth, Alleluia!
- 2 Christ the Son incarnate see, Alleluia,
by whom all things came to be, Alleluia;
through the world his splendours shine, Alleluia,
full of grace and truth divine, Alleluia!
- 3 All who now in him believe, Alleluia,
everlasting life receive, Alleluia;
born of God and in his care, Alleluia,
we his name and nature share, Alleluia!
- 4 Christ a child on earth appears, Alleluia,
crown of all creation's years, Alleluia;
God's eternal Word has come, Alleluia,
he shall lead his people home, Alleluia!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) based on John 1.1-14

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GOSPEL READING John 1.1-14

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor I am the light of the world, says the Lord.
Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness
but will have the light of life.

All/choir Alleluia!

Minister Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

All/choir Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it.

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world.

He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God.

And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

CREED

Minister Let us declare our faith in God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God,
begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister We pray for God's grace.

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 God will speak peace to his people,
to those who turn to him in their hearts.

cf Psalm 85.8; 1 Samuel 12.20

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

We share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

1 Father, Lord of all creation,
ground of being, life and love;
height and depth beyond description
only life in you can prove:
you are mortal life's dependence:
thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
yours is every hour's existence,
sovereign Lord of time and space.

2 Jesus Christ, the Man for others,
we, your people, make our prayer:
help us love — as sisters, brothers —
all whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
you, Lord Christ, will surely be;
where no selfishness can sever
there your love the world may see.

3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning
wind and flame of Pentecost,
fire our hearts afresh with yearning
to regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
never more to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister Father,
in Christ there has sprung up
a light for the righteous;
accept the offering of your Church
and grant that Christ may shine in us
to the praise and glory of your name.

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 truly right and just,
our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord
walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

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

**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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

All 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 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 the bread of life,
and that life is the light of the world.

All God here among us, light in the midst of us,
bring us to light and life.

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 God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

COMMUNION MOTET Fairest Lord Jesus, arr. Paul Edwards

Fairest Lord Jesus, ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
thee will I cherish, thee will I honour,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:

Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

Beautiful Savior! Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honour, praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

HYMN

- 1 In heavenly love abiding,
no change my heart shall fear;
and safe is such confiding,
for nothing changes here:
the storm may roar without me,
my heart may low be laid;
but God is round about me,
and can I be dismayed?
- 2 Wherever he may guide me,
no want shall turn me back;
my Shepherd is beside me,
and nothing can I lack:
his wisdom ever waketh,
his sight is never dim,
he knows the way he taketh,
and I will walk with him.
- 3 Green pastures are before me,
which yet I have not seen;
bright skies will soon be o'er me,
where darkest clouds have been;
my hope I cannot measure,
my path to life is free;
my Saviour has my treasure,
and he will walk with me.

Anna Laetitia Waring (1823–1910)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister God our creator, by your gift
the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise,
and the bread of life at the heart of your Church:
may we who have been nourished at your table on earth
be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross
and enjoy the delights of eternity;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, awake!
 God's saving news to all the nations take:
 proclaim Christ Jesus, Saviour, Lord and King,
 that all the world his glorious praise may sing.
- 2 Go forth and tell! God's love embraces all,
 he will in grace respond to all who call:
 how shall they call if they have never heard
 the gracious invitation of his word?
- 3 Go forth and tell! The doors are open wide:
 share God's good gifts — let no one be denied;
 live out your life as Christ your Lord shall choose,
 your ransomed powers for his sole glory use.
- 4 Go forth and tell! O Church of God, arise!
 Go in the strength which Christ your Lord supplies;
 go till all nations his great name adore
 and serve him, Lord and King for evermore.

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BLESSING

Minister The peace of God,
 which passes all understanding,
 keep your hearts and minds
 in the knowledge and love of God,
 and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
 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

Minister Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY J. S. Bach: Prelude & Fugue in C major

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, Diana Brown, Graham Earl, Marion Dent, Janet, Susan Adams.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley Cockerill, Susan Poolman, Mary Ricketts.

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: Charles Stevens, Adrian John Harrison, Sidney Benford, Rosie Pateman, Joan Anne Hole, Alan Fitch, Angela Farnell, Martin Connolly, George Falkner, Jane Collins, Trudy White, Gladys Dew, Vi Earth, Mavis Jenkin, Derek Hooton, Ivy Lilian Wooding, Doris Packwood, George Slate, Malcolm Partridge, Sydney Waples.

The recently departed, among them John Burton, Jennifer Allen, and Don Stevens. We pray for those who mourn.

NOTICES

Choral Evensong Sunday 11 February 18:00, All Hallows.

Concert with Belcanto Female Voice Choir Saturday 10 February 19:30, All Hallows. Tickets £10, available from Tony.

Pancake Party and Beetle Drive for everyone Tuesday 13 February 19:00, All Hallows Church Hall. Tickets £5 per adult, under 16s free. Please put your names on the list in church to help with catering. Various pancakes, both savoury and sweet.

Emergency contact forms will allow us to notify someone you nominate, in case of an emergency. Please pick up a form from the church desk, fill it in, and hand it over to a churchwarden.

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LENT BIBLE STUDIES

Studying *St Paul's Letter to the Philippians*
and considering what message it has for us and our churches in 2024.

Mondays 19 & 26 February and 4 & 11 March
19:30 Lady Chapel, All Saints Church

Come and enjoy informal reflection and fellowship led by Canon John.
All welcome.

Please sign up on the sheet in church,
or let Canon John know if you intend to come or need transport:
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DIARY

Mon 5 Feb

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

Tues 6 Feb

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer

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

Wed 7 Feb

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 8 Feb

9:00-9:30 Zoom Morning Prayer

Fri 9 Feb

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

18:30-19:45 All Saints junior choir practice

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

Sat 10 Feb

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

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

19:30-20:30 All Hallows concert

Sun 11 Feb **Sunday before Lent**

9:15-10:15 All Saints Family Eucharist

11:15-12:15 All Hallows Eucharist

18:00-18:30 All Hallows Choral Evensong

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