



Holy Communion

All Saints' Church

Sunday next before Lent
11 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.

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.

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

HYMN

- 1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;

more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

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 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 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' a younger member of our congregation leads us in prayer.

The Collect is said:

Holy God,
you know the disorder of our sinful lives:
set straight our crooked hearts,

and bend our wills
to love your goodness and your glory
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING 2 Kings 2.1-12

When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we

do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

- 1 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.
- 2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.
- 3 Fulfiller of the past,
promise of things to be,
we hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.
- 4 Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.
- 5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the mount,
come with us to the plain.

Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858-1933)

GOSPEL READING Mark 9.2-9

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor I am the way, the truth, and the life, says the Lord:
no one comes to the Father except through me.

All/choir Alleluia!

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

All/choir Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them anymore, but only Jesus.

As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

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, 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.

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 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 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 Thomas Atwood: Teach me, O Lord

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes,
teach me, teach me the way of thy statutes,
and I shall keep it unto the end.

HYMN

1 From heaven you came, helpless babe,
entered our world, your glory veiled;
not to be served, but to serve,
and give your life that we might live.

*Chorus This is our God, the Servant King,
he calls us now to follow him,
to bring our lives as a daily offering
of worship to the Servant King.*

2 There in the garden of tears,
my heavy load he chose to bear;
his heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said.

3 Come, see his hands and his feet,
the scars that speak of sacrifice,
hands that flung stars into space
to cruel nails surrendered.

4 So let us learn how to serve,
and in our lives enthrone him;
each other's needs to prefer,
for it is Christ we're serving.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Holy God,
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:
may we who are partakers at his table
reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to change and save.
This we ask 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 G. F. Handel: Organ Concert No 3 in G 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, 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: Harold Albert Wrenn, Ellen Elizabeth Cain, Patricia Ferguson, George Meekins, Sally Bell, Ross Jewell, Dorothy Huddart, Michael Billings, Kathleen Dymont, Marguerite Harwood, Agnes Smith, Joan Looker, Don Burton, Renee Kathleen Orton, Sheila Mary Sparrow.

John Burton's funeral is held on Tuesday 20 February at 13:30 in All Saints.

Don Stevens' funeral is held on Friday 23 February at 11:00 in All Hallows.

NOTICES

Cancelled: Evensong Sunday 11 February, All Hallows.

Tea @2 Tuesday 13 February 14:00, St Andrew's Church Hall.

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.

All Saints Spring Community Fair Saturday 20 April. A plea for all the gardeners out there: We will be holding a spring fair. We are planning a plant stall and would be grateful for donations of plants/seedlings. As you start to prepare your garden for spring planting could we ask you to put a few pots aside for this stall? Thank you.

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 12 Feb

9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
18:00-19:00	St Mary's Church Hall	4 th Cubs
19:30-20:30	St Mary's Church Hall	4 th Scouts

Tues 13 Feb

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
14:00-15:00	St Andrew's Church Hall	Tea @2
19:00-21:00	All Hallows Hall	Pancake party

Wed 14 Feb

Ash Wednesday

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	Holy Communion with Ashing
19:30-20:30	All Saints	Holy Communion with Ashing

Thurs 15 Feb

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
18:15-19:15	St Mary's Church Hall	4 th Beavers

Fri 16 Feb

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Hallows	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Hallows	adult choir practice

Sat 17 Feb

Janani Luwum

9:00-10:00	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 18 Feb

Lent 1

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Family Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline
19:30-20:30	Dale End	Pegasus Explorers

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