



## Holy Communion

All Saints' Church

Second Sunday of Lent

25 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 New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.
- 2 New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.
- 3 If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.
- 4 The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we need to ask,

room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.

5 Only, O Lord, in thy dear love  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

*John Keble (1792-1866)*

## **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.**

## **INVITATION TO CONFESSION**

Deacon Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.  
Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

## **KYRIE ELEISON**

Minister We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

Minister We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Christ, have mercy.

**All Christ, have mercy.**

Minister We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.

**All Lord, have mercy.**

## **ABSOLUTION**

Minister May almighty God,  
who sent his Son into the world  
to save sinners,  
bring you his pardon and peace,  
now and for ever.

**All Amen.**

## **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,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All Amen.**

## **FIRST READING** Genesis 17.1-7,15-16

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the LORD appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and

you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you.

God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **LENT PROSE**

Cantor Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:  
for we have sinned against thee.

**All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

Choir O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:  
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

**All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

## **SECOND READING** Romans 4.13-25

The promise that Abraham would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations').

Abraham believed in the presence of the God who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist. Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations,' according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his

faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised.

Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him,' were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in God who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

- 1 Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;  
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.
- 2 Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord;  
be thou my great Father, and I thy true son;  
be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.
- 3 Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;  
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;  
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:  
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.
- 4 Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:  
be thou mine inheritance now and always;  
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;  
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.
- 5 High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,  
O grant me its joys after victory is won;  
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

*Rop tu mo baile, a Choindiu cride (Irish, 8th century)*

*translated by Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931), versified by Eleanor Henrietta Hull (1860-1935)*

## **GOSPEL READING Mark 8.31-38**

**All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Cantor The Lord is a great God,  
O that today you would listen to his voice.  
Harden not your hearts.

**All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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

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

Jesus began to teach his disciples that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

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 Let us pray to the Father through his Son  
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

*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 Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

*cf Romans 5.1,2*

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 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This our song shall ever be;  
for we have no hope, nor Saviour,  
if we have not hope in thee.
- 2 All for Jesus! thou wilt give us  
strength to serve thee hour by hour;  
none can move us from thy presence  
while we trust thy love and pow'r.
- 3 All for Jesus! at thine altar  
thou wilt give us sweet content;  
there, dear Saviour, we receive thee  
in thy holy sacrament.
- 4 All for Jesus! thou hast loved us,  
all for Jesus! thou hast died,  
all for Jesus! thou art with us,  
all for Jesus, glorified!
- 5 All for Jesus! All for Jesus!  
This the Church's song shall be;  
till at last the flock is gathered  
one in love, and one in thee.

*W. J. Sparrow Simpson, 1887*

### TABLE PRAYER

Minister God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.

All His spirit is with us.

Minister Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.



Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

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

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

**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 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.

All        Amen.

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

## **COMMUNION MOTET** Gordon Steele: Thou art the way

Thou art the way: to Thee alone from sin and death we flee;  
And he who would the Father seek must seek Him, Lord, by Thee.  
Thou art the truth: Thy Word alone, true wisdom can impart;  
Thou only canst inform the mind, and purify the heart.  
Thou art the life: the rending tomb proclaims Thy conquering arm,  
And those who put their trust in Thee nor death nor hell shall harm.  
Thou art the way, the truth, the life; grant us that way to know,  
That truth to keep, that life to win, whose joys eternal flow.

## **HYMN**

- 1 Be thou my guardian and my guide,  
and hear me when I call;  
let not my slippery footsteps slide,  
and hold me lest I fall.
- 2 The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell  
around the path I tread;  
O save me from the snares of hell,  
thou quickener of the dead.
- 3 And if I tempted am to sin,  
and outward things are strong,  
do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,  
and save my soul from wrong.
- 4 Still let me ever watch and pray,  
and feel that I am frail;  
that if the tempter cross my way,  
yet he may not prevail.

*Isaac Williams (1802-1865)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Minister Almighty God,  
you see that we have no power of ourselves  
to help ourselves:  
keep us both outwardly in our bodies,  
and inwardly in our souls;  
that we may be defended from all adversities  
which may happen to the body,  
and from all evil thoughts

which may assault and hurt the soul;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

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 Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my love be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?
- 2 Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?
- 3 Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?
- 4 Will you love the 'you' you hide  
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

*John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)  
Words and Music: From Heaven Shall Not Wait, 1987 © 1987, WGRG, Iona Community*

## BLESSING

Minister Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross, and follow him;  
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 Percy Whitlock: Folk tune

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## 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, 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:** Sylvia Irene Carter, Edith Mary Shelford, Barbara Joan Bean, Winifred Elizabeth Windatt, Richard Lane Felstead, Reginald Worley, Keith Tompkins, Phillip Byles, Joyce Mandeville, Betty Metcalf, Jean Nora Carter, Winston Holder, Henry Jewell, James Burton, James McClusky, James McAndrew, Margaret Rose Barrett, Eva Hornsey, Roy Brown, Winifred Bamford.

## NOTICES

**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.

**A plea for all the gardeners out there:** for a spring fair at All Saints on 20 April 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.

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**Canon Paula will be recovering** from surgery during March and April. During this time please direct pastoral queries to **Canon John** (01933 653140), practical matters to the churchwardens (All Saints: **Bob Townson** 01933 227335, **Mike Jennings** 07811016171; All Hallows: **Jan Smart** 07793213983, **Bob Addie** 01933 223850) and any other queries to **Agnes** (office@allhallowsandallsaintswellingborough.co.uk, 07525705289).

In March and April **Compline** on Sundays will be hosted via Zoom by Michael and Christine Thompson - if you do not receive the revised link and would like it please contact Agnes at the Church Office.

**Morning Prayer** will continue on Tuesdays at 9am via Zoom during Canon Paula's absence but NOT on Thursday mornings. Jess will host this and a revised link will be sent out later this week. If you do not receive this and would like it, please contact Agnes at the Church Office.

## DIARY

### Mon 26 Feb

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

### Tues 27 Feb

#### George Herbert

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

### Wed 28 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 29 Feb

18:15-19:15	St Mary's Church Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers
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### Fri 1 Mar

#### David, Patron of Wales

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 2 Mar

#### Chad

9:00-10:00	Dale End	4 <sup>th</sup> Squirrels
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 Mar

#### Lent 3

8:00-8:30	All Saints	Holy Communion
9:15-10:15	All Saints	Family Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline
19:30-20:30	Dale End	Pegasus Explorers

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