



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Third Sunday of Lent
3 March 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.

Music for the mass setting is available for you on the table by the main door. Feel free to use one but do hand it in at the end of the service.

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

- 1 All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown,
he alone
calls my heart to be his own.
- 2 Human pride and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power,
hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.

- 3 God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light, and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.
- 4 Daily doth th' Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.
- 5 Still from earth to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
one and all:
ye who follow shall not fall.

Robert Seymour Bridges (1844–1930) based on Meine Hoffnung stehet feste, by Joachim Neander (1650–1680)

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:

Eternal God, give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Exodus 20.1-17

Then God spoke all these words: I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery; you shall have no other gods before me.

You shall not make for yourself an idol, whether in the form of anything that is in heaven above, or that is on the earth beneath, or that is in the water under the earth. You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I the LORD your God am a jealous God, punishing children for the iniquity of parents, to the third and the fourth generation of those who reject me, but showing steadfast love to the thousandth generation of those who love me and keep my commandments.

You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the LORD your God, for the LORD will not acquit anyone who misuses his name.

Remember the sabbath day, and keep it holy. Six days you shall labour and do all your work. But the seventh day is a sabbath to the LORD your God; you shall not do any work – you, your son or your daughter, your male or female slave, your livestock, or the alien resident in your towns. For in six days the LORD made heaven and earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but rested the seventh day; therefore the LORD blessed the sabbath day and consecrated it.

Honour your father and your mother, so that your days may be long in the land that the LORD your God is giving you.

You shall not murder.

You shall not commit adultery.

You shall not steal.

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbour.

You shall not covet your neighbour's house; you shall not covet your neighbour's wife, or male or female slave, or ox, or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbour.

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 God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

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

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 1.18-25

The message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

1 Before the throne of God above
I have a strong, a perfect plea:
a great High Priest, whose name is Love,
who ever lives and pleads for me.
My name is graven on his hands,
my name is written on his heart;
I know that while in heaven he stands
no tongue can bid me thence depart,
no tongue can bid me thence depart.

2 When Satan tempts me to despair,
and tells me of the guilt within,
upward I look, and see him there
who made an end of all my sin.

Because the sinless Saviour died,
my sinful soul is counted free;
for God, the Just, is satisfied
to look on him and pardon me,
to look on him and pardon me.

3 Behold him there! the risen Lamb!
my perfect, spotless Righteousness,
the great unchangeable I AM,
the King of glory and of grace!
One with my Lord, I cannot die;
my soul is purchased by his blood;
my life is hid with Christ on high,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God,
with Christ, my Saviour and my God.

Charitie Lees De Chenez (1841–1923)

GOSPEL READING John 2.13-22

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 John.

All/choir Glory to you, O Lord.

The Passover of the Jews was near, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem. In the temple he found people selling cattle, sheep, and doves, and the money-changers seated at their tables. Making a whip of cords, he drove all of them out of the temple, both the sheep and the cattle. He also poured out the coins of the money-changers and overturned their tables. He told those who were selling the doves, 'Take these things out of here! Stop making my Father's house a market-place!' His disciples remembered that it was written, 'Zeal for your house will consume me.'

The Jews then said to him, 'What sign can you show us for doing this?' Jesus answered them, 'Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up.' They then said, 'This temple has been under construction for forty-six years, and will you raise it up in three days?' But he was speaking of the temple of his body. After he was raised from the dead, his disciples remembered that he had said this; and they believed the scripture and the word that Jesus had spoken.

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 The spacious firmament on high,
 with all the blue ethereal sky,
 and spangled heavens, a shining frame,
 their great Original proclaim.
 The unwearied sun from day to day
 does his Creator's power display,
 and publishes to every land
 the work of an almighty hand.
- 2 Soon as the evening shades prevail
 the moon takes up the wondrous tale,
 and nightly to the listening earth
 repeats the story of her birth;
 whilst all the stars that round her burn,
 and all the planets in their turn,
 confirm the tidings, as they roll,
 and spread the truth from pole to pole.

3 What though in solemn silence all
 move round the dark terrestrial ball;
 what though nor real voice nor sound
 amid their radiant orbs be found;
 in reason's ear they all rejoice,
 and utter forth a glorious voice,
 for ever singing as they shine,
 'The hand that made us is divine.'

Joseph Addison (1672–1719) based on Psalm 19.1-6

TABLE PRAYER

Minister God of wisdom,
 may the light of your eternal Word,
 our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
 we ask this in his 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 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 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 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 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 Fairest Lord Jesus. Paul Edwards

Fairest Lord Jesus, Lord of all creation,
Jesus, of God and Mary the Son, Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honour, O thou my soul's delight and crown.
Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands,
Robed in the verdure and bloom of spring,
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes the saddest heart to sing.
Fair are the flowers, fairer still the Sons of men,
In all the freshness of youth arrayed, yet is their beauty fading and fleeting,
My Jesus, thine will never fade. My Jesus, thine will never fade.

HYMN

The final line of each verse is repeated.

- 1 Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
forgive our foolish ways;
re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
in purer lives thy service find,
in deeper reverence praise.
- 2 In simple trust like theirs who heard,
beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord,
let us, like them, without a word
rise up and follow thee.
- 3 O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
where Jesus knelt to share with thee
the silence of eternity,
interpreted by love!
- 4 Drop thy still dews of quietness,
till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress,
and let our ordered lives confess
the beauty of thy peace.
- 5 Breathe through the heats of our desire
thy coolness and thy balm;
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm.

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807–1892)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

- Minister Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace
to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,
and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
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

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| 1 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made. | 2 Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name! |
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from a leaf pasted into the Foundling Hospital Psalms, Hymns and Anthems, London, c.1797

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 William Boyce: Voluntary no. 1 in D major

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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, Canon Paula.

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: David John Coxall, Reginald Hill Carter, Leonard George Tyzack, Jennifer Lamperd, Joan Stoble, Elizabeth Tebbutt, Margaret Alice Charter, Kenneth Wallis, Alice Maud Stevens, Thomas William Bues, Robert Adamson, Fred Thomas Tredgett, Emily Pratt, Milly Barron, Horace William Redman, Peter Blagden-Gamlin, Frank Archibald Peck, Marjorie Bengel, Edwin Turnell, Lilian Croft, John McInnes, Elizabeth Hartwell, George Downes, Pat Salsbury, Marilyn Higgs, Peter Richardson.

NOTICES

Canon Paula is recovering from surgery during March and April. 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 is hosted via Zoom by Michael and Christine Thompson - if you did not receive the revised link and would like it, please contact Agnes at the Church Office.

Morning Prayer continues on Tuesdays at 9am via Zoom during Canon Paula's absence but NOT on Thursday mornings, hosted by Jess. If you did not receive the revised link and would like it, please contact Agnes at the Church Office.

Lent Bible Study Mondays at 19:30 in All Saints' Lady Chapel.

Next Sunday the President and Preacher will be the Archdeacon of Northampton.

Choral Evensong next Sunday at 18:00 at All Hallows.

Bishop Debbie is installed as the new Bishop of Peterborough today at 15:00. Do pray for her and her family.

DIARY

Mon 4 Mar

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
19:30-21:00	All Saints' Lady Chapel	Bible Study

Tues 5 Mar

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

Wed 6 Mar

9:00-10:00	All Saints	school worship
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 7 Mar

Perpetua, Felicity, and their companions

18:15-19:15	St Mary's Church Hall	4 th Beavers
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Fri 8 Mar

Edward King

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 9 Mar

9:00-10:00	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-16:00	Chisholm School, Northampton	Bishops' Bible Day
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 10 Mar

Mothering Sunday

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

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