

Holy Communion All Saints' 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.

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 Awake, my soul, and with the sun thy daily stage of duty run; shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise to pay thy morning sacrifice.
- 2 Redeem thy mis-spent time that's past, and live this day as if thy last; improve thy talent with due care; for the great day thyself prepare.
- Let all thy converse be sincere,
 thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
 think how all-seeing God thy ways
 and all thy secret thoughts surveys.
- 4 Wake, and lift up thyself, my heart, and with the angels bear thy part,

who all night long unwearied sing, high praise to the eternal King.

5 Praise God, from whom all blessings flow, praise him, all creatures here below, praise him above, angelic host, praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

Thomas Ken (1637–1711)

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

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All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Make way, make way, for Christ the King in splendour arrives. Fling wide the gates and welcome him into your lives.
Make way! Make way for the King of kings! Make way! Make way and let his kingdom in!
He comes the broken hearts to heal, the prisoners to free. The deaf shall hear, the lame shall dance, the blind shall see.
And those who mourn with heavy hearts, who weep and sigh, with laughter, joy and royal crown he'll beautify.
We call you now to worship him as Lord of all, to have no other gods but him: their thrones must fall!

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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.

The peace of the Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

cf Romans 5.1,2

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

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

- Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name! In works of sovereign power come shake the earth again, that all may see, and come with reverent fear to the living God, whose kingdom shall outlast the years.
- Restore, O Lord, in all the earth your fame, and in our time revive
 the church that bears your name, and in your anger, Lord, remember mercy, O living God,
 whose mercy shall outlast the years.
- Bend us, O Lord, where we are hard and cold, in your refiner's fire; come purify the gold: though suffering comes, and evil crouches near, still our living God is reigning, he is reigning here.
- Restore, O Lord, the honour of your name!
 In works of sovereign power
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 that all may see, and come with reverent fear
 to the living God,
 whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

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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.

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister All	The Lord is here. His spirit is with us.
Minister All	Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord.
Minister All	Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. 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.

HYMNS

- 1 Christ bids us break the bread and share the cup he gave, in token of the blood he shed for those he died to save.
- 2 It was for us he came,to bear, by human birth,a crown of thorn, a cross of shame,for every child of earth.
- 3 The Saviour crucified in glory rose again: we here remember him who died, ascended now to reign.
- 4 Our hearts his word obey, in thankfulness and love: we feed on Christ by faith today and feast with him above.
- 5 O Christ, once lifted up that we might be forgiven, we take the bread and drink the cup and share the life of heaven.

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1 All heaven declares the glory of the risen Lord. Who can compare with the beauty of the Lord? Forever he will be the Lamb upon the throne; I gladly bow the knee and worship him alone.

I will proclaim the glory of the risen Lord,
 who once was slain to reconcile the world to God.
 Forever you will be the Lamb upon the throne;
 I gladly bow the knee and worship you alone.

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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

 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.

 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!

> from a leaf pasted into the Foundling Hospital Psalms, Hymns and Anthems, London, c.1797 based on Psalm 148

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

MinisterGo in peace to love and serve the Lord.AllIn the name of Christ. Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

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 Benge, 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.

The family of the late John Burton would like to thank you all for your uplifting love, acts of kindness and prayers during the last few weeks of John's life and subsequently his death. We were overwhelmed by your messages of sympathy, gifts of flowers, cards and support at his funeral which was a celebration of John's life and a feast of music which he would have loved. A heartfelt thank you to everyone involved.

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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	
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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