



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Mothering Sunday
10 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 For the beauty of the earth,
for the beauty of the skies,
for the love which from our birth
over and around us lies,

Chorus

*Lord of all, to thee we raise
this our sacrifice of praise.*

2 For the beauty of each hour
the day and of the night,
hill and vale and tree and flower,
sun and moon and stars of light:

3 For the joy of human love,
brother, sister, parent, child,
friends on earth, and friends above,
pleasures pure and undefiled:

4 For each perfect gift of thine,
to our race so freely given,
graces human and divine,
flowers of earth and buds of heaven:

5 For thy church which evermore
lifteth holy hands above,
offering up on every shore
her pure sacrifice of love,

Folliott Sandford Pierpoint (1835-1917)

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.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

Minister In all our services we take time to think about things that have gone wrong, even on a happy day like this.

Mothering Sunday is not happy for everyone: some people here might not have a mother anymore, some might be unable to be mothers, some may have lost a child through death, or lost contact with a child for any number of reasons. Others may have had an unhappy childhood and have painful memories. So as part of saying sorry we are going to think of these situations.

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 the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by your Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

All **Amen.**

COLLECT

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'.

The Collect is said by a member of our congregation:

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

READING Exodus 2.1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him. The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

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| 1 Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer. | 2 And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another
our daily bread. |
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3 Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.

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GOSPEL READING John 19:25-27

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.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

HOMILY

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Minister Today we think especially about being part of a family,
and particularly of how God is both Father and Mother to us.

Let us share together in these words:

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Minister Let us pray to the Lord.

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 Through the Prophet Isaiah, God says,
"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."

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

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| 1 God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth. | 3 Thank you that the Church, our Mother,
gives us bread and fills our cup,
and the comfort of the Spirit
warms our hearts and lifts us up. |
| 2 As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way. | 4 Thank you for belonging, shelter,
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,
and for those who have no children,
yet are parents under God. |

5 God of Eve and God of Mary,
Christ our brother, human Son,
Spirit, caring like a Mother,
take our love and make us one!

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the 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 Lord of all life,
you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.

You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.

You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your praise:

All/choir **Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord, holy is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is and is to come. Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

Minister We thank you, loving Father,
because, when we turned away,
you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross
and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten
he took the cup of wine, gave thanks,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.
As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more
to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for 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, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord! Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord! Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!

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 Charles Stanford : Beati quorum via

Beati quorum via integra est,
qui ambulant in lege Domini.

*Blessed are those whose ways are blameless,
who walk according to the law of the Lord.*

HYMN

- 1 Our Father God in heaven
on whom our world depends,
to you let praise be given
for families and friends;
for parents, sisters, brothers,
a home where love belongs,
but on this day for mothers
we bring our thankful songs.
- 2 What wealth of God's bestowing
for all the world to share!
what strength of heart outgoing
to children everywhere!
Our deepest joys and sorrows
a mother's path must trace,
and earth's unknown tomorrows
are held in her embrace.
- 3 How well we know the story
that tells of Jesus' birth,
the Lord of heaven's glory
become a child of earth;
a helpless infant sleeping,
yet King of realms above,
to find in Mary's keeping
the warmth of human love.
- 4 Our Father God in heaven,
to you we lift our prayer,
that every child be given
such tenderness and care,
where life is all for others,
where love your love displays:
for God's good gift of mothers
let earth unite in praise!

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926)

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

NOTICES

BLESSING THE FLOWERS

The president blesses the flowers.

Minister Loving God, who is both our father and our mother,
we thank you for all the love we have known
in our homes, among our friends, with God's people.

Bless these flowers and as we share them,
may they remind us to be people of thanks,
people of love, and people of joy, in Jesus' name.

All Amen.

HYMN

- 1 He's got the whole world in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 2 He's got you and me, brother, in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 3 He's got you and me, sister, in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 4 He's got the little tiny baby in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 5 He's got everybody here in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 6 He's got the whole world in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.

African-American traditional song

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 Lefebure Wely: March in F 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, 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 email Pat Thomas (pat_@hotmail.co.uk) the name of the person to pray for and the reason why.

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Eric Buchanan, Tom Farrelly, John William Haydn Herrod, Dorothy May Oram, Geoffrey Neil Startin, Ernest Hedley Tutt, Doreen Annie Heathcote, Iris Mary Boulden, Marjorie Manning, Joan Handley, Paul Sanders, Frank Barron, Grace Jenny Mandeville, Frederick Swindall, Harry Bunker, Sidney Dagger, Elsie Worley, Patricia Brown, Keith Haynes, Madge Ashpole, Rosamund Tye, Thomas Cherry, Phyllis Smith, David Scott, John Dickenson, Joseph Cooke, Richard Adams, Jonathan Bates.

NOTICES

Choral Evensong today 18:00, All Hallows.

Final Lent Bible Study this Monday 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

Next Sunday we welcome again Archdeacon Richard as our president and preacher.

Deadline for Spring magazine: Friday 8 March. Please email content to Becky Jones magazine@allhallowsandallsaintswellingborough.co.uk

Easter lilies Contact Ann Harrison (01933 673933) if you would like to order an Easter lily in remembrance of a loved one, with a donation of £3, by 17 March. Also, any contributions towards the cost of Easter flowers would be much appreciated.

Foot washing on Maundy Thursday 28 March Please contact Canon John if you are willing to take part (01933-653140 or revdjohn.westwood55@gmail.com).

4th Wellingborough Scout Group are holding an Easter Egg raffle. If you would like to support them by either buying a raffle ticket or donating an egg, please speak to one of the leaders.

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DIARY

Mon 11 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
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Church Hall	4 th Scouts
19:30-21:00	All Saints' Lady Chapel	Bible Study

Tues 12 Mar

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

Wed 13 Mar

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
16:00-17:00	Zoom	AH Pastoral Team meeting

Thurs 14 Mar

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

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 16 Mar

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 17 Mar

Passion Sunday

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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