



# Holy Communion

## All Saints' Church

Fifth Sunday of Lent  
17 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.*

*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

Chorus *Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
till all the world adore his sacred name.*

- 1 Come, let us follow where our Captain trod,  
our King victorious, Christ the Son of God:
- 2 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
as thou hast promised, draw us unto thee:
- 3 Let every race and every language tell  
of him who saves our souls from death and hell:
- 4 From farthest regions let them homage bring,  
and on his cross adore their Saviour King:
- 5 Set up thy throne, that earth's despair may cease  
beneath the shadow of its healing peace:
- 6 For thy blest cross which doth for all atone  
creation's praises rise before thy throne:

*George William Kitchin (1827–1912) and Michael Robert Newbolt (1874–1956)  
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## 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 God shows his love for us  
in that, while we were still sinners,  
Christ died for us.  
Let us then show our love for him  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*cf Romans 5.8*

## 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'.*

*The Collect is said by a member of our congregation.*

Gracious Father,  
you gave up your Son out of love for the world:  
lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion,  
that we may know eternal peace  
through the shedding of our Saviour's blood,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## **FIRST READING** Jeremiah 31.31-34

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt – a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts; and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another, or say to each other, 'Know the LORD', for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD; for I will forgive their iniquity, and remember their sin no more.

*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 Innocent captive, taken unresisting:  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesus, our Redeemer.

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

## **SECOND READING** Hebrews 5.5-10

Christ did not glorify himself in becoming a high priest, but was appointed by the one who said to him, 'You are my Son, today I have begotten you'; as he says also in another place, 'You are a priest for ever, according to the order of Melchizedek.'

In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to the one who was able to save him from death, and he was heard because of his reverent submission. Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; and having been made perfect, he became the source of eternal salvation for all who obey him, having been designated by God a high priest according to the order of Melchizedek.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All** Thanks be to God.

## **HYMN**

- 1 Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.
- 2 Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.
- 3 Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,

love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

## **GOSPEL READING** John 12.20-33

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

Cantor Christ humbled himself  
and became obedient unto death,  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God has highly exalted him  
and given him the name that is above every name.

**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.**

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, 'Sir, we wish to see Jesus.' Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus.

Jesus answered them, 'The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

'Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say – "Father, save me from this hour"? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.'

Then a voice came from heaven, 'I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.' The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, 'An angel has spoken to him.' Jesus answered, 'This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.' He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

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:*

All Lord, in your mercy,  
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 Once we were far off,  
but now in union with Christ Jesus  
we have been brought near  
through the shedding of Christ's blood,  
for he is our peace.

*cf Ephesians 2.13*

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**

*The final line of each verse is repeated.*

- 1 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
hid in thine earthly home,  
lo, round thy lowly shrine,  
with suppliant hearts we come;  
Jesus, to thee our voice we raise  
in songs of love and heartfelt praise:  
sweet Sacrament divine.
- 2 Sweet Sacrament of peace,  
dear home for every heart,  
where restless yearnings cease  
and sorrows all depart;  
there in thine ear all trustfully  
we tell our tale of misery:  
sweet Sacrament of peace.
- 3 Sweet Sacrament of rest,  
ark from the ocean's roar,  
within thy shelter blest

soon may we reach the shore;  
save us, for still the tempest raves,  
save, lest we sink beneath the waves:  
sweet Sacrament of rest.

4 Sweet Sacrament divine,  
earth's light and jubilee,  
in thy far depths doth shine  
thy Godhead's majesty;  
sweet light, so shine on us, we pray,  
that earthly joys may fade away:  
sweet Sacrament divine.

*Francis Stanfield (1835-1914)*

## 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.

## EUCHARISTIC 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 just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father,  
almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection  
draws near  
the whole world is called  
to acknowledge his hidden majesty.



The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement  
that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
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**

Chorus *Broken for me, broken for you,  
the body of Jesus broken for you.*

1 He offered his body, he poured out his soul,  
Jesus was broken that we might be whole:

- 2 Come to my table and with me dine,  
eat of my bread and drink of my wine:
- 3 This is my body given for you,  
eat it remembering I died for you:
- 4 This is my blood I shed for you,  
for your forgiveness, making you new:

*Janet Lunt (b. 1954)*

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- 1 How deep the Father's love for us,  
how vast beyond all measure,  
that he should give his only Son  
to make a wretch his treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss;  
the Father turns his face away,  
as wounds which mar the chosen One  
bring many souls to glory.
- 2 Behold the man upon a cross,  
my sin upon his shoulders;  
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held him there,  
until it was accomplished;  
his dying breath has brought me life —  
I know that 'it is finished.'
- 3 I will not boast in anything,  
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;  
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,  
his death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from his reward?  
I cannot give an answer;  
but this I know with all my heart,  
his wounds have paid my ransom.

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963)*

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## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Minister Lord Jesus Christ,  
you have taught us  
that what we do for the least of our brothers and sisters  
we do also for you:

give us the will to be the servant of others  
as you were the servant of all,  
and gave up your life and died for us,  
but are alive and reign, now and for ever.

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 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,<br>Saviour, Master, King!<br>Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,<br>hear us as we sing: | 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever<br>high in heaven above!<br>sin and death and hell shall never<br>stifle hymns of love: |
| Chorus<br><i>Yours the glory and the crown,<br/>the high renown, the eternal name.</i>  | 5 So, our hearts and voices raising<br>through the ages long,<br>ceaselessly upon you gazing,<br>this shall be our song:    |
| 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,<br>Son of Man on earth!<br>power and majesty concealing<br>by your humble birth:           |   |
| 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,<br>victim crucified!<br>death is through the cross defeated,<br>sinners justified: |   |

*Michael Saward (b. 1932)*  
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### BLESSING

Minister Christ crucified draw you to himself,  
to find in him a sure ground for faith,  
a firm support for hope,  
and the assurance of sins forgiven;

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** J. S. Bach: Jesu, joy of man's desiring

## 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:** Varbo Harry Cron Ager, Kate Edwards, Alan Dimmer, Frank Arthur Labram, Clara Maud Carter, Kathleen Johnson, Arthur James Brushfield, Caroline Florence Addie, David Biggs, William George Phillips, Alastair Morby, John Rice, Paul Sanders, Ferdinand Buchta, Arthur Jakeman, Walter Wilkinson, Beryl Lowry, Stan Lovell, Ursula Steele, Leonard Gardner, Florence Tarry, Muriel Dagger, Len Gibson, Alice Catchpole, Eric Martin, Yvonne Harrison, John Lowry, John Morgan, Rethe Cherry, Shirley Temple.

## NOTICES

**Short concert and cake afternoon** Saturday 23 March 15:00, All Hallows. With Tony Edwards & Mark Wetherall. Easy listening music and songs, followed by tea and cake. Any donations towards the organ fund at All Hallows.

**Joint Benefice Eucharist** Palm Sunday 24 March 10:00, All Hallows. There will be no 9:15 and 11:15 services, and no Compline.

**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).

**For an Easter lily in remembrance** of a loved one please sign up on the sheet in church.

**Holy Week posters** are available in church. Please take as many as you need, to display in your window during Holy Week.

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

**The Children's Society** supporters have raised £409.30, an increase of £15 on last year's total, which is a remarkable feat considering the number of supporters has reduced quite significantly. The money goes towards supporting vulnerable children and teenagers. Grateful thanks to you all on behalf of the Society. If anybody would like to become a new box holder or support in other ways, let Lynne Burton know.

**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).

**Compline** on Sundays is hosted on Zoom by Michael and Christine Thompson, **Morning Prayer** on Tuesdays only by Jess. If you did not receive the revised link and would like it, please contact Agnes at the Church Office.

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## DIARY

### Mon 18 Mar

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 19 Mar

#### Joseph of Nazareth

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

### Wed 20 Mar

#### Cuthbert

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 21 Mar

#### Thomas Cranmer

18:15-19:15	St Mary's Church Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers
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### Fri 22 Mar

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 23 Mar

9:00-10:00	Dale End	4 <sup>th</sup> Squirrels
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
15:00-17:00	All Hallows	short concert & cake

### Sun 24 Mar

#### Palm Sunday

10:00-11:00	All Hallows	Benefice Eucharist
19:30-21:30	Dale End	Pegasus Explorers

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