



## Holy Communion

### All Hallows Church

Easter Sunday  
31 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.

We are honoured to welcome **Bishop John**, the Bishop of Brixworth, as our president and preacher this morning

*All 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.

*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.

*Refreshments are served before the service, feel free to take your drink to your pew.*

*There is no music prior to the service. At the sound of the bell* the congregation stand. The choir process to the choir stalls and the clergy team process to the back of the church.

### THE EASTER CANDLE

*The ministers remain at the back of the church for the lighting of the Easter candle.*

Bishop Christ yesterday and today,  
All the beginning and the end,

Bishop Alpha and Omega, all time belongs to him, and all ages;  
All to him be glory and power,  
through every age and for ever. Amen.

Bishop By his holy and glorious wounds  
may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.  
All Amen.

*The president lights the Easter candle with a taper, saying:*

Bishop    May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
              banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

*The ministers and the candle bearer pause at the font, halfway down the church, and at the front. The candle is raised each time as the deacon says:*

Deacon    The light of Christ.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

*The candle is placed in the stand and the altar candles are lit from the Paschal candle.*

Bishop    This is the day  
              when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead,  
              crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death.

Throughout the world Christians celebrate the mighty power of God  
as Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light.

May we, and all Christ's people,  
shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

**All            He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!**

## **HYMN**

1            Jesus Christ is risen to-day,    *Alleluia.*  
              our triumphant holy day,    *Alleluia.*  
              who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia.*  
              suffer to redeem our loss.    *Alleluia.*

2            Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia.*  
              unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia.*  
              who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia.*  
              sinners to redeem and save.    *Alleluia.*

3            But the pains that he endured    *Alleluia.*  
              our salvation have procured;    *Alleluia.*  
              now above the sky he's King,    *Alleluia.*  
              where the angels ever sing.    *Alleluia.*

*Lyra Davidica (1708) and others*

## **GREETING**

Bishop    In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

**All            Amen.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Bishop Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

*Words of welcome may be said. The Bishop moves to bless the Easter Garden.*

## **THE BLESSING OF THE EASTER GARDEN**

Bishop Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,  
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

To you be glory now and for ever.

In your mercy you have given us a new birth into a living hope  
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing,

may we who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory  
be strengthened in faith,

know the power of his presence,

and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

## **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.**

## **CONFESSION**

Deacon Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.

Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil,  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

*Silence may be kept.*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*cf Hosea 6*

## ABSOLUTION

Bishop May the Father of all mercies  
cleanse you from your sins,  
and restore you in his image  
to the praise and glory of his name,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## GLORIA

All/choir Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us:  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen.

## COLLECT

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said by a member of our congregation:*

God of glory,  
by the raising of your Son  
you have broken the chains of death and hell:  
fill your Church with faith and hope;  
for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open  
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sing the Easter Anthems.*

## EASTER ANTHEMS

- 1 Christ our passover is sacrificed for us : therefore let us keep the feast.
- 2 Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness :  
but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
- 3 Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more :  
death has no more dominion over him.
- 4 For in that, he died unto sin once :  
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
- 5 Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin :  
but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord.
- 6 Christ is risen from the dead :  
and became the first fruits of them that slept.
- 7 For since by man came death :  
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
- 8 For as in Adam all die : even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son :  
and to the Holy Ghost.  
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be :  
world without end. Amen.

## **SECOND READING** 1 Corinthians 15.1.11

would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you – unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them – though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

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| 1 Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,<br>your sweetest notes employ,<br>the Paschal victory to hymn<br>in strains of holy joy.                              | 4 Triumphant in his glory now<br>his sceptre ruleth all,<br>earth, heaven, and hell before him bow,<br>and at his footstool fall.    |
| 2 How Judah's Lion burst his chains,<br>and crushed the serpent's head;<br>and brought with him, from death's domains,<br>the long-imprisoned dead. | 5 While joyful thus his praise we sing,<br>his mercy we implore,<br>into his palace bright to bring<br>and keep us evermore.         |
| 3 From hell's devouring jaws the prey<br>alone our Leader bore;<br>his ransomed hosts pursue their way<br>where he hath gone before.                | 6 All glory to the Father be,<br>all glory to the Son,<br>all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,<br>while endless ages run. Alleluia! Amen. |

*Chorus novæ Jerusalem. St Fulbert of Chartres (d. 1028) translated by Robert Campbell (1814–1868)*

## **GOSPEL READING** John 20.1-18

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Choir 'I am the first and the last, and the living one;  
I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore'.

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Deacon Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.' Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All/choir Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **SERMON**

## THE RENEWAL OF BAPTISMAL VOWS

Bishop In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.  
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

**All I reject them.**

Bishop Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

**All I renounce them.**

Bishop Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

**All I repent of them.**

Bishop Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

**All I turn to Christ.**

Bishop Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

**All I submit to Christ.**

Bishop Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

**All I come to Christ.**

Bishop May almighty God  
who has given you the desire to follow Christ  
give you the strength to continue in the way.

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Bishop Let us pray to the Father,  
who loved the world so much  
that he sent his only Son to give us life.

*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

Bishop The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples  
and said, 'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia!

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

*During the preparation of the altar the choir sing.*

**ANTHEM** R. V. William: Let all the world in every corner sing

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"  
The heav'ns are not too high, God's praise may thither fly;  
the earth is not too low, God's praises there may grow.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"  
The church with psalms must shout: no door can keep them out.  
But, more than all, the heart must bear the longest part.  
Let all the world in every corner sing, "My God and King!"

## TABLE PRAYER

Bishop With this bread that we bring

All **we shall remember Jesus.**

Bishop With this wine that we bring

All **we shall remember Jesus.**

Bishop Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.

All **We shall remember Jesus.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Bishop The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

Bishop Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Bishop It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
say for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All/choir Holy, holy holy Lord, God of power and 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.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

Bishop Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All** Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Bishop And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,  
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;  
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,  
and looking for his coming in glory,  
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
we bring before you this bread and this cup  
and we thank you for counting us worthy  
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people  
and gather into one in your kingdom  
all who share this one bread and one cup,  
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,  
may praise and glorify you for ever,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory be yours,  
almighty Father, for ever and ever.

**All** Amen.

*Silence may be kept.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Bishop Seeking the salvation of the world,  
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.*

Bishop 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: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us peace.

## **GIVING OF COMMUNION**

Bishop Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

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

## **COMMUNION MOTET** Barry Rose: Risen Lord

Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things:  
Love, laughter, bread, wine and dreams.  
Fill us with green, growing hope.  
Risen Lord, make us a people whose song is Alleluia,  
Whose sign is peace and whose name is love.  
Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things  
And to sing Alleluia.

## **HYMN**

- 1 Love's redeeming work is done;  
fought the fight, the battle won:  
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,  
lo, he sets in blood no more.
- 2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;  
Christ has burst the gates of hell;  
death in vain forbids his rise;  
Christ has opened paradise.
- 3 Lives again our glorious King;  
where, O death, is now thy sting?

dying once, he all doth save;  
where thy victory, O grave?

4 Soar we now where Christ has led,  
following our exalted Head;  
made like him, like him we rise;  
ours the cross, the grave, the skies.

5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!  
Praise to thee by both be given:  
thee we greet triumphant now;  
hail, the Resurrection Thou!

*Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

## **PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

Bishop God of Life,  
who for our redemption  
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,  
and by his glorious resurrection  
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:  
grant us so to die daily to sin,  
that we may evermore live with him  
in the joy of his risen life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **NOTICES**

*Thanks to all who have decorated our church for Easter.*

## HYMN

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;  
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,  
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Chorus *Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,  
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;  
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;  
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,  
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;  
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;  
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;  
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

*A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité - Edmond Budry (1854-1932), tr. Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)*

## BLESSING

Bishop The God of peace,  
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,  
that great shepherd of the sheep,  
through the blood of the eternal covenant,  
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,  
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;  
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

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** Henri Mulet: Carillion Sortie

## 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:** Evelyn May Lorentzen, Helen Emma Tredgett, Donald Cock, Merville Thomas, Frederick Albert Lambert, Iris Bird, Beryl Metcalf, Mary Anstead, Arthur Davies, Bill Wych, Jane Cosford, Wendy Buckby, Kevin Andrew Thomas, Elspeth Gordon, Ian Cox, Baby Kevin Thomas, Ernest Fensome, Baby Dodkins.

## NOTICES

A **poppy cascade** is being knitted/crocheted by All Hallows' MU members for Remembrance Day. Can you help make poppies? Patterns can be found on the internet or collected from the church. More details from Gwin Desborough.

**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).

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## DIARY

### Mon 1 Apr

### Easter Monday

### Tues 2 Apr

9:00-9:30

Zoom

Morning Prayer

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

### Wed 3 Apr

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 4 Apr

### Fri 5 Apr

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 6 Apr

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

9:30-10:15

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MU Holy Communion

10:15-10:45

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Benefice Prayer Group

10:30-12:30

All Hallows

open to the public

### Sun 7 Apr

### Easter 2

8:00-8:30

All Saints

Holy Communion

9:15-10:15

All Saints

Family Eucharist

11:15-12:15

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Eucharist

18:00-18:30

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Compline

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