



Holy Communion All Saints' 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 today.

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.

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.

After the service refreshments are served at the back of church, please do join us.

When the bell sounds the altar party and choir process to the Easter Garden via the North Door. Those in the congregation who wish to may follow the choir outside for the blessing of 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.**

After the blessing of the garden the choir lead the congregation back into church.

THE EASTER CANDLE

The ministers gather at the back of the church.

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.

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, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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, have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

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. [x2]

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

HYMN

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| 1 Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthrall us.
<i>Alleluia.</i> | 4 Jesus lives! our hearts know well
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
<i>Alleluia.</i> |
| 2 Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
<i>Alleluia.</i> | 5 Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
<i>Alleluia</i> |
| 3 Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
<i>Alleluia.</i> | |

*Christian Fürchtegott Gellert (1715–1769) tr. Frances
Elizabeth Cox (1812–1897)*

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, 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.**

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, 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

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

Refrain

Alleluia, alleluia,

give thanks to the risen Lord;

alleluia, alleluia,

give praise to His name.

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth,
He is the King of creation.

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth,
Jesus has died and has risen.

3 We have been crucified with Christ;
Now we shall live for ever.

4 God has proclaimed the just reward,
Life for us all, alleluia.

5 Come, let us praise the living God,
Joyfully sing to our Saviour:

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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

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).

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

All Hallows

MU Holy Communion

10:15-10:45

All Hallows

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

All Hallows

Eucharist

18:00-18:30

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