



## Holy Communion

All Saints' Church

Second Sunday of Easter

7 April 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.*

*We welcome today Revd Haydon Spenceley as our president and preacher. We have David Lawrence at the organ, and the choir is on Easter holiday.*

### HYMN

- 1 Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!  
Now is the triumph of our King.  
To all the world glad news we bring:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*
- 2 The Lord of Life is risen for ay:  
bring flowers of song to strew his way;  
let all the earth rejoice and say:
- 3 Praise we in songs of victory  
that Love, that Life, which cannot die,  
and sing with hearts uplifted high:
- 4 Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,  
and sing to-day with one accord  
the life laid down, the life restored:

*Cyril Argentine Alington (1872-1955, Words: © Hymns Ancient & Modern Ltd*

## **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.

Minister 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*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

Minister God, the Father of mercies,  
has reconciled the world to himself  
through the death and resurrection of his Son, Jesus Christ,  
not counting our trespasses against us,  
but sending his Holy Spirit  
to shed abroad his love among us.  
By the ministry of reconciliation  
entrusted by Christ to his Church,  
receive his pardon and peace  
to stand before him in his strength alone,  
this day and evermore.

All Amen.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,  
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,  
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,  
at God's right hand in majesty most high:  
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:  
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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## 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.*

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:  
open the doors of our hearts,  
that we may seek the good of others  
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,  
to the praise of God the Father.

All Amen.

## **FIRST READING** Acts 4.32-35

The whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING** 1 John 1.1-2.2

We declare to you what was from the beginning, what we have heard, what we have seen with our eyes, what we have looked at and touched with our hands, concerning the word of life – this life was revealed, and we have seen it and testify to it, and declare to you the eternal life that was with the Father and was revealed to us – we declare to you what we have seen and heard so that you also may have fellowship with us; and truly our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. We are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light and in him there is no darkness at all. If we say that we have fellowship with him while we are walking in darkness, we lie and do not do what is true; but if we walk in the light as he himself is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say that we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he who is faithful and just will forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say that we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

My little children, I am writing these things to you so that you may not sin. But if anyone does sin, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world.

*At the end the reader may say*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## HYMN

- 1 If Christ had not been raised from death  
our faith would be in vain,  
our preaching but a waste of breath,  
our sin and guilt remain.  
But now the Lord is risen indeed;  
he rules in earth and heaven:  
his gospel meets a world of need —  
in Christ we are forgiven.
- 2 If Christ still lay within the tomb  
then death would be the end,  
and we should face our final doom  
with neither guide nor friend.  
But now the Saviour is raised up,  
so when a Christian dies  
we mourn, yet look to God in hope —  
in Christ the saints arise!
- 3 If Christ had not been truly raised  
his Church would live a lie;  
his name should nevermore be praised,  
his words deserve to die.  
but now our great Redeemer lives;  
through him we are restored:  
his word endures, his Church revives  
in Christ, our risen Lord.

*Christopher Idle (b. 1938) based on 1 Corinthians 15.12-20*

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## GOSPEL READING John 20.19-31

**All Alleluia.**

Cantor I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

**All Alleluia.**

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

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

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among

them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

## SERMON

*After the Sermon silence may be kept.*

## 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 Lord who has conquered death.

*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 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.

*cf John 20.19*

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

- 1 Alleluia, sing to Jesus!  
His the sceptre, his the throne;  
alleluia, his the triumph,  
his the victory alone:  
hark, the songs of peaceful Sion  
thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
hath redeemed us by his blood.
- 2 Alleluia, not as orphans  
are we left in sorrow now;  
alleluia, he is near us,  
faith believes, nor questions how:  
though the cloud from sight received him,  
when the forty days were o'er,  
shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore?'
- 3 Alleluia, bread of angels,  
thou on earth our food, our stay;  
alleluia, here the sinful  
flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
where the songs of all the sinless  
sweep across the crystal sea.
- 4 Alleluia, King eternal,  
thee the Lord of lords we own;  
alleluia, born of Mary,  
earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
thou within the veil hast entered,  
robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
in the eucharistic feast.

*William Chatterton Dix (1837-1898)*



## TABLE PRAYER

Minister With this bread that we bring

**All we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister With this wine that we bring

**All we shall remember Jesus.**

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

**All We shall remember Jesus.**

## 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 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  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All 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 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

**All 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!**

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**            **Glory, glory, glory to the Lord; glory to the Lord God almighty.  
Glory, glory, glory to the Lord; glory to the Lord God almighty,  
who was, and is, and is to come. Glory, glory, glory to the Lord!**

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister 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.*

## HYMNS

1 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed,  
for thy flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread;  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.

2 Vine of heaven, thy blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,  
to thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
grafted, rooted, built in thee.

*Josiah Conder (1789-1855)*

1 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love,  
and do what thou wouldst do.

2 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
until my heart is pure;  
until with thee I will one will,  
to do and to endure.

3 Breathe on me, Breath of God,  
till I am wholly thine;  
until this earthly part of me  
glows with thy fire divine.

4 Breathe on me, Breath of God:  
so shall I never die,  
but live with thee the perfect life  
of thine eternity.

*Edwin Hatch (1835-1889)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Lord God our Father,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ  
you have assured your children of eternal life  
and in baptism have made us one with him:  
deliver us from the death of sin  
and raise us to new life in your love,  
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

### HYMN

- 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,  
he is my light, my strength, my song;  
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
here in the love of Christ I stand.
- 2 In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,  
fullness of God in helpless babe!  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
scorned by the ones he came to save:  
till on that cross as Jesus died,

the wrath of God was satisfied —  
for every sin on him was laid;  
here in the death of Christ I live.

3 There in the ground his body lay,  
light of the world by darkness slain:  
Then bursting forth in glorious day  
up from the grave he rose again!  
And as he stands in victory  
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,  
for I am his and he is mine —  
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
this is the power of Christ in me;  
from life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man,  
can ever pluck me from his hand;  
till he returns or calls me home,  
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)*  
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## BLESSING

Minister 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

Minister Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** J. S. Bach: Heut' triumphiret Gottes Sohn BWV 630

## 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:** George Arthur Goodwin Hacksley, Jean Butler, Sharon Keevil, Margaret Lucy Stephenson, Ricky David Biggs, Frank Edward Gadd, William Clive Bellamy, Peggy Willard, Mary Gormand, Angela Pelling, Marjory Riley, Olive Butler, Graham Spencer, Michael Thompson, Charles Saunby, Rose Lymn, Benjamin Walker, James Scobie, Ken Metcalf.

## NOTICES

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** will be held in church on Sunday 19 May after the 9:15 Family Eucharist. All welcome.

**New Bible Study Groups** on the Book of Jonah, to meet monthly, starting Tuesday 7 May 14:00 in All Hallows Hall, and Monday 13 May 19:30 in All Saints' Church (Lady Chapel). All welcome - more information from Canon John.

**Deanery Mothers' Union celebration for Lady Day** Monday 8 April 14:00, All Hallows Hall.

**Tea @2** Tuesday 14:00, St Andrew's Hall.

**Choral Evensong** next Sunday 18:00, All Hallows.

**Mayor's concert** Saturday 13 April 19:30, All Hallows. Tickets £10.

**All Saints' Community Open Day and Spring Fair** Saturday 20 April 10:00-14:00, All Saints. We would be grateful for donations of plants/seedlings for the plant stall.

**Canon Paula is recovering** from surgery until May. 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 8 Apr**

**Annunciation**

**Tues 9 Apr**

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 10 Apr**

**William Law**

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 11 Apr**

**Fri 12 Apr**

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

19:30-21:00

All Hallows

adult choir practice

**Sat 13 Apr**

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

10:30-12:30

All Hallows

open to the public

**Sun 14 Apr**

**Easter 3**

9:15-10:15

All Saints

Family Eucharist

11:15-12:15

All Hallows

Eucharist

18:00-19:00

All Hallows

Choral Evensong

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