



Holy Communion with Baptism

All Saints' Church

Third Sunday of Easter

14 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.

HYMN

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| 1 We have a gospel to proclaim,
good news for all throughout
the earth;
the gospel of a Saviour's name:
We sing his glory, tell his worth. | 4 Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
empty the tomb, for he was free.
He broke the power of death
and hell
that we might share his victory. |
| 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem
not in a royal house or hall
but in a stable dark and dim,
the Word made flesh, a light for all. | 5 Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
by all creation glorified.
He sends his Spirit on his church
to live for him, the Lamb who died. |
| 3 Tell of his death at Calvary,
hated by those he came to save,
in lonely suffering on the cross;
for all he loved his life he gave. | 6 Now we rejoice to name him King:
Jesus is Lord of all the earth.
This gospel-message we proclaim:
we sing his glory, tell his worth.` |

Edward Joseph Burns (b. 1938) Words: © By kind permission of the author

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.

INTRODUCTION

Minister Our Lord Jesus Christ has told us
that to enter the kingdom of heaven
we must be born again of water and the Spirit,
and has given us baptism
as the sign and seal of this new birth.

Here we are washed by the Holy Spirit,
and made clean.

Here we are clothed with Christ,
dying to sin that we may live his risen life.

As children of God, we have a new dignity,
and God calls us to fullness of life.

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,
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life
and fill us with your peace,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

READING Acts 3.12-19

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? The

God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. But you rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

HYMN

Chorus *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 the world, alleluia:
- 5 Come, let us praise the living God,
joyfully sing to our Saviour:

Donald Fishel (b. 1950)

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GOSPEL READING Luke 24.36b-48

All/choir Alleluia.

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

All/choir Alleluia.

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

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

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet.

While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' They gave him a piece of broiled fish, and he took it and ate in their presence.

Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you - that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

REFLECTION

After the Reflection silence may be kept.

PRESENTATION OF THE BAPTISM CANDIDATE

The minister invites the baptism candidate, parents and godparents to join them.

Minister Faith is the gift of God to his people.

In baptism the Lord is adding to our number
those whom he is calling.

We thank God for *Michelle*
who has come to be baptised today.
Christ loves her and welcomes her into his Church.

So I ask you all:

Will you support *Michelle* as she begins her journey of faith?

All **We will.**

Will you help her to live and grow within God's family?
All We will.

The minister asks the parents and godparents:

God knows each of us by name and we are his.

Parents and godparents,
you speak for *Michelle* today.

Will you pray for her, and help her to follow Christ?

Parents and godparents reply:

We will.

Minister Will you support her on her journey of faith?
We will.

THE DECISION

Minister We all wander far from God and lose our way.
Christ comes to find us and welcomes us home.
In baptism we respond to his call.

Therefore I ask you:
Do you turn away from sin?

The parents and godparents reply:

I do.

Minister Do you reject evil?
I do.

Minister Do you turn to Christ as saviour?
I do.

Minister Do you trust in him as Lord?
I do.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross using the oil of Chrism on the forehead of the candidate, saying:

Minister *Michelle*, Christ claims you for his own.
Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed of Christ crucified.
You are his forever.

All Stand bravely with him against all powers of evil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

Minister May almighty God
deliver you from the powers of darkness,
restore in you the image of his glory,
and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

All Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

The minister, candidate, parents and godparents move to the font.

The congregation turns towards the font.

Minister We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptised in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptise all who turn to him.

Now, Father,
we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptised in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

All Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

Minister Let us affirm,
together with *Michelle* who is being baptised,
our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All I believe and trust in him.

Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Son
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

All I believe and trust in him.

Minister Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

All **I believe and trust in him.**

Minister This is the faith of the Church.

All **This is our faith.**

We believe and trust in one God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

BAPTISM

The minister pours water on the candidate.

Minister *Michelle*, I baptise you in the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

Minister *Michelle*,

today God has touched you with his love
and given you a place among his people.

God promises to be with you in joy and in sorrow,
to be your guide in life,
and to bring you safely to heaven.

In baptism God invites you on a life-long journey.

Together with all God's people
you must explore the way of Jesus
and grow in friendship with God,
in love for his people, and in serving others.
With us you will listen to the word of God
and receive the gifts of God.

WELCOME AND PEACE

Minister There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism.
By one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

All **We welcome you into the fellowship of faith;
we are children of the same heavenly Father;
we welcome you.**

Minister We are all one in Christ Jesus.
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you,
All and also with you.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

HYMN

- 1 It is a thing most wonderful,
almost too wonderful to be,
that God's own Son should come
from heaven,
and die to save a child like me.
- 2 And yet I know that it is true:
he chose a poor and humble lot,
and wept and toiled and mourned
and died
for love of those who loved him not.
- 3 I cannot tell how he could love
a child so weak and full of sin;
his love must be most wonderful,
if he could die my love to win.
- 4 I sometimes think about the cross,
and shut my eyes, and try to see
the cruel nails and crown of thorns,
and Jesus crucified for me. `
- 5 But even could I see him die,
I could but see a little part
of that great love which, like a fire,
is always burning in his heart.
- 6 It is most wonderful to know
his love for me so free and sure;
but 'tis more wonderful to see
my love for him so faint and poor.
- 7 And yet I want to love thee, Lord;
O light the flame within my heart,
and I will love thee more and
more,
until I see thee as thou art.

William Walsham How (1823-1867) `

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 Blessed are you, Lord God,
our light and our salvation;
to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things
and all your works echo the silent music of your praise.

In the fullness of time you made us in your image,
the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech,
that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven
we may find a voice to sing your praise:

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

Minister How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord.
As a mother tenderly gathers her children,
you embraced a people as your own.
When they turned away and rebelled
your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour,
born of Mary, to be the living bread
in whom all our hungers are satisfied.

He offered his life for sinners,
and with a love stronger than death
he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died,
he came to supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he gave you thanks.
He broke it and gave it to them, saying:

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

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, 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.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

All/choir Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord! Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord! Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord!

Minister Father, we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross;
we remember his dying and rising in glory,
and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

Pour out your Holy Spirit
as we bring before you these gifts of your creation;
may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence,
form us in the likeness of Christ,
and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Remember, Lord, your Church in every land.
Reveal her unity, guard her faith,
and preserve her in peace.

Bring us at the last with [*N and*] all the saints
to the vision of that eternal splendour
for which you have created us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,

by whom, with whom, and in whom,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise.

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 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.

COMMUNION MOTET

1 This joyful Eastertide,
 away with sin and sorrow.
 My Love, the Crucified,
 hath sprung to life this morrow:

*Chorus Had Christ, that once was slain,
 ne'er burst his three-day prison,
 our faith had been in vain:
 but now hath Christ arisen.*

- 2 My flesh in hope shall rest,
and for a season slumber:
till trump from east to west
shall wake the dead in number:
- 3 Death's flood hath lost its chill,
since Jesus crossed the river:
Lover of souls, from ill
my passing soul deliver:

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848-1934)

HYMN

- 1 I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

*Chorus Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.*

- 2 I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send?
- 3 I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.

I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Eternal God, our beginning and our end,
preserve in your people the new life of baptism.

As Christ receives us on earth,
so may he guide us through the trials of this world,
and enfold us in the joy of heaven,
where you live and reign,
one God for ever and ever.

All Amen.

All Faithful God,
in baptism you have adopted us as your children,
made us members of the body of Christ
and chosen us as inheritors of your kingdom.

We thank you that in this Eucharist
you renew your promises within us;
empower us by your Spirit
to witness and to serve,
and send us out as disciples of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

NOTICES

HYMN

Sing this through three times.

You shall go out with joy
and be led forth with peace,
and the mountains and the hills
shall break forth before you.
There'll be shouts of joy,
and the trees of the field
shall clap, shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,

and the trees of the field shall clap their hands,
and you'll go out with joy.

Stuart Dauermann (b. 1944) based on Isaiah 55.12

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BLESSING

Minister God, who in his Christ gives us
a spring of water welling up to eternal life,
perfect in you the image of his glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you, and remain with you always.

All Amen.

GIVING A LIGHTED CANDLE

The minister gives the baptised a candle lit from the Paschal candle, saying:

Minister God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.

*Michelle, you have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.*

All Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.

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: Toccata in C

REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Phyllis Irene Neville, Edward Charles Pendred, Hugh Herbert Williams, Betty Thomas, Terry Jeffrey, Sylvia Patrick, Ian Mullis, Susan Bailey, Abigail O'Keeffe, John Steele, Kay Carey, Audrey Radford, Molly Marland, Eric Poole, William Barker, Henry Renk, Susan Haines, Mavis James, William Wooding, Robert Worley, Tim Gatenby, Doris Plackett.

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.

NOTICES

Choral Evensong today 18:00, All Hallows. The officiant will be the Revd Jenny Bland, the Rural Dean of Wellingborough.

All Saints' Community Open Day and Spring Fair Saturday 20 April 10:00-14:00. If you have donations of plants, jigsaws, cakes, chocolate, tombola or raffle prizes, or if you can lend us small patio/camping/occasional tables for our café, then please either bring them to church from 14:00 on Friday or on Saturday morning, or message Helen to arrange pick-up. If you want to join in the Bake off competition, pick up the recipes from church or email Helen. There is one competition for adults and one for children. Your entries need to be dropped off before Saturday 10:30. Helen's contacts: 07816996849 / mummyjennings@hotmail.com

Concert of light piano music and tenor solos Saturday 20 April 16:00, All Hallows.

Quiz night & Bangers & Mash in aid of Bowel Cancer UK Saturday 27 April 19:00, All Hallows Hall. Tickets £5 per adult, under 16s free, from Bob Addie. Please sign the sheet in church for dietary requirements.

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.

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

4th Wellingborough Scouts' Easter Egg raffle Thank you to all who bought tickets. The group raised £150 in total. We still have some unclaimed prizes, please bring your tickets along to check if you have won.

Canon Paula is recovering from surgery until May. Please direct pastoral queries to *Canon John* (01933 653140), practical matters to the churchwardens (*Bob Townson* 01933 227335, *Mike Jennings* 07811016171) and any other queries to *Agnes* (office@allhallowsandallsaintswellingborough.co.uk, 07525705289).

DIARY

Mon 15 Apr

9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
18:00-19:00	St Mary's Church Hall	4 th Cubs
19:30-20:30	St Mary's Church Hall	4 th Scouts

Tues 16 Apr

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

Wed 17 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 18 Apr

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

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9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Hallows	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Hallows	adult choir practice

Sat 20 Apr

9:00-10:00	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-14:00	All Saints	Spring Fair & Community Event
16:00-17:00	All Hallows	Piano concert & tenor solos
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 21 Apr

Easter 4

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Family Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Eucharist
19:30-21:30	All Hallows Hall	Pegasus Explorers

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