



Holy Communion

All Saints' Church

Sixth Sunday of Easter

5 May 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 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.

*During the service our **children and young people** are invited to join Y.E.S. (Young Eager Saints). They meet at the children's area before the service, then move to the Lady Chapel.*

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 at the back of the church. Alternatively you can scan the QR code on the last page.

HYMN

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| 1 Christ is the one who calls,
the one who loved and came,
to whom by right it falls
to bear the highest name:
and still today
our hearts are stirred
to hear his word
and walk his way. | 3 Christ is the one who died
forsaken and betrayed;
who, mocked and crucified,
the price of pardon paid.
Our dying Lord,
what grief and loss,
what bitter cross,
our souls restored! |
| 2 Christ is the one who seeks,
to whom our souls are known.
The word of love he speaks
can wake a heart of stone;
for at that sound
the blind can see,
the slave is free,
the lost are found. | 4 Christ is the one who rose
in glory from the grave,
to share his life with those
whom once he died to save.
He drew death's sting
and broke its chains,
who lives and reigns,
our risen King. |

5 Christ is the one who sends,
his story to declare;
who calls his servants friends
and gives them news to share.
His truth proclaim
in all the earth,
his matchless worth
and saving name.

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GREETING

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

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

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/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'. The Collect is said by a member of our congregation.

Risen Christ,
by the lakeside you renewed your call to your disciples:
help your Church to obey your command
and draw the nations to the fire of your love,
to the glory of God the Father.

All **Amen.**

FIRST READING Acts 10.44-48

While Peter was speaking, the Holy Spirit fell upon all who heard the word. The circumcised believers who had come with Peter were astounded that the gift of the Holy Spirit had been poured out even on the Gentiles, for they heard them speaking in tongues and extolling God. Then Peter said, 'Can anyone withhold the water for baptizing these people who have received the Holy Spirit just as we have?' So he ordered them to be baptized in the name of Jesus Christ. Then they invited him to stay for several days.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING 1 John 5.1-6

Everyone who believes that Jesus is the Christ has been born of God, and everyone who loves the parent loves the child. By this we know that we love the children of God, when we love God and obey his commandments. For the love of God is this, that we obey his commandments. And his commandments are not burdensome, for whatever is born of God conquers the world. And this is the victory that conquers the world, our faith. Who is it that conquers the world but the one who believes that Jesus is the Son of God?

This is the one who came by water and blood, Jesus Christ, not with the water only but with the water and the blood. And the Spirit is the one that testifies, for the Spirit is the truth.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hand hath made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Chorus Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God to thee,
'How great thou art! How great thou art!'

2 When through the woods and forest glades I wander
and hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
when I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
and hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

3 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin:

4 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home — what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration
and there proclaim, 'My God, how great thou art!'

Stuart K. Hine (1899–1989)

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GOSPEL READING John 15.9-17

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!

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

All/choir Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'As the Father has loved me, so I have loved you; abide in my love. If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. I have said these things to you so that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be complete.

'This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. No one has greater love than this, to lay down one's life for one's friends. You are my friends if you do what I command you. I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. You did not choose me but I chose you. And I appointed you to go and bear fruit, fruit that will last, so that the Father will give you whatever you ask him in my name. I am giving you these commands so that you may love one another.'

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.

A member of the congregation says the intercessions. 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 Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone,
living and dying, rising again;
love, only love, is his way.

2 Love is his way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve;
love, only love, is his mark.

Chorus
*Richer than gold
is the love of my Lord,
better than splendour and wealth.*

3 Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
Love, only love, is his sign.

- 4 Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
Love, only love, is his news.
- 5 Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
sisters and brothers, parents and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.
- 6 Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another; I have loved you.'
Love, only love, is his law.
- 7 Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one;
love, only love, is his word.

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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/choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Minister We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

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

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

So, Father,
we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you
the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Deacon Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Minister Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Silence may be kept.

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power, and the glory
for ever and ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Minister We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All/choir **Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].**

**Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace [x4].**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister 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.

HYMN

1 Think of a world without any flowers,
think of a wood without any trees,
think of a sky without any sunshine,
think of the air without any breeze.
*We thank you, Lord, for flowers and trees and sunshine,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

2 Think of a world without any animals,
think of a field without any herd,
think of a stream without any fishes,
think of a dawn without any bird.
*We thank you, Lord, for all your living creatures,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

3 Think of a world without any people,
think of a street with no-one living there,
think of a town without any houses,
no-one to love and nobody to care.
*We thank you, Lord, for families and friendships,
we thank you, Lord, and praise your holy name.*

COMMUNION MOTET a short organ voluntary

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister God our Father,
whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
may we thirst for you,
the spring of life and source of goodness,
through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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 Morning has broken, like the first morning;
blackbird has spoken, like the first bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!
- 2 Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the first dewfall on the first grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where his feet pass.
- 3 Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!
Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!

Eleanor Farjeon (1881–1965)

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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

Royal Knights: A Ceremonial March by Christopher Tambling

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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: Beryl Billing, Brian Tivey, Norman Farmer, Henry Bertram Griffin, Ida Clark, Beryl Binstead, Freda Sanders, Fred Hodson, Arthur Victor Payne, Phyllis Layton, Jack Knight, Stella Warby, Peter John Gordon, John Corbett, Brian Crowhurst, John Dicks, Bernard Campbell, Kerry Woods, Mary Roberts, Geoffrey Ashpole, Doreen Meiklejohn, Malcolm Sherwood, Arthur Payne.

NOTICES

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.

Ascension Day Sung Eucharist Thursday 9 May 19:30, All Saints.

Informal Celtic Eucharist Saturday 11 May 9:30, All Saints.

Piano concert with tea and cake Saturday 11 May. 16:00, All Hallows. All welcome.

'**Thy Kingdom Come**' deanery service Sunday 12 May 18:00, St Katharine's Church, Irchester, welcoming Bishop Debbie, our new diocesan Bishop. Our choirs will be taking part, thus there will be **no Choral Evensong** that day in our churches.

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

Canon Paula is still recovering from surgery. 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 6 May

Bank holiday

Tues 7 May

9:00-9:30

Zoom

Morning Prayer

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

14:00-15:00

All Hallows' Hall

Bible Study Group

Wed 8 May

Julian of Norwich

9:00-9:45

All Saints

school worship

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

10:30-12:15

All Hallows

open to the public

12:15-12:45

All Hallows

Midweek Eucharist

19:00-20:30

All Hallows

bell ringing

19:00-20:30

All Hallows Hall

Guides

Thurs 9 May

Ascension Day

18:15-19:15

St Mary's Church Hall

4th Beavers

19:30-20:30

All Saints

Ascension Day service

Fri 10 May

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 11 May

9:00-10:00

Dale End

4th Squirrels

9:30-12:00

All Hallows' Hall

coffee shop

9:30-10:30

All Hallows

Celtic Eucharist

10:30-12:30

All Hallows

spring cleaning

16:00-16:45

All Hallows

piano concert

Sun 12 May

Easter 7

9:15-10:15

All Saints

Family Eucharist

11:15-12:15

All Hallows

Eucharist

18:00-18:30

St Katherine's, Irchester

Deanery service

19:30-21:30

All Hallows Hall

Pegasus Explorers

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