



# Holy Communion

## All Saints' Church

Trinity Sunday  
26 May 2024

*A warm welcome to our worship this morning. Whether a regular or a visitor, we are delighted to have you with us, and hope that you will enjoy the service.*

*We welcome as **our president and preacher today** Revd Doug Spenceley. Our thanks to him.*

*All you need to follow the service is contained in this leaflet. If you would prefer a large print copy, ask 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

- 1 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;  
holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!
- 2 Holy, holy, holy! all the saints adore thee,  
casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;  
cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,  
which wert and art and evermore shalt be.
- 3 Holy, holy, holy! though the darkness hide thee,  
though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,  
only thou art holy, there is none beside thee  
perfect in power, in love, and purity.
- 4 Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!  
all thy works shall praise thy name in earth and sky and sea;

holy, holy, holy! merciful and mighty!  
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

*Reginald Heber (1783–1826)*

## **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.

*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 God the Father forgives us in Christ  
and heals us by the Holy Spirit.  
Let us therefore put away  
all anger and bitterness, all slander and malice,  
and confess our sins to God our redeemer.

*cf Ephesians 4.30,32*

All Lord God, we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore to us the joy of your salvation;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## **ABSOLUTION**

Minister May the Father forgive you  
by the death of his Son  
and strengthen you  
to live in the power of the Spirit  
all your days.

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' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said by a member of our congregation:*

Holy God, faithful and unchanging:  
enlarge our minds with the knowledge of your truth,  
and draw us more deeply into the mystery of your love,  
that we may truly worship you,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All Amen.

## **FIRST READING** Isaiah 6.1-8

In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lofty; and the hem of his robe filled the temple. Seraphs were in attendance above him; each had six wings: with two they covered their faces, and with two they covered

their feet, and with two they flew. And one called to another and said: 'Holy, holy, holy is the LORD of hosts; the whole earth is full of his glory.'

The pivots on the thresholds shook at the voices of those who called, and the house filled with smoke. And I said: 'Woe is me! I am lost, for I am a man of unclean lips, and I live among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!'

Then one of the seraphs flew to me, holding a live coal that had been taken from the altar with a pair of tongs. The seraph touched my mouth with it and said: 'Now that this has touched your lips, your guilt has departed and your sin is blotted out.' Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, 'Whom shall I send, and who will go for us?' And I said, 'Here am I; send me!'

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING** Romans 8.12-17

Brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh— for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ – if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **HYMN**

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| 1 | Father, Lord of earth and heaven,<br>King to whom all gifts belong,<br>give your greatest gift, your Spirit,<br>God the holy, God the strong.  | 3 | Spirit, come in peace descending<br>as at Jordan, heavenly dove;<br>seal your Church as God's anointed,<br>set our hearts on fire with love. |
| 2 | Son of God, enthroned in glory,<br>send your promised gift of grace;<br>make your Church your holy temple,<br>God the Spirit's dwelling-place. | 4 | Stay among us, God the Father,<br>stay among us, God the Son,<br>stay among us, Holy Spirit:<br>dwell within us, make us one.                |

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## **GOSPEL READING** John 3.1-17

**All/choir Alleluia!**

Cantor    Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit,  
                 one God, who was, and who is, and who is to come, the Almighty.

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

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

There was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?

'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.'

                 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 In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ,  
let us pray to the Father.

*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 Peace to you from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace from his Son Jesus Christ who is our peace.  
Peace from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the triune God be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

Deacon Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

### HYMN

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|---|---|
| 1 My God, and is thy table spread,<br>and doth thy cup with love o'erflow?<br>Thither be all thy children led,<br>and let them all thy sweetness know.          | 3 Why are its bounties all in vain<br>before unwilling hearts displayed?<br>Was not for them the Victim slain?<br>Are they forbid the children's bread? |
| 2 Hail, sacred feast which Jesus makes,<br>rich banquet of his flesh and blood!<br>Thrice happy he who here partakes<br>that sacred stream, that heavenly food. | 4 O let thy table honoured be,<br>and furnished well with joyful guests;<br>and may each soul salvation see,<br>that here its sacred pledges tastes.    |

*Philip Doddridge (1702-1751)*

## TABLE PRAYER

Minister Pour upon the poverty of our love,  
and the weakness of our praise,  
the transforming fire of your presence.

All **Amen.**

## 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,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with your only-begotten Son  
and the Holy Spirit  
you are one God, one Lord.  
All that you reveal of your glory,  
the same we believe of the Son  
and of the Holy Spirit,  
without any difference or inequality.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you,  
Father of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
Three Persons we adore,  
one in being and equal in majesty.

And so with angels and archangels,  
with cherubim and seraphim,  
we sing for ever of your glory:

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

**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.**

## **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 Draw near with faith.  
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.  
Eat and drink  
in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts  
by faith with thanksgiving.

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

## HYMNS

- 1 Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
come bow before him now  
with reverence and fear:  
in him no sin is found —  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.
- 2 Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned:  
how awesome is the sight —  
our radiant King of light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.
- 3 Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place:  
he comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

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**COMMUNION MOTET** J. S. Bach: O Lord, we sing thy praise

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Almighty and eternal God,  
you have revealed yourself  
as Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:  
hold us firm in this faith,  
that we may know you in all your ways  
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,  
who are three Persons yet one God,  
now and for ever.

All **We thank you, Lord,  
that you have fed us in this sacrament,  
united us with Christ,  
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet  
prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

## NOTICES

## HYMN

- 1       Thou, whose almighty word  
chaos and darkness heard,  
and took their flight;  
hear us, we humbly pray,  
and where the gospel-day  
sheds not its glorious ray,  
let there be light.
- 2       Thou, who didst come to bring  
on thy redeeming wing  
healing and sight,  
health to the sick in mind,  
sight to the inly blind,  
O now to all humankind  
let there be light.
- 3       Spirit of truth and love,  
life-giving, holy Dove,  
speed forth thy flight;  
move on the water's face,  
bearing the lamp of grace,  
and in earth's darkest place  
let there be light.
- 4       Holy and blessed Three,  
glorious Trinity,  
Wisdom, Love, Might;  
boundless as ocean's tide  
rolling in fullest pride,  
through the earth far and wide  
let there be light.

*John Marriott (1780-1825)*

## BLESSING

Minister   God the Holy Trinity  
make you strong in faith and love,  
defend you on every side,  
and guide you in truth and peace;  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** G. F. Handel: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

## 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, baby Chester.

**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 Sanders, Ivy Hodson, David Horlick, Gertrude Pratt, Arthur Mallows, Aubrey Manderville, Lillian Harris, Maureen Norah Gannon, Molly Doreen King, Myfanvy (Van) Lee, Lyn Sadler, Roy Eldridge, Eileen Saunby, Pamela Byles.

**The recently departed**, among them Howard Fitch. We pray for those who mourn.

## NOTICES

**The Feast of Corpus Christi** with Sung Eucharist Thursday 30 May 19:30, All Hallows.

**We look forward to Hymns & Pimms** Sunday 9 June 18:00, All Hallows. Choose your favourite hymn – a list is on the nave desk for you to write it on.

**Organ recital** by Tony Edwards in aid of the organ appeal, Saturday 15 June 16:00, All Hallows.

**All Hallows' Family Summer Fayre** Saturday 22 June. We have lots of stalls and games, but require bric-a-brac and teddies, chocolate, sweets, bottles, or items we could include as prizes. If you can help, please either bring your items to church and deposit in the two cardboard boxes located at tea bar, or speak with Steve (07850031251).

**DeciBelles Ladies Choir concert** Saturday 29 June 19:00, All Hallows. Tickets: £12, under 16s £5, from Tony Edwards after church or on 07867 554476 / TonyE1960@aol.com. Music for every taste in the concert.

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## DIARY

### Mon 27 May

|             |                       |                                |
|-------------|-----------------------|--------------------------------|
| 9:15-11:00  | All Hallows' Hall     | Little Acorns pre-school group |
| 18:00-19:00 | St Mary's Church Hall | 4 <sup>th</sup> Cubs           |
| 18:15-19:30 | All Hallows Hall      | Brownies & Rainbows            |
| 19:30-20:30 | St Mary's Church Hall | 4 <sup>th</sup> Scouts         |

### Tues 28 May

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

### Wed 29 May

|             |                   |                    |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------|
| 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 30 May

#### Corpus Christi

|             |                       |                         |
|-------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|
| 18:15-19:15 | St Mary's Church Hall | 4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers |
| 19:30-20:30 | All Hallows           | Eucharist               |

### Fri 31 May

#### Visitation

|             |                   |                       |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 1 June

#### Justin

|             |                   |                           |
|-------------|-------------------|---------------------------|
| 9:00-10:00  | Dale End          | 4 <sup>th</sup> Squirrels |
| 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 2 June

#### Trinity 1

|             |                  |                   |
|-------------|------------------|-------------------|
| 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 | Zoom             | Compline          |
| 19:30-21:30 | All Hallows Hall | Pegasus Explorers |

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