



## Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Sunday next before Lent

2 March 2025

*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.*

*All you need to **follow the service** is contained in this leaflet. If you would prefer a large print copy, please ask the person who gave you this leaflet. Please join in the responses in bold. Music for the mass setting is available for you on the table by the main door, if you use one please do hand it back at the end of the service.*

***Refreshments** are served before the service, feel free to take your drink to your pew for the start of the service.*

*There is no cash collection taken during the service, however, we welcome **donations** 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 Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar, in my heart appear.
- 2 Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.
- 3 Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiance divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*Charles Wesley (1707–1788)*

## 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

Minister God so loved the world  
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ  
to save us from our sins,  
to be our advocate in heaven,  
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments  
and to live in love and peace with all.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly, love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

Minister Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## GLORIA

All/choir Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

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 and peace to his people on earth.

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;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father;  
receive our prayer.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth.

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.

Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth. Amen.

## COLLECT

*The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.*

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives:  
set straight our crooked hearts,  
and bend our wills to love your goodness  
and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Exodus 34.29-35

Moses came down from Mount Sinai. As he came down from the mountain with the two tablets of the covenant in his hand, Moses did not know that the skin of his face shone because he had been talking with God. When Aaron and all the Israelites saw Moses, the

skin of his face was shining, and they were afraid to come near him. But Moses called to them; and Aaron and all the leaders of the congregation returned to him, and Moses spoke with them. Afterwards all the Israelites came near, and he gave them in commandment all that the LORD had spoken with him on Mount Sinai. When Moses had finished speaking with them, he put a veil on his face; but whenever Moses went in before the LORD to speak with him, he would take the veil off, until he came out; and when he came out, and told the Israelites what he had been commanded, the Israelites would see the face of Moses, that the skin of his face was shining; and Moses would put the veil on his face again, until he went in to speak with him.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **SECOND READING 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2**

Since we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All            Thanks be to God.**

## **HYMN**

- 1            'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
             thy glory fills the night;  
             thy face and garments, like the sun,  
             shine with unborrowed light.
- 2            'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
             thy beauty to behold,  
             where Moses and Elijah stand,  
             thy messengers of old.
- 3            Fulfiller of the past,  
             promise of things to be,

we hail thy body glorified,  
and our redemption see.

4 Before we taste of death,  
we see thy kingdom come;  
we fain would hold the vision bright,  
and make this hill our home.

5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,  
yet we may not remain;  
but since thou bidst us leave the mount,  
come with us to the plain.

*Joseph Armitage Robinson (1858–1933)*

## **GOSPEL READING** Luke 9.28-36

**All Alleluia!**

Minister 'I am the Light of the world,' says the Lord.  
'Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness,  
but will have the light of life.'

**All Alleluia!**

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

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

Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, 'Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' Peter did not know what he said. While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, 'This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!' When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And the disciples kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **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 Father  
who loved the world so much  
that he sent his only Son to give us life.

*This response may be included:*

All Lord, in your mercy,  
hear our prayer.

*And at the end:*

**All**            Merciful Father,  
                 **accept these prayers**  
                 **for the sake of your Son,**  
                 **our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

*Silence is kept.*

## **PEACE**

**Minister**    Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,  
                 peace to those who are far off  
                 and peace to those who are near.

                 The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**All**            **And also with you.**

**Minister**    Let us share with one another a sign of peace.

## **PREPARATION OF THE TABLE**

### **HYMN**

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| 1    Longing for light, we wait in darkness.<br>Longing for truth, we turn to you.<br>Make us your own, your holy people,<br>light for the world to see.  | 3    Longing for food, many are hungry.<br>Longing for water, many still thirst.<br>Make us your bread, broken for others,<br>shared until all are fed.              |
| <i>Chorus</i><br><i>Christ, be our light!</i><br><i>Shine in our hearts.</i><br><i>Shine through the darkness.</i><br><i>Christ, be our light!</i><br><i>Shine in your church gathered today.</i> | 4    Longing for shelter,<br>many are homeless.<br>Longing for warmth, many are cold.<br>Make us your building,<br>sheltering others,<br>walls made of living stone. |
| 2    Longing for peace,<br>our world is troubled.<br>Longing for hope, many despair.<br>Your word alone has power to save us.<br>Make us your living voice.                                       | 5    Many the gifts, many the people,<br>many the hearts that yearn to belong.<br>Let us be servants to one another,<br>making your kingdom come.                    |

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## **TABLE PRAYER**

**Minister**    Wise and gracious God,  
                 you spread a table before us;

nourish your people with the word of life  
and the bread of heaven.

**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 truly right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,  
for Christ has risen from the tomb  
and scattered the darkness of death  
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord  
walks with your gathered people,  
unfolds for us your word,  
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.

And though the night will overtake this day  
you summon us to live in endless light,  
the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord.

And so, with choirs of angels  
and with all the heavenly host,  
we proclaim your glory  
and join their unending song of praise::

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

Minister Great is the mystery of faith.

**All/choir 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**

**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**   **Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God,  
you take away the sins of the world, grant us peace.**

## **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.*

## HYMN

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| 1 Bread is blessed and broken,<br>wine is blessed and poured:<br>take this and remember<br>Christ the Lord. | 3 Know yourself forgiven,<br>find yourself restored,<br>meet a friend for ever —<br>Christ the Lord.         |
| 2 Share the food of heaven<br>earth cannot afford.<br>Here is grace in essence —<br>Christ the Lord.        | 4 God has kept his promise<br>sealed by sign and word:<br>here, for those who want him —<br>Christ the Lord. |

*John L. Bell (b. 1949) and Graham Maule (b. 1958)*  
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## COMMUNION MOTET Tallis: O nata lux

O nata lux de lumine. Jesu redemptor saeculi. Dignare clemens supplicum. Laudes preces que sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi, Dignatus es pro perditis. Nos membras confer effici. Tui beati corporis.	O light born of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh, for the sake of the lost, Grant us to be members of thy blessed body.
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## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know  
his power to change and save.  
This we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Almighty God, we thank you  
for feeding us with the body and blood  
of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

## NOTICES

## HYMN

1 Lord, the light of your love is shining,  
in the midst of the darkness shining:  
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon us;  
set us free by the truth you now bring us:  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Chorus Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;  
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.  
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;  
send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light!*

2 Lord, I come to your awesome presence,  
from the shadows into your radiance;  
by the blood I may enter your brightness:  
search me, try me, consume all my darkness:  
shine on me, shine on me.

3 As we gaze on your kingly brightness  
so our faces display your likeness,  
ever changing from glory to glory:  
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story:  
shine on me, shine on me.

*Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)*

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## BLESSING

Minister The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The people and ministers depart.*

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY** G. F. Handel: Organ Concerto No. 4 in G minor

## OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

**Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit**, among them Richard Hole, Susan Adams, Carol, Kay G, Rose Thirlwell, Diana Brown, Jo Thraves, Glennis Eades, Rita Hawkes, Mary Llewellyn.

**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 please email the name to Pat Thomas (pat\_hotmail.co.uk).*

## REMEMBER THE DEPARTED

**Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week:** Joyce Mandeville, David John Coxall, Reginald Hill Carter, Leonard George Tyzack, Jennifer Lamperd, Joan Stoble, Elizabeth Tebbutt, Margaret Alice Charter, Kenneth Wallis, Alice Maud Stevens, Thomas William Bues, Robert Adamson, Fred Thomas Tredgett, Margaret Rose Barrett, Eva Hornsey, Roy Brown, Winifred Bamford, Marjorie Bengel, Edwin Turnell, Lilian Croft, John McInnes, Elizabeth Hartwell, George Downes.

**The recently departed**, among them Graham Earl. We pray for those who mourn.

## NOTICES

**The Electoral Roll** has to be reviewed this year and everyone needs to complete a form to be included on it. Forms are available from either the Churchwardens or the Electoral Roll Officer, Bob Allen. A copy of the old roll is available to be viewed in church. At the same time we are asking everyone to complete a new GDPR form, these are available as above.

**Said Eucharist on first Tuesday of the month** 4 March 10:00, All Saints, Lady Chapel.

**Pancake Party & Beetle Drive** Tuesday 4 March 19:30, All Hallows' Hall. Adults £5, under 16s free. Everyone is welcome for a fun filled mad evening. If interested, please put your name on the sheet in church, this will help us with the catering.

**Lent Group** During Lent our focus will be on prayer. Prayer is the foundation for all we do as Christians. Come along to the group as we explore what it means to pray as community and as individuals:

every Monday from 10 March 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel;

every Tuesday from 11 March 14:00, All Hallows Hall.

**Ash Wednesday** 5 March: 12:15 Holy Communion with Ashing at All Hallows, and 19:30 Sung Eucharist with Ashing at All Saints.

**Annual World Day of Prayer Services** Friday 7 March, 14:00 Salvation Army (Salem Lane) and 19:30 Methodist Church (Kingsway). All welcome. More information in current magazine.

**Bishop's Study Day on Prayer** Saturday 8 March 10:00-14:00, Caroline Chisholm School, Northampton. Key-note speaker: Bishop John Stroyan, formerly Bishop of Warwick, and now Assistant Bishop in this diocese. All welcome. We take packed lunch. No charge, donations invited. Interested? Please tell Canon John to book places (01933 653140 or [revdjohn.westwood55@gmail.com](mailto:revdjohn.westwood55@gmail.com)). Transport will be arranged.

**Tea and Cake Concert** Saturday 15 March 15:00, All Hallows. A concert not to be missed, by renowned classical pianist Jill Crossland who travels all over the world playing. Free entry with a retiring collection.

## DIARY

### Mon 3 Mar

9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
18:00-19:15	St Mary's Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Cubs
18:15-19:30	All Hallows' Hall	Brownies & Rainbows
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Scouts

### Tues 4 Mar

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-10:30	All Saints Lady Chapel	Said Eucharist

### Wed 5 Mar

#### Ash Wednesday

9:00-10:00	All Hallows	School worship
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	Holy Communion with Ashing
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
19:00-20:30	All Hallows' Hall	Guides
19:30-20:30	All Saints	Sung Eucharist with Ashing

### Thurs 6 Mar

#### George Herbert

10:00-12:00	All Saints	Open to the public
14:00-16:00	All Hallows	Handbell practice
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers

### Fri 7 Mar

#### Perpetua, Felicity, and their companions

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Hallows	junior choir practice
19:30-20:45	All Hallows	adult choir practice

### Sat 8 Mar

#### Edward King

9:00-11:30	Dale End	4 <sup>th</sup> Squirrels
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

### Sun 9 Mar

#### First Sunday in Lent

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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