



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Third Sunday in Lent
23 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

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| 1 We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss. | 4 It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light: |
| 2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears our sins upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above. | 5 The balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above. |
| 3 The cross! It takes our guilt away:
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup. | |

Thomas Kelly (1769–1855)

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 Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan
and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness,
where for forty days he was tempted by the devil.

Let us confess our sins
remembering before God the times
when we have fallen from temptation into sin.

KYRIE ELEISON

Minister We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

ABSOLUTION

Minister May almighty God,
who sent his Son into the world
to save sinners,
bring you his pardon and peace,
now and for ever.

All 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.

Minister Eternal God, give us insight
to discern your will for us,
to give up what harms us,
and to seek the perfection we are promised
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Isaiah 55.1-9

The LORD says this:

Everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and you that have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labour for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food.

Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. See, you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you.

Seek the LORD while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

LENT PROSE

Cantor Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:
for we have sinned against thee.

All Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:
for we have sinned against thee.

Choir God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

All **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy on us:
for we have sinned against thee.**

SECOND READING 1Corinthians 10.1-13

I do not want you to be unaware, brothers and sisters, that our ancestors were all under the cloud, and all passed through the sea, and all were baptized into Moses in the cloud and in the sea, and all ate the same spiritual food, and all drank the same spiritual drink. For they drank from the spiritual rock that followed them, and the rock was Christ. Nevertheless, God was not pleased with most of them, and they were struck down in the wilderness.

Now these things occurred as examples for us, so that we might not desire evil as they did. Do not become idolaters as some of them did; as it is written, 'The people sat down to eat and drink, and they rose up to play.' We must not indulge in sexual immorality as some of them did, and twenty-three thousand fell in a single day. We must not put Christ to the test, as some of them did, and were destroyed by serpents. And do not complain as some of them did, and were destroyed by the destroyer. These things happened to them to serve as an example, and they were written down to instruct us, on whom the ends of the ages have come. So if you think you are standing, watch out that you do not fall. No testing has overtaken you that is not common to everyone. God is faithful, and he will not let you be tested beyond your strength, but with the testing he will also provide the way out so that you may be able to endure it.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

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| 1 How deep the Father's love for us,
how vast beyond all measure,
that he should give his only Son
to make a wretch his treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss;
the Father turns his face away,
as wounds which mar the chosen One
bring many souls to glory. | 3 I will not boast in anything,
no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
but I will boast in Jesus Christ,
his death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from his reward?
I cannot give an answer;
but this I know with all my heart,
his wounds have paid my ransom. |
| 2 Behold the man upon a cross,
my sin upon his shoulders;
ashamed, I hear my mocking voice
call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held him there,
until it was accomplished;
his dying breath has brought me life —
I know that 'it is finished.' | |

Stuart Townend (b. 1963)

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GOSPEL READING Luke 13.1-9

All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Cantor The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

There were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, 'Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them - do you think that they were worse offenders than all the others living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you; but unless you repent, you will all perish just as they did.'

Then he told this parable: 'A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard; and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the gardener, "See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?" He replied, "Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good; but if not, you can cut it down.'"

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 We pray to the Lord for courage
to give up other things
and to give ourselves to him this Lent.

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 Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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 Make way, make way,
for Christ the King
in splendour arrives.
Fling wide the gates
and welcome him
into your lives. | 3 And those who mourn
with heavy hearts,
who weep and sigh,
with laughter,
joy and royal crown
he'll beautify. |
| Chorus
<i>Make way!</i>
<i>Make way for the King of kings!</i>
<i>Make way!</i>
<i>Make way and let his kingdom in!</i> | 4 We call you now
to worship him
as Lord of all,
to have no other
gods but him:
their thrones must fall! |
| 2 He comes the broken
hearts to heal,
the prisoners to free.
The deaf shall hear,
the lame shall dance,
the blind shall see. | |

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TABLE PRAYER

Minister God of wisdom,
 may the light of your eternal Word,
 our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
 lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;
 we ask this in his name.

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 and good
to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For in these forty days
you lead us into the desert of repentance
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline
we may grow in grace
and learn to be your people once again.

Through fasting, prayer and acts of service
you bring us back to your generous heart.

Through study of your holy word
you open our eyes to your presence in the world
and free our hands to welcome others
into the radiant splendour of your love.

As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast
with joyful hearts and minds
we bless you for your mercy
and join with saints and angels
for ever praising you and singing:

**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 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 Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty.
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord,
Jesus is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come,
Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.**

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

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

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

All Amen.

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 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 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

- 1 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time:
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 2 When the woes of life o'ertake me,
hopes deceive, and fears annoy,
never shall the cross forsake me;
lo! it glows with peace and joy.
- 5 In the cross of Christ I glory,
towering o'er the wrecks of time:
all the light of sacred story
gathers round its head sublime.
- 3 When the sun of bliss is beaming
light and love upon my way,
from the cross the radiance streaming
adds more lustre to the day.
- 4 Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure,
by the cross are sanctified;
peace is there that knows no measure,
joys that through all time abide.

John Bowring (1792–1872)

COMMUNION MOTET Brian Coleman: As water to the thirsty

- 1 As water to the thirsty,
as beauty to the eyes,
as strength that follows weakness,
as truth instead of lies,
as songtime and springtime
and summertime to be,
so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.
- 2 Like calm in place of clamour,
like peace that follows pain,
like meeting after parting,
like sunshine after rain,
like moonlight and starlight
and sunlight on the sea,
so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.
- 3 As sleep that follows fever,
as gold instead of grey,
as freedom after bondage,
as sunrise to the day,
as home to the traveller
and all we long to see,
so is my Lord,
my living Lord,
so is my Lord to me.

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PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Merciful Lord,
grant your people grace to withstand the temptations
of the world, the flesh and the devil,

and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God;
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

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| 1 Praise the Lord! Ye heavens, adore him;
praise him, angels, in the height;
sun and moon, rejoice before him,
praise him, all ye stars and light.
Praise the Lord! for he hath spoken;
worlds his mighty voice obeyed:
laws, which never shall be broken,
for their guidance he hath made. | 2 Praise the Lord! for he is glorious;
never shall his promise fail:
God hath made his saints victorious;
sin and death shall not prevail.
Praise the God of our salvation;
hosts on high, his power proclaim;
heaven and earth and all creation,
laud and magnify his name! |
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from a leaf pasted into the Foundling Hospital Psalms, Hymns and Anthems, London, c.1797. Based on Psalm 148

BLESSING

Minister May God the Father,
 who does not despise the broken spirit,
 give to you a contrite heart.

All **Amen.**

Minister May Christ,
 who bore our sins in his body on the tree,
 heal you by his wounds.

All **Amen.**

Minister May the Holy Spirit,
 who leads us into all truth,
 speak to you words of pardon and peace.

All **Amen.**

Minister 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 J. S. Bach: Jesu, joy of man's desiring

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, Jenny Attewell.

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: William George Phillips, Norah Evelyn Dickens, Kathleen Christian Hayers, Mary Manning, Kathleen Lovell, Harold Edward Boulden, Anne Dorothy Woodbridge, Yvonne Harrison, John Lowry, John Morgan, Rethe Cherry, Shirley Temple, Stanley Griffin, Norah Dickens, Betty Ferrier, Iris Marks, Brian Simcoe, Tom Weed, Margaret Carter, Florence Roberts, Kit Bailey, Winnie Simms.

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.

Lent studies on prayer as the foundation for all we do as Christians. Monday sessions 19:30, All Saints, Lady Chapel; Tuesday sessions 14:00, All Hallows Hall. All welcome.

Mothering Sunday joint Benefice Eucharist 30 March 10:00, All Saints. We will have no other service that day. Remember to change your clocks.

The King's Men concert Sunday 1 June 19:30, All Hallows. The performers are the gentlemen from the choir of King's College Cambridge. Tickets: adults £20, under 16s £5, available from Tony Edwards. Get your tickets early before they sell out.

DIARY

Mon 24 Mar

Patrick, Patron of Ireland

9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
18:00-19:15	St Mary's Hall	4 th Cubs
18:15-19:30	All Hallows' Hall	Brownies & Rainbows
19:30-20:30	All Saints, Lady Chapel	Lent study
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Hall	4 th Scouts

Tues 25 Mar

Annunciation

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
14:00-15:00	All Hallows' Hall	Lent study

Wed 26 Mar

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	Knit & Natter coffee and chat
10:30-12:30	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 27 Mar

10:00-12:00	All Saints	Open to the public
11:00-12:00	Midland Care Home	Care Home Service
14:00-16:00	All Hallows	Handbell practice
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers

Fri 28 Mar

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

Sat 29 Mar

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

Sun 30 Mar

Mothering Sunday

10:00-11:00	All Saints	Benefice Eucharist
19:30-21:30	All Hallows' Hall	Pegasus Explorers

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