



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Second Sunday of Easter

27 April 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 Christ the Lord is risen again,
Christ hath broken every chain.
Hark, angelic voices cry,
singing evermore on high, <i>Alleluia!</i> | 5 He who slumbered in the grave
is exalted now to save;
now through Christendom it rings
that the Lamb is King of kings.
<i>Alleluia!</i> |
| 2 He who gave for us his life,
who for us endured the strife,
is our Paschal Lamb to-day;
we too sing for joy, and say <i>Alleluia!</i> | 6 Now he bids us tell abroad
how the lost may be restored,
how the penitent forgiven,
how we too may enter heaven.
<i>Alleluia!</i> |
| 3 He who bore all pain and loss
comfortless upon the cross,
lives in glory now on high,
pleads for us, and hears our cry:
<i>Alleluia!</i> | 7 Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,
Christ, thy ransomed people feed;
take our sins and guilt away;
let us sing by night and day.
<i>Alleluia!</i> |
| 4 He whose path no records tell,
who descended into hell,
who the strong man armed hath bound,
now in highest heaven is crowned.
<i>Alleluia!</i> | |

*Christus ist erstanden - Michael Weisse (c.1480-1534)
translated by Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878)*

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

Minister 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 Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.

Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only Son,
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.

Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,
at God's right hand in majesty most high:
who with the Spirit worshipped and adored:
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.

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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,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

All Amen.

FIRST READING Acts 5.27-32

When the temple police had brought the apostles, they made them stand before the council. The high priest questioned them, saying, 'We gave you strict orders not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching and you are determined to bring this man's blood on us.' But Peter and the apostles answered, 'We must obey God rather than any human authority. The God of our ancestors raised up Jesus, whom you had killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Saviour that he might give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit whom God has given to those who obey him.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND READING Revelation 1.4-8

John to the seven churches that are in Asia: Grace to you and peace from him who is and who was and who is to come, and from the seven spirits who are before his throne, and from Jesus Christ, the faithful witness, the firstborn of the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth. To him who loves us and freed us from our sins by his blood, and made us to be a kingdom, priests serving his God and Father, to him be glory and dominion for ever and ever. Amen.

Look! He is coming with the clouds;
every eye will see him, even those who pierced him;
and on his account all the tribes of the earth will wail.
So it is to be. Amen.

'I am the Alpha and the Omega', says the Lord God, who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

HYMN

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| 1 If Christ had not been raised from death
our faith would be in vain,
our preaching but a waste of breath,
our sin and guilt remain.
But now the Lord is risen indeed;
he rules in earth and heaven:
his gospel meets a world of need —
in Christ we are forgiven. | 2 If Christ still lay within the tomb
then death would be the end,
and we should face our final doom
with neither guide nor friend.
But now the Saviour is raised up,
so when a Christian dies
we mourn, yet look to God in hope —
in Christ the saints arise! |
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3 If Christ had not been truly raised
 his Church would live a lie;
 his name should nevermore be praised,
 his words deserve to die.
 but now our great Redeemer lives;
 through him we are restored:
 his word endures, his Church revives
 in Christ, our risen Lord.

Christopher Idle (b. 1938) based on 1 Corinthians 15.12-20
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GOSPEL READING John 20.19-31

All Alleluia.

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

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When it was evening on the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus

is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.

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

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| 1 At the Lamb's high feast we sing
praise to our victorious King,
who hath washed us in the tide
flowing from his pierced side;
praise we him, whose love divine
gives his sacred blood for wine,
gives his body for the feast,
Christ the victim, Christ the priest. | 2 Where the Paschal blood is poured,
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;
Israel's hosts triumphant go
through the wave that drowns the foe.
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;
with sincerity and love
eat we manna from above. |
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3 Mighty victim from the sky,
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;
thou hast conquered in the fight,
thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appal,
now no more the grave enthal:
thou hast opened paradise,
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4 Easter triumph, Easter joy,
sin alone can this destroy;
from sin's power do thou set free
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.
Hymns of glory and of praise,
risen Lord, to thee we raise;
holy Father, praise to thee,
with the Spirit, ever be.

17th-century form of Ad cenam Agni provide, translated by Robert Campbell (1814–1868)

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 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 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.

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 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord; glory to the Lord God almighty.
 Glory, glory, glory to the Lord; glory to the Lord God almighty,
 who was, and is, and is to come. Glory, glory, glory to the Lord!

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Minister Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

COMMUNION MOTET

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

2 My flesh in hope shall rest,
 and for a season slumber:
 till trump from east to west
 shall wake the dead in number:

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

3 Death's flood hath lost its chill,
 since Jesus crossed the river:
 Lover of souls, from ill
 my passing soul deliver:

George Ratcliffe Woodward (1848–1934)

HYMN

1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
 wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
 love lives again, that with the dead has been:
 Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
 thinking that he never would awake again,
 laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
 Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
 he that for the three days in the grave had lain,
 back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
 Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
 then your touch can call us back to life again,

field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

John Macleod Campbell Crum (1872-1958) Words: From The Oxford Book of Carols, 1928, Reproduced by permission of Oxford University Press. All rights reserved

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin
and raise us to new life in your love,
in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,
by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

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

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| 1 In Christ alone my hope is found,
he is my light, my strength, my song;
this Cornerstone, this solid Ground,
firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace,
when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
My Comforter, my All in All,
here in the love of Christ I stand. | 2 In Christ alone! — who took on flesh,
fullness of God in helpless babe!
This gift of love and righteousness,
scorned by the ones he came to save:
till on that cross as Jesus died,
the wrath of God was satisfied —
for every sin on him was laid;
here in the death of Christ I live. |
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3 There in the ground his body lay,
light of the world by darkness slain:
Then bursting forth in glorious day
up from the grave he rose again!
And as he stands in victory
sin's curse has lost its grip on me,
for I am his and he is mine —
bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4 No guilt in life, no fear in death,
this is the power of Christ in me;
from life's first cry to final breath,
Jesus commands my destiny.
No power of hell, no scheme of man,
can ever pluck me from his hand;
till he returns or calls me home,
here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Stuart Townend (b. 1963) and Keith Getty (b. 1974)

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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 Anthony Foster: Jubilate Deo

OUR PRAYERS ARE ASKED FOR

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

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: Reginald Hayers, Vernon William Jackson, Edward Hugh Gurling, Gertrude Anabel Bates, Harold William Thomas Knight, Emily Alice Loveday, Bertram George Sharpe, Julie Lynne Berrill, Meg Northen, David Coles, Herbert Cook, Robert Underwood, Caroline Piggott, Peter Woods, Frederick Stapleton, Phyllis Bellamy, Peter Jenkin, Jonathan Scott, Bert Sharpe, Alison Leeking, Vera Binley, Wittrence Cope.

NOTICES

Annual Parochial Church Meeting today, straight after the 11.15am Eucharist. Do stay on for this important gathering. Refreshments will be served.

Bible Studies Tuesday 6 May 14:00, All Hallows' Hall and Monday 19 May 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel. Do book the dates.

Quiet Morning beginning with a Celtic Eucharist Saturday 10 May 9:30-11:30, All Saints. Book the date now.

Canon John's sponsored reading of St Luke's Gospel Saturday 17 May 10:15, for All Saints Church funds, as part of All Saints' Open Day. Please take a sponsor form and do your best to obtain sponsors.

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 28 Apr

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
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Hall	4 th Scouts

Tues 29 Apr

Mark the Evangelist

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

Wed 30 Apr

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15-12:45	All Hallows	Midweek Eucharist
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
19:00-20:30	All Hallows' Hall	Guides

Thurs 1 May

Phillip & James, Apostles

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 th Beavers

Fri 2 May

Athanasius

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

Sat 3 May

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:15	All Hallows	Mothers' Union Holy Communion
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 4 May

Easter 3

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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