



## Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

4 May 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, 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** 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 How sweet the name of Jesus sounds<br>in a believer's ear!<br>It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,<br>and drives away his fear.        | 4 Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,<br>my Prophet, Priest, and King,<br>my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,<br>accept the praise I bring. |
| 2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,<br>and calms the troubled breast;<br>'tis manna to the hungry soul,<br>and to the weary rest.            | 5 Weak is the effort of my heart,<br>and cold my warmest thought;<br>but when I see thee as thou art,<br>I'll praise thee as I ought.      |
| 3 Dear name! the rock on which I build,<br>my shield and hiding-place,<br>my never-failing treasury filled<br>with boundless stores of grace. | 6 Till then I would thy love proclaim<br>with every fleeting breath;<br>and may the music of thy name<br>refresh my soul in death.         |

*John Newton (1725–1807)*

### GREETING

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

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Minister Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*Words of welcome may be said.*

## PRAYER OF PREPARATION

All Almighty God, to whom  
all hearts are open, all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## CONFESSION

Deacon Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*cf 1 Corinthians 5.7,8*

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen.

## ABSOLUTION

Minister 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.

## GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

All/choir 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.

*Frederick E Le Grice (1911-1992) © 1990 Kevin Mayhew Ltd; HymnQuest ID: 13993*

## 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, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

## FIRST READING Acts 9.36-43

In Joppa there was a disciple whose name was Tabitha, which in Greek is Dorcas. She was devoted to good works and acts of charity. At that time she became ill and died. When they had washed her, they laid her in a room upstairs. Since Lydda was near Joppa, the disciples, who heard that Peter was there, sent two men to him with the request, 'Please come to us without delay.' So Peter got up and went with them; and when he arrived, they took him to the room upstairs. All the widows stood beside him, weeping and showing tunics and other clothing that Dorcas had made while she was with them. Peter put all of them outside, and then he knelt down and prayed. He turned to the body and said, 'Tabitha, get up.' Then she opened her eyes, and seeing Peter, she sat up. He gave her his hand and helped her up. Then calling the saints and widows, he showed her to be alive. This became known throughout Joppa, and many believed in the Lord. Meanwhile he stayed in Joppa for some time with a certain Simon, a tanner.

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

## SECOND READING Revelation 7.9-17

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying, 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!' And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing, 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honour and power and might be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb. For this reason they are before the throne of God, and worship him day and night within his temple, and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them. They will hunger no more, and thirst no more; the sun will not strike them, nor any scorching heat; for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd, and he will guide them to springs of the water of life, and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All

Thanks be to God.

## HYMN

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| 1 The King of love my shepherd is,<br>whose goodness faileth never;<br>I nothing lack if I am his<br>and he is mine for ever.                | 4 In death's dark vale I fear no ill<br>with thee, dear Lord, beside me;<br>thy rod and staff my comfort still,<br>thy cross before to guide me. |
| 2 Where streams of living water flow<br>my ransomed soul he leadeth,<br>and where the verdant pastures grow<br>with food celestial feedeth.  | 5 Thou spread'st a table in my sight;<br>thy unction grace bestoweth;<br>and O what transport of delight<br>from thy pure chalice floweth!       |
| 3 Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,<br>but yet in love he sought me,<br>and on his shoulder gently laid,<br>and home rejoicing brought me. | 6 And so through all the length of days<br>thy goodness faileth never:<br>good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise<br>within thy house for ever.     |

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877) based on Psalm 23*

## GOSPEL READING John 10.22-30

**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.**

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, 'How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.' Jesus answered, 'I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father's name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father's hand. The Father and I are one.'

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

- 1 I will sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me,  
how he left the realms of glory  
for the cross on Calvary.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me —  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.
- 2 I was lost but Jesus found me,  
found the sheep that went astray,  
raised me up and gently led me  
back into the narrow way.  
Days of darkness still may meet me,  
sorrow's path I oft may tread;  
but his presence still is with me,  
by his guiding hand I'm led.
- 3 He will keep me till the river  
rolls its waters at my feet:  
then he'll bear me safely over,  
made by grace for glory meet.  
Yes, I'll sing the wondrous story  
of the Christ who died for me —  
sing it with his saints in glory,  
gathered by the crystal sea.

*Francis Harold Rowley (1854–1952) Words: ©*

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### TABLE PRAYER

Minister With this bread that we bring  
**All we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister With this wine that we bring  
**All we shall remember Jesus.**

Minister Bread for his body, wine for his blood,  
gifts from God to his table we bring.  
**All We shall remember Jesus.**

### EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

Minister The Lord is here.  
**All His spirit is with us.**

Minister Lift up your hearts.  
**All We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**All It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
almighty and eternal Father,  
and in these days of Easter  
to celebrate with joyful hearts  
the memory of your wonderful works.

For by the mystery of his passion  
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,  
has conquered the powers of death and hell  
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.  
He has placed them once more in paradise  
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.

And so, in the joy of this Passover,  
earth and heaven resound with gladness,  
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation  
sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**All/choir Holy, holy, holy 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.

Deacon 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.**

*Silence may be kept.*

## **THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Minister As our Saviour taught us, so we pray.

**All Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name,**

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

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

*The president breaks the consecrated bread.*

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

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

All/choir 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 Howard Goodall: The Lord's my Sepherd

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| <p>1 The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.<br/>         He makes me lie in pastures green.<br/>         He leads me by the still, still waters,<br/>         his goodness restores my soul.</p> | <p>2 He guides my ways in righteousness,<br/>         and he anoints my head with oil,<br/>         and my cup, it overflows with joy,<br/>         I feast on his pure delights.</p>         |
| <p>Chorus And I will trust in you alone.<br/>         And I will trust in you alone,<br/>         for your endless mercy follows me,<br/>         your goodness will lead me home.</p>           | <p>3 And though I walk the darkest path,<br/>         I will not fear the evil one,<br/>         for you are with me, and your rod and staff<br/>         are the comfort I need to know.</p> |

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963) based on Psalm 23*  
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## HYMN

- 1 In heavenly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here:  
the storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid;  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed?
- 2 Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack:  
his wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.
- 3 Green pastures are before me,  
which yet I have not seen;  
bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
where darkest clouds have been;  
my hope I cannot measure,  
my path to life is free;  
my Saviour has my treasure,  
and he will walk with me.

*Anna Laetitia Waring (1823–1910)*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Minister Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Father of all,  
we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.

May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,

and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

## NOTICES

## HYMN

1 Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,  
there is no shadow of turning with thee;  
thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,  
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Chorus *Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!*  
*Morning by morning new mercies I see;*  
*all I have needed thy hand hath provided,*  
*great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.*

2 Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,  
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,  
join with all nature in manifold witness  
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

3 Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,  
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;  
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,  
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

*Thomas O. Chisholm (1866–1960) Words: © 1923, renewed 1951, Hope Publishing Company, Carol Stream*

## BLESSING

Minister May Christ,  
who out of defeat brings new hope and a new future,  
fill you with his new life;  
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

## 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:** Freda Sanders, Fred Hodson, Arthur Victor Payne, Mary McAlpine McLeish Cokes, Walter Green, Ian Cundy, Mandy Lawrence, Nellie Howarth, Charles Harris, Leonard Johnson, Florence Griffin, Leslie Murdin, Peter Gadd, Arthur Payne, Joseph Frederick Raitt, Bill Conlon, Edna Percival, Roger Wilson, Gwen Denner, Michael Clegg, Bill Moore, Mary Burnett, Annie Orton, Reg Stratton, John Adams, Don Hardman, Leslie Cherry, Eric Jennings.

## NOTICES

**Choral Evensong** today 18:00 in St Peter & St Paul Church, Easton Maudit.

**Tea @2** Tuesday 13 May 14:00 St Andrew's Hall.

**Bible Studies** Tuesdays 14:00 All Hallows' Hall, and Mondays 19:30 All Saints' Lady Chapel. All welcome at each session.

**Wellingborough Inter-Faith Group - Global Cafe** Saturday 17 May 11:30-13:30 Victoria Centre. All welcome.

**All Saints' Open Day** Saturday 17 May. **Canon John is doing a sponsored reading of St Luke's Gospel** from 10:15 in aid of our church funds, please take a sponsor form from the nave desk.

**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.

**Coach travel to our new deacon Jess' ordination in Peterborough Cathedral** 6 July. We are looking into hiring a coach for those of you who would like to attend this service. If you are interested in travelling by coach at no extra cost to you, please sign up on the sheet in church. This is for gauging interest in the coach trip only, please don't sign up if you plan to attend the service but wish to get there on your own.

## DIARY

### Mon 12 May

|             |                   |                                |
|-------------|-------------------|--------------------------------|
| 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 13 May

|             |                   |                |
|-------------|-------------------|----------------|
| 9:00-9:30   | Zoom              | Morning Prayer |
| 9:30-12:00  | All Hallows' Hall | coffee shop    |
| 14:00-15:00 | St Andrew's Hall  | Tea @2         |

### Wed 14 May

#### Matthias the Apostle

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|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 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          |
| 19:00-21:00 | High St, Wilby    | Guides                |
| 19:00-20:30 | St Nicholas       | Deanery Synod meeting |

### Thurs 15 May

|             |                |                         |
|-------------|----------------|-------------------------|
| 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 16 May

|             |                   |                       |
|-------------|-------------------|-----------------------|
| 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 17 May

#### ALL SAINTS' OPEN DAY

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

### Sun 18 May

#### Easter 5

|             |                   |                   |
|-------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| 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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