

Holy Communion

All Hallows Church Bible Sunday (Last after Trinity) 26 October 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. For a large print, 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.

We don't take cash collection 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 at the back of the church. Alternatively you can scan the QR code on the last page.

Hymn

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

John Marriott (1780–1825)

Greeting

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

All Amen.

Minister The Lord be with you.

All And also with you.

Words of welcome may be said.

Prayer of Preparation

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

Confession

Deacon We come to God as one from whom no secrets are hidden, to ask for his forgiveness and peace.

Silence may be kept.

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 May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria

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.

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Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray'. he Collect is said by a member of our congregation.

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

First reading Isaiah 45.22-25

Thus says the LORD,

Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other. By myself I have sworn, from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness a word that shall not return: To me every knee shall bow, every tongue shall swear.' Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me, are righteousness and strength; all who were incensed against him shall come to him and be ashamed. In the LORD all the offspring of Israel shall triumph and glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading Romans 15.1-6

We who are strong ought to put up with the failings of the weak, and not to please ourselves. Each of us must please our neighbour for the good purpose of building up the neighbour.

For Christ did not please himself; but, as it is written, 'The insults of those who insult you have fallen on me.' For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, so that by steadfastness and by the encouragement of the scriptures we might have hope.

May the God of steadfastness and encouragement grant you to live in harmony with one another, in accordance with Christ Jesus, so that together you may with one voice glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

- 1 Lord, thy word abideth, and our footsteps guideth; who its truth believeth light and joy receiveth.
- When our foes are near us, then thy word doth cheer us, word of consolation, message of salvation.
- 3 When the storms are o'er us, and dark clouds before us, then its light directeth, and our way protecteth.
- 4 Who can tell the pleasure, who recount the treasure by thy word imparted to the simple-hearted?

5 Word of mercy, giving succour to the living; word of life, supplying comfort to the dying. 6 O that we discerning its most holy learning, Lord, may love and fear thee, evermore be near thee!

Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)

Gospel reading Luke 4.16-24

All Alleluia.

Deacon 'I am the way, the truth, the life,' says the Lord.

'No one comes to the Father except through me'.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When Jesus came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.'

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, 'Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.' All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, 'Is not this Joseph's son?' He said to them, 'Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, "Doctor, cure yourself!" And you will say, "Do here also in your home town the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum."' And he said, 'Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's home town.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

Creed

Minister Let us declare our faith in God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Minister In the power of the Spirit let us pray to the Father through Christ the saviour of the world.

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 fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.

If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.

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.

We share with one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Preparation of the table

Hymn

- Sing the gospel of salvation, tell it out to all the earth; to the ones so long excluded, speak of hope and human worth. All the darkness of injustice cannot dim salvation's light, for the outcast and exploited count as worthy in God's sight.
- 2 Christ, the one eternal Shepherd, calls creation to rejoice, and the victims of oppression thrill to hear salvation's voice. All who recognize the Saviour take their place within the fold, there, in perfect truth and freedom, life's eternal joys to hold.
- 3 See, the host that none can number gathers in from every side, once the victims of injustice, now redeemed and glorified.
 Fear and weeping here are ended, hunger and oppression cease.
 Now the Lamb becomes the Shepherd!
 Now begins the reign of peace!

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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.

Eucharistic 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 Living God, Father of light,

hope of nations, friend of sinners, builder of the city that is to come:

your love is made visible in Jesus Christ, you bring home the lost, restore the sinner and give dignity to the despised.

In the face of Jesus Christ your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one a divided and broken humanity.

With people from every race and nation, with the Church of all the ages, with apostles, evangelists and martyrs we join the angels of heaven in their unending song:

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.

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 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

Chorus Spirit of God, unseen as the wind, gentle as is the dove, teach us the truth and help us believe, show us the Saviour's love.

- You spoke to us long, long ago, gave us the written word; we read it still, needing its truth, through it God's voice is heard.
- Without your help we fail our Lord, we cannot live his way; we need your power, we need your strength, following Christ each day.

Margaret V. Old (1932-2001) Words: © Scripture Union. From Sing to God

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 God of all grace,
our Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

- We have a gospel to proclaim,good news for all throughout the earth;the gospel of a Saviour's name:We sing his glory, tell his worth.
- 2 Tell of his birth at Bethlehem not in a royal house or hall

but in a stable dark and dim, the Word made flesh, a light for all.

- Tell of his death at Calvary, hated by those he came to save, in lonely suffering on the cross; for all he loved his life he gave.
- Tell of that glorious Easter morn:
 empty the tomb, for he was free.
 He broke the power of death and hell
 that we might share his victory.
- Tell of his reign at God's right hand,
 by all creation glorified.
 He sends his Spirit on his church
 to live for him, the Lamb who died.
- Now we rejoice to name him King: Jesus is Lord of all the earth. This gospel-message we proclaim: we sing his glory, tell his worth.

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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

Deacon Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

Organ voluntary Henry Purcell: Trumpet Tune & Air

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, William, Steve Cavender.

The housebound and those in residential homes: Shirley Cockerill, Susan Poolman, Jenny Attewell, Margaret Eady.

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: Derek Ingram Hill, Betty Hill, Audrey Veronica Partridge, Mary Gorman, Ernest Cedric Oram, Ethel Maud Oram, Linda Rees, Margaret Webber, Sheila Ann Wilkinson, Margaret Thompson, Richard Batten, Veronica Austin, Henry Kitchener, Ted Adams, Robert Worley, Bernard Salsbury, Michael Dickie, Dorothy Cramer, Michael Mutlow, Alex Scallon, George William Smith, Marjorie Kirkland.

Notices

All Saints' Sunday 2 November:

Patronal Festival (joint benefice) 10:00, All Saints; All Souls' Service 18:00, All Hallows – to remember the departed.

Remembrance Sunday 9 November:

Sung Eucharist 9:15, All Saints;

Town Service 11:00, Broad Green;

Remembrance Service 18:00, All Hallows – with the church choirs singing The Armed Man by Karl Jenkins.

Our Bible Studies on St Mark's Gospel continue:

Tuesday 4 November14:00, All Hallows' Hall;

Monday 10 November 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel. All welcome.

Diary

Mon 27 Oct		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Tues 28 Oct	Simon and Jude, Apostles	
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows Hall	coffee shop
Wed 29 Oct	James Hannington	
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:00-9:30	All Hallows	Morning Prayer
10:30-13:00	All Hallows	open to the public
12:15-13:00	All Hallows	Holy Communion
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
Thurs 30 Oct		
9:30-10:00	All Saints	Morning Prayer
10:00-12:00	All Saints	open to the public
Fri 31 Oct	All Hallows' Eve	
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Hallows	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Hallows	adult choir practice
Sat 1 Nov		
9:30-10:15	All Hallows	MU Holy Communion
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
Sun 2 Nov	All Saints' Sunday	
10:00-11:00	All Saints	Joint Patronal Festival Service
18:00-19:00	All Hallows	All Souls' Service

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