



Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Second Sunday before Advent

16 November 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, ask the person who gave you this leaflet. Please join in the responses in bold.*

***Children and young people** are invited to join Y.E.S. (Young Eager Saints) during the service. They meet at the children's area, then move to the Lady Chapel.*

***After the service** refreshments are served at the back of church, please join us.*

*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 Judge eternal,
throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
with thy living fire of judgment
purge this realm of bitter things:
solace all its wide dominion
with the healing of thy wings.
- 2 Still the weary folk are pining
for the hour that brings release:
and the city's crowded clangour
cries aloud for sin to cease;
and the homesteads
and the woodlands
plead in silence for their peace.
- 3 Crown, O Lord,
thine own endeavour;
cleave our darkness with thy sword;
cheer the faint and feed the hungry
with the richness of thy word;
cleanse the body of this nation
through the glory of the Lord.

Henry Scott Holland (1847–1918)

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 Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

All O King enthroned on high,
filling the earth with your glory:
holy is your name, Lord God almighty.
In our sinfulness we cry to you to take our guilt away,
and to cleanse our lips to speak your word,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Absolution

Minister May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. `

All Amen.

Gloria

All/choir **Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]**

**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, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

**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, have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive, receive our prayer.**

Glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth. [x2]

**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. Amen. [x2]**

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.*

**Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation:
stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess
and revive in us new hope
that all creation will one day be healed
in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

All Amen.

First reading Malachi 4.1-2a

See, the day is coming, burning like an oven, when all the arrogant and all evildoers will be stubble; the day that comes shall burn them up, says the LORD of hosts, so that it will leave them neither root nor branch. But for you who revere my name the sun of righteousness shall rise, with healing in its wings.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading 2 Thessalonians 3.6-13

We command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labour we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat.

For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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| 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. | 3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiancy divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day. |
| 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. | |

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Gospel reading Luke 21.5-19

All Alleluia.

Deacon Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.

All Alleluia.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, 'As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down.'

They asked him, 'Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?' And he said, 'Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and, "The time is near!" Do not go after them.

'When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately.' Then he said to them, 'Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

'But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defence in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls.'

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 We pray for the coming of God's kingdom.

This response may be included:

All Lord, in your mercy,
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 To crown all things there must be love,
to bind all together and complete the whole.
Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

Deacon 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

- 1 Sometimes a light surprises
the Christian while he sings:
it is the Lord who rises
with healing in his wings;
when comforts are declining,
he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining
to cheer it after rain.
- 2 In holy contemplation
we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God's salvation,
and find it ever new:
set free from present sorrow,
we cheerfully can say,
'E'en let the unknown morrow
bring with it what it may.'
- 3 It can bring with it nothing
but he will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing
will clothe his people too:
beneath the spreading heavens
no creature but is fed;
and he who feeds the ravens
will give his children bread.
- 4 Though vine nor fig-tree neither
their wonted fruit should bear,
though all the fields should wither,
nor flocks nor herds be there;
yet, God the same abiding,
his praise shall tune my voice;
for, while in him confiding,
I cannot but rejoice.

William Cowper (1731-1800)

Table prayer

Minister To you we come, Father of lights,
with angels and saints,
where heaven and earth unite.
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

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 It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
that we should always sing of your glory,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For you are the hope of the nations,
the builder of the city that is to come.

Your love made visible in Jesus Christ
brings home the lost, restores the sinner,
and gives dignity to the despised.

In his face your light shines out,
flooding lives with goodness and truth,
gathering into one in your kingdom
a divided and broken humanity.

Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation
we glorify your name,
for ever praising you and singing:

**All/choir Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of might,
heav'n and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord,

in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

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.

Deacon 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 we look for the coming of the kingdom, 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 Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, bread of life, you take away the sins of the world:
have mercy on us [x2].

Jesus, Prince of Peace, you take away the sins of the world:
grant us your peace [x4].

Giving of Communion

Minister God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Please wait to be directed forward to receive communion.

Hymn

- 1 Soul of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
wash me with water flowing from thy side.
- 2 Strength and protection may thy Passion be,
O blessèd Jesu, hear and answer me;
deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
so shall I never, never part from thee.
- 3 Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
in death's dread moments make me only thine;
call me and bid me come to thee on high
where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Anima Christi, sanctifica me, sometimes ascribed to Pope John XXII (1249–1334) translator unknown

Motet Thomas Attwood: Teach me, O Lord

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes:
And I shall keep it, and I shall keep it until the end.

Prayer after Communion

Minister Gracious Lord,
in this holy sacrament
you give substance to our hope:

bring us at the last to that fullness of life
for which we long;
through Jesus Christ our Saviour.

All We thank you, Lord, that you have
fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ,
and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
prepared for all peoples. Amen.

Notices

Hymn

Chorus *Bless the Lord, O my soul, O my soul, worship His holy name
Sing like never before, O my soul, I'll worship Your holy name*

1 The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning
It's time to sing Your song again
Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me
Let me be singing when the evening comes

2 You're rich in love, and You're slow to anger
Your name is great, and Your heart is kind
For all Your goodness I will keep on singing
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find

3 And on that day when my strength is failing
The end draws near and my time has come
Still my soul will sing Your praise unending
Ten thousand years and then forevermore

4 Jesus, I'll worship Your holy name
Lord, I'll worship Your holy name

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Blessing

Minister Christ our King
make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
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 Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;

All for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

Deacon Yours, Lord, is the kingdom:

All and you are exalted as head over all. Amen.

The people and ministers depart.

Organ voluntary

Joann Walther (1684–1748): Prelude “To God on high alone be glory”

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: Jim Leatherland, Gurdeep Singh Kasba, Eileen Howard, James Raymond, June Clark, Stuart Coles, Alan Miles Desborough, Dennis Beeby, James Hill, Elizabeth Ferris, Evelyn Watson, Frank Loans, Lee Hopkins, Baby Carl Bates, Ralph Ward, Harry Temple, Peter Wyldes.

Notices

Christmas Fayre Saturday 29 November, All Hallows.

Sparkle into Christmas concert Saturday 6 December 19:00, All Hallows. Christmas music with Anna Burgon, our church choirs, and Tony Edwards. Tickets: £10, under 16 £5, from Tony.

Craft event and coffee morning Saturday 6 December, All Saints. We are looking for donations of craft/Christmas items, tombola prizes, cakes on the day, and willing helpers. Please place items in the boxes in the Narthex. For details please speak to Karen Flawn, Mel Ward, Helen Jennings or Lynda Norris.

4th Wellingborough Scout Group have been chosen for the Tesco blue token scheme. Please support them by posting your tokens into their slot.

Diary

Mon 17 Nov	Hugh of Lincoln	
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:15-11:00	All Hallows' Hall	Little Acorns pre-school group
18:00-19:15	St Mary's Hall	4th Cubs
18:15-19:30	All Hallows' Hall	Brownies & Rainbows
19:00-21:00	Vicarage	AH PCC meeting
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Hall	4th Scouts
Tues 18 Nov	Elizabeth of Hungary	
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows Hall	coffee shop
Wed 19 Nov	Hilda of Whitby	
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
19:00-20:30	All Hallows' Hall	Guides
Thurs 20 Nov	King Edmund	
9:30-10:00	All Saints	Morning Prayer
10:00-12:00	All Saints	open to the public
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers
Fri 21 Nov		
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Saints	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Saints	adult choir practice
Sat 22 Nov		
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 23 Nov	Christ the King	
9:15-10:15	All Saints	Sung Eucharist
18:00-19:00	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline
19:30-21:30	All Hallows' Hall	Pegasus Explorers

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