



Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Christ the King

23 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

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| 1 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now:
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word. | 3 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed: |
| 2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array. | 4 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory,
of that perfect rest. |

- 5 Name him, Christians, name him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped,
trusted, and adored.
- 6 In your hearts enthrone him;
there let him subdue
all that is not holy,
all that is not true:
crown him as your Captain
in temptation's hour;
let his will enfold you
in its light and power.
- 7 Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel (1817–1877)

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 Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ
has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed,
forgive your sins,
open your eyes to God's truth,
strengthen you to do God's will
and give you the joy of his kingdom,
through Jesus 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.

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.*

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

All Amen.

First reading Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the LORD. Therefore thus says the LORD, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: it is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the LORD. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the LORD.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading Colossians 1.11-20

Brothers and sisters: May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has

rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

- 1 Christ is alive! Let Christians sing.
 The cross stands empty to the sky.
 Let streets and homes with praises ring.
 Love, drowned in death, shall never die.
- 2 Christ is alive! No longer bound
 to distant years in Palestine,
 but saving, healing, here and now,
 and touching every place and time.
- 3 In every insult, rift and war,
 where colour, scorn or wealth divide,
 Christ suffers still, yet loves the more,
 and lives, where even hope has died.
- 4 Women and men, in age and youth,
 can feel the Spirit, hear the call,
 and find the way, the life, the truth,
 revealed in Jesus, freed for all.
- 5 Christ is alive, and comes to bring
 good news to this and every age,

till earth and sky and ocean ring
with joy, with justice, love and praise.

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Gospel reading Luke 23.33-43

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 they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' Jesus replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

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:

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 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 Meekness and majesty,
manhood and deity,
in perfect harmony,
the Man who is God.
Lord of eternity
dwells in humanity,
kneels in humility
and washes our feet.

Chorus

*Oh, what a mystery,
meekness and majesty.
Bow down and worship
for this is your God,
this is your God.*

2 Father's pure radiance,
perfect in innocence,
yet learns obedience
to death on a cross.
Suffering to give us life,
conquering through sacrifice,
and as they crucify
prays: 'Father, forgive.'

3 Wisdom unsearchable,
God the invisible,
Love indestructible
in frailty appears.
Lord of infinity,
stooping so tenderly,
lifts our humanity
to the heights of his throne.

Graham Kendrick (b. 1950)

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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 with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.

As priest he offered himself
once for all upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race
by this perfect sacrifice of peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

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 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 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 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

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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

Henry Williams Baker (1821–1877) based on Psalm 23

Prayer after Communion

Minister Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people;
that they,
plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

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| 1 Christ triumphant, ever reigning,
Saviour, Master, King!
Lord of heaven, our lives sustaining,
hear us as we sing: | 3 Suffering servant, scorned, ill-treated,
victim crucified!
death is through the cross defeated,
sinners justified: |
| 2 Word incarnate, truth revealing,
Son of Man on earth!
power and majesty concealing
by your humble birth: | 4 Priestly king, enthroned for ever
high in heaven above!
sin and death and hell shall never
stifle hymns of love: |
| | 5 So, our hearts and voices raising
through the ages long,
ceaselessly upon you gazing,
this shall be our song: |

Chorus

*Yours the glory and the crown,
the high renown, the eternal 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 Leon Boellmann: Toccata in C minor

Mon 24 Nov

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

Tues 25 Nov

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

Wed 26 Nov

9:30-10:00	All Hallows	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	Knit and Natter coffee and chat
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 27 Nov

9:30-10:00	All Saints	Morning Prayer
10:00-12:00	All Saints	open to the public
11:00-12:00	Midlands Care Home	Care Home Communion
13:20-15:00	All Hallows	Christingle rehearsal
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers

Fri 28 Nov

9:30-10:30	All Hallows	school Christingle
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 29 Nov

9:30-12:30	All Hallows	Christmas Fayre
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels

Sun 30 Nov **1st Sunday of Advent**

9:15-10:15	All Saints	All-Age Advent & Toy Service
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
18:00-19:00	All Hallows	Advent Carols
19:30-21:30	All Hallows' Hall	Pegasus Explorers

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: Timothy Paul Wilford, Myrtle Barbara Redman, Doris Perks, Keith Patrick Mahoney, Albert Edward Carnelly, Eric John Falkner, Thomas Sidney Povey, Winifred McMorrow Melville, Peter Gannon, Mary Raitt, James Flynn, Lily Patrick, Terry Rainbow, Reg Owen, James Holloway, Betty De'Ath, Ron Woodbridge, Shena Toseland, Charles Short, Kerry-Jane Lewis, Henry Thorpe, Cliff Roberts, Patricia Bevis.

Notices

Knit & Natter coffee meet and chat Wednesday 26 November 10:00 All Hallows' Hall.

Christmas Fayre Saturday 29 November 9:30-12:30, All Hallows. Lots of stalls, and children can come and meet Santa.

Advent Sunday 30 November:

9:15 **All-Age Advent and Toy Service**, All Saints;

11:15 **Sung Eucharist**, All Hallows;

18:00 **Advent Carols and Procession**, All Hallows.

You are invited to bring along a new unwrapped toy or gift suitable for 0-18 years, these will then be distributed by the Salvation Army.

Coffee morning and craft table Saturday 6 December 9:30-11:30, 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 speak to Karen Flawn, Mel Ward, Helen Jennings, Lynda Norris.

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.

Advent with the Celtic Saints event Saturday 20 December 9:00-11:15, starting in All Hallows' upper hall with breakfast, then continuing in church. All ages welcome - please sign up so we can plan catering.

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

Children's Society box holders please bring your boxes to church for the annual opening. Alternatively Lynne Burton (phone: 01933 677093) can come and collect your box. Thank you for your support and generosity.

Weekend Pilgrimage to Walsingham 23-25 October 2026. If you are interested, please contact Canon John. Deposits would need to be paid in January.

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