



Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Mothering Sunday

15 March 2026

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.*

***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 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)

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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.

Invitation to confession

Minister In all our services we take time to think about things
that have gone wrong, even on a happy day like this.

We bring to God the things we shouldn't have said or done,
the things we have kept quiet when we should have spoken.
We come to him confident of his mercy.

Kyrie Eleison

Minister We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:
fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Minister We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

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

All Amen.

Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful:
watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Reading Exodus 2.1-10

A man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months. When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it. When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him, 'This must be one of the Hebrews' children,' she said. Then his sister said to Pharaoh's daughter, 'Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?' Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Yes.' So the girl went and called the child's mother. Pharaoh's daughter said to her, 'Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.' So the woman took the child and nursed it.

When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh's daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, 'because,' she said, 'I drew him out of the water.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn

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| 1 Fathers and mothers,
sisters and brothers,
all those who love us,
for whom we care:
help and befriend them,
keep and defend them,
Jesus our Saviour,
this is our prayer. | 2 And for those others,
fathers and mothers,
children who hunger,
they must be fed:
we would be caring,
readily sharing,
one with another
our daily bread. |
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3 Sisters and brothers,
fathers and mothers,
we who together
offer our praise:
hear our thanksgiving,
God ever living,
may we walk with you
all of our days.

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Gospel reading John 19.25-27

All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Cantor The Lord is a great God,
O that today you would listen to his voice.
Harden not your hearts.

All/choir Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

After the Homily silence may be kept.

Affirmation of faith

Minister Today we think especially about being part of a family,
and particularly of how God is both Father and Mother to us.

Let us share together in these words:

**All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

cf Ephesians 3

Prayers of Intercession

Minister With confidence and trust let us pray to the Father.

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 Through the Prophet Isaiah, God says,
"As a mother comforts her child, so will I comfort you."

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 God of Eve and God of Mary,
God of love and mother-earth,
thank you for the ones who with us
shared their life and gave us birth.
- 2 As you came to earth in Jesus,
so you come to us today;
you are present in the caring
that prepares us for life's way.

- 3 Thank you that the Church our Mother gives us bread and fills our cup, and the comfort of the Spirit warms our hearts and lifts us up.
- 4 Thank you for belonging, shelter, bonds of friendship, ties of blood, and for those who have no children, yet are parents under God.
- 5 God of Eve and God of Mary, Christ our brother, human Son, Spirit, caring like a Mother, take our love and make us one!

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Table prayer

Minister God of mercy and compassion,
your Word calls us home to faith and love.
Accept all we offer you this day;
in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

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 Lord of all life, you created the universe,
where all living things reflect your glory.
You give us this great and beautiful earth,
to discover and to cherish.
You made us all, each wonderfully different,
to join with the angels and sing your 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 thank you, loving Father, because,
when we turned away, you sent Jesus, your Son.
He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit
that these gifts of bread and wine
may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen,
Jesus took bread.

He gave thanks, broke it,
and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my body, given for you.
Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten he took the cup of wine,
gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying:

'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many,
for the forgiveness of sins.'

So Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life.

As you feed us with these gifts,
send your Holy Spirit,
and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

Help us, Father, to love one another,
as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended,
and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with all your saints we give you glory,
through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit,
today and for ever.

All Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Minister As our Saviour taught us, with confidence 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, 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!

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

- 1 Amazing grace (how sweet the sound)
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost, but now am found,
 was blind, but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!
- 3 Through many dangers, toils and snares
 I have already come:

'tis grace has brought me safe thus far,
and grace will lead me home.

4 The Lord has promised good to me,
his word my hope secures;
he will my shield and portion be
as long as life endures.

5 Yes, when this flesh and heart shall fail,
and mortal life shall cease:
I shall possess, within the veil,
a life of joy and peace.

6 The earth shall soon dissolve like snow,
the sun forbear to shine;
but God, who called me here below,
will be forever mine.

John Newton (1725-1807)

Motet S. S. Wesley: Lead me, Lord

Lead me, Lord, lead me in thy righteousness,
make thy way plain before my face.
For it is thou, Lord, thou Lord only,
that makest me dwell in safety.

Prayer after Communion

Minister Loving God,
as a mother feeds her children at the breast
you feed us in this sacrament
with the food and drink of eternal life:
help us who have tasted your goodness
to grow in grace within the household of faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

Blessing the flowers

The president blesses the flowers.

Minister Loving God, who is both our father and our mother,
we thank you for all the love we have known
in our homes, among our friends, with God's people.
Bless these flowers and as we share them,
may they remind us to be people of thanks,
people of love, and people of joy, in Jesus' name.

All **Amen.**

Hymn

- 1 He's got the whole world in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 2 He's got you and me, brother, in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 3 He's got you and me, sister, in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 4 He's got the little tiny baby in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 5 He's got everybody here in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.
- 6 He's got the whole world in his hand. [x3]
He's got the whole world in his hand.

African-American traditional song

Blessing

Minister Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;
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 L. Boellmann: Prière à Notre-Dame

Our prayers are asked for

Those who suffer in body, mind or spirit, among them Carol, Kay G, Diana Brown, Jo Thraves, Glennis Eades, Rita Hawkes, William, Steve Cavender, Anne, Shirley Crowhurst, Matthew Englefield.

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

To add a name to our prayer list, please obtain the consent of the person you wish us to pray for. Then please email Pat Thomas (pat_@hotmail.co.uk).

Remember the departed

Those whose anniversaries fell on this past week: Marjorie Manning, Joan Handley, Paul Sanders, Frank Barron, Grace Mandeville, Varbo Harry Cron Ager, Kate Edwards, Alan Dimmer, Frank Labram, Clara Carter, Kathleen Johnson, Arthur Brushfield, Caroline Addie, Richard Adams, Jonathan Bates, Alastair Morby, John Rice, Paul Sanders, Ferdinand Buchta, Arthur Jakeman, Walter Wilkinson, Beryl Lowry, Stan Lovell, Ursula Steele, Leonard Gardner, Florence Tarry, Muriel Dagger, Len Gibson, Mary Llewellyn.

Notices

Donations of vases and pots to use in church are gratefully accepted.

Easter Egg Raffle 4th Wellingborough Scout Group are running their Easter Egg raffle. Tickets: £1/strip. Please speak to one of the leaders if you would like to support them by buying a ticket or two.

For a lily in remembrance of a loved one please sign up at the back of the church, with a donation of £3 per lily, by Sunday 29 March the latest.

Celtic Eucharist & Reflection – N.B. change of venue Saturday 21 March 9:30-11:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

Good Friday Family Workshop Friday 3 April 10:00-11:30, All Hallows' Hall. If you would like to help on the day, please speak to Jess, Helen or Pat.

Concert of The King's Men Sunday 26 April 17:00, All Hallows. Tickets: adult £20, under 16 £5, from Tony (07867 554476 / TonyE1960@aol).

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Mon 16 Mar

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
18:30-19:15	All Saints	Organ lesson
19:30-21:00	St Mary's Hall	4th Scouts

Tues 17 Mar Patrick

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

Wed 18 Mar

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
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 19 Mar Joseph of Nazareth

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
18:15-19:30	All Saints	4 th Beavers

Fri 20 Mar Cuthbert

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 21 Mar Thomas Cranmer

9:30-12:30	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

Sun 22 Mar Lent 5

9:15-10:15	All Saints	All-Age Service
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline
19:30-21:30	All Hallows' Hall	Pegasus Explorers

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