



Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Easter Sunday

5 April 2026

A warm welcome to our worship on this glorious Easter morning when we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. 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.*

The Easter candle

The altar party gather at the back of the church.

Minister Christ yesterday and today,

All the beginning and the end,

Minister Alpha and Omega,

all time belongs to him, and all ages;

All to him be glory and power,

through every age and for ever. Amen.

Minister By his holy and glorious wounds

may Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

All Amen.

The president lights the Easter candle saying:

Minister May the light of Christ, rising in glory,

banish all darkness from our hearts and minds.

The altar party move forward, pausing at the font, halfway down the church, and at the front. The candle is raised each time as the deacon says:

Deacon The light of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

The Easter candle is placed in its stand and the altar candles are lit.

Minister This is the day
when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised
gloriously from the dead,
crushing the power of sin
and destroying the sting of death.

Throughout the world
Christians celebrate the mighty power of God
as Christ calls us out of darkness
to share in his marvellous light.

May we, and all Christ's people,
shine as lights in the world
to the glory of God the Father.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Hymn

- 1 Jesus Christ is risen to-day, *Alleluia.*
our triumphant holy day, *Alleluia.*
who did once, upon the cross, *Alleluia.*
suffer to redeem our loss. *Alleluia.*
- 2 Hymns of praise then let us sing, *Alleluia.*
unto Christ, our heavenly King, *Alleluia.*
who endured the cross and grave, *Alleluia.*
sinners to redeem and save. *Alleluia.*
- 3 But the pains that he endured *Alleluia.*
our salvation have procured; *Alleluia.*
now above the sky he's King, *Alleluia.*
where the angels ever sing. *Alleluia.*

Lyra Davidica (1708) and others

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, after which the Easter gardens are blessed.

Blessing the Easter gardens

Minister Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation,
the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.
To you be glory now and for ever.

In your mercy

you have given us a new birth into a living hope
through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead.

By your blessing, may we
who have prepared this garden in celebration of his victory
be strengthened in faith,
know the power of his presence,
and rejoice in the hope of eternal glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Blessed be God for ever.

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

Silence may be kept.

Come, let us return to the Lord and say:

All Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.

Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us; deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

cf Hosea 6

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' or a more specific bidding. The Collect is said.

God of glory, by the raising of your Son
you have broken the chains of death and hell:
fill your Church with faith and hope;

for a new day has dawned
and the way to life stands open
in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

All Amen.

First reading Acts 10.34-43

Peter began to speak to those assembled in the house of Cornelius.

'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ – he is Lord of all.

'That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead.

'All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading Colossians 3.1-4

If you have been raised with Christ, seek the things that are above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God.

Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth, for you have died, and your life is hidden with Christ in God.

When Christ who is your life is revealed, then you also will be revealed with him in glory.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

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| 1 Love's redeeming work is done;
fought the fight, the battle won:
lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
lo, he sets in blood no more. | 4 Soar we now where Christ has led,
following our exalted Head;
made like him, like him we rise;
ours the cross, the grave, the skies. |
| 2 Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ has burst the gates of hell;
death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise. | 5 Hail the Lord of earth and heaven!
Praise to thee by both be given:
thee we greet triumphant now;
hail, the Resurrection Thou! |
| 3 Lives again our glorious King;
where, O death, is now thy sting?
dying once, he all doth save;
where thy victory, O grave? | |

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

Gospel reading John 20.1-18

All/choir Alleluia!

Cantor I am the first and the last, and the living one;
I was dead and behold, I am alive for evermore.

All/choir Alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, 'They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.'

Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus' head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the

scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' which means Teacher. Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' "

Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

After the Sermon silence may be kept.

Renewal of baptismal vows

Minister In baptism,

God calls us out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

To follow Christ means
dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

All I reject them.

Minister Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

All I renounce them.

Minister Do you repent of the sins
that separate us from God and neighbour?

All I repent of them.

Minister Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

All I turn to Christ.

Minister Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

All I submit to Christ.

Minister Do you come to Christ,
the way, the truth and the life?

All I come to Christ.

Minister May almighty God
who has given you the desire to follow Christ
give you the strength to continue in the way.

Prayers of Intercession

Minister Let us pray to the Father,
who loved the world so much
that he sent his only Son to give us life.

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.**

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!
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

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| 1 Name of all majesty,
fathomless mystery,
King of the ages
by angels adored;
power and authority,
splendour and dignity,
bow to his mastery,
Jesus is Lord! | 3 Saviour of Calvary,
costliest victory,
darkness defeated
and Eden restored;
born as a man to die,
nailed to a cross on high,
cold in the grave to lie,
Jesus is Lord! |
| 2 Child of our destiny,
God from eternity,
love of the Father
on sinners outpoured;
see now what God has done
sending his only Son,
Christ the beloved One,
Jesus is Lord! | 4 Source of all sovereignty,
light, immortality,
life everlasting
and heaven assured;
so with the ransomed, we
praise him eternally,
Christ in his majesty,
Jesus is Lord! |

Timothy Dudley-Smith (b. 1926) Words: © Timothy Dudley-Smith in Europe and Africa. Oxford University Press

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.

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,
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
say for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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 Seeking the salvation of the world,
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 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 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 hymn

- 1 Now the green blade rises from the buried grain,
wheat that in the dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
- 2 In the grave they laid him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that he never would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
- 3 Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for the three days in the grave had lain,
back from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.
- 4 When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
then your touch can call us back to life again,
field of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springs up green.

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Motet Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni (1657–1743): Cantate Domino

Cantate Domino canticum novum;	Sing to the Lord a new song.
laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum.	His praise is in the assembly of the saints.
Laetetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum,	Let Israel rejoice in him who made him.
et filii Sion exsultent in rege suo.	Let the daughters of Zion exult in their king.

Prayer after Communion

Minister God of Life, who for our redemption
gave your only-begotten Son to the death of the cross,
and by his glorious resurrection
have delivered us from the power of our enemy:
grant us so to die daily to sin,
that we may evermore live with him
in the joy of his risen life;
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

1 Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

Chorus Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.

2 Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

3 No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

A toi la gloire, O Ressuscité - Edmond Budry (1854-1932), translated by Richard Birch Hoyle (1875-1939)

Blessing

Minister The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
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 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 Carol, Kay G, Diana Brown, Jo Thraves, Glennis Eades, Rita Hawkes, William, Steve Cavender, Ann, Shirley Crowhurst, Michael Englefield, Geoff and Diane Johnson.

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: Frederick Lambert, George Hacksley, Jean Butler, Sharon Keevil, Margaret Stephenson, Ricky Biggs, Frank Gadd, William Bellamy, Elspeth Gordon, Ian Cox, Baby Kevin Thomas, Ernest Fensome, Baby Dodkins, Angela Pelling, Marjory Riley, Olive Butler, Graham Spencer, Michael Thompson, Charles Saunby, Rose Lymn, Benjamin Walker, James Scobie, Ken Metcalf.

Notices

No morning prayer on Easter Monday 6 April.

Said Eucharist Tuesday 7 April 10:00, All Saints.

Bible Studies on St Mark's Gospel Tuesday 7 April 14:00, All Hallows' Hall; and Monday 13 April 19:30, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

All Saints' coffee morning Saturday 11 April 10:00.

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.

Diary

Mon 6 Apr	Easter Monday	
18:30-19:15	All Saints	Organ lesson
Tues 7 Apr		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-10:30	All Saints	said Eucharist
14:00-15:00	All Hallows' Hall	Bible study
Wed 8 Apr		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee
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 9 Apr		
9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
Fri 10 Apr	William Law	
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
Sat 11 Apr		
9:30-12:30	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-12:00	All Saints	coffee morning
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
Sun 12 Apr	2nd Sunday of Easter	
9:15-10:15	All Saints	sung Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	sung Eucharist
18:00-18:30	Zoom	Compline

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