



## Holy Communion

All Saints Church

Fourth Sunday of Easter

26 April 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.*

***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 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.

Minister Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

*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 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.

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.

## 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.*

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice  
and to follow your command,  
that all your people may be gathered into one flock,  
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

## **First reading Acts 2. 42-47**

Many were baptised and were added to the community. They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people.

And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second reading 1 Peter 2.19-25**

Brothers and sisters, it is a credit to you if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

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

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

## Gospel reading John 10.1-10

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

**All/choir Alleluia!**

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

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to the Pharisees: 'Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.' Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will

come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.'

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 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

- 1 In heavenly love abiding,  
no change my heart shall fear;  
and safe is such confiding,  
for nothing changes here:  
the storm may roar without me,  
my heart may low be laid;  
but God is round about me,  
and can I be dismayed?
- 2 Wherever he may guide me,  
no want shall turn me back;  
my Shepherd is beside me,  
and nothing can I lack:  
his wisdom ever waketh,  
his sight is never dim,  
he knows the way he taketh,  
and I will walk with him.

3           Green pastures are before me,  
              which yet I have not seen;  
              bright skies will soon be o'er me,  
              where darkest clouds have been;  
              my hope I cannot measure,  
              my path to life is free;  
              my Saviour has my treasure,  
              and he will walk with me.

*Anna Laetitia Waring (1823-1910)*

## **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

*The last two lines of each verse are repeated.*

- 1        The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want;  
          he makes me down to lie  
          in pastures green; he leadeth me  
          the quiet waters by.
- 2        My soul he doth restore again,  
          and me to walk doth make  
          within the paths of righteousness,  
          e'en for his own name's sake.

- 3        Yea, though I walk through death's dark vale,  
          yet will I fear none ill;  
          for thou art with me, and thy rod  
          and staff me comfort still.
- 4        My table thou hast furnished  
          in presence of my foes;  
          my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
          and my cup overflows.
- 5        Goodness and mercy all my life  
          shall surely follow me;  
          and in God's house for evermore  
          my dwelling-place shall be.

*Scottish Psalter, 1650. Psalm 23*

### **Motet Thomas Attwood: Come, Holy Ghost**

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire, and lighten with celestial fire.  
Thou the anointing Spirit art, Who dost thy seven-fold gifts impart.  
Thy blessed unction from above, is comfort, life, and fire of love.  
Enable with perpetual light, the dullness of our blinded sight.  
Anoint and cheer our soiled face, with the abundance of thy Grace.  
Keep far our foes, give peace at home, Where thou art, no ill can come.  
Teach us to know the Father, Son, And thee of both to be but one.

### **Prayer after Communion**

Minister Merciful Father,  
          you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
          and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
          keep us always under his protection,  
          and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
          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           The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want.  
          He makes me lie in pastures green.  
          He leads me by the still, still waters,  
          his goodness restores my soul.

Chorus *And I will trust in you alone, and I will trust in you alone,  
          for your endless mercy follows me,  
          your goodness will lead me home.*

2           He guides my ways in righteousness,  
          and he anoints my head with oil,  
          and my cup, it overflows with joy,  
          I feast on his pure delights.

3           And though I walk the darkest path,  
          I will not fear the evil one,  
          for you are with me, and your rod and staff  
          are the comfort I need to know.

*Stuart Townend (b. 1963) based on Psalm 23; Words and Music: © 1996, adm. by Kingswaysongs*

## 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** Gordon Young: Prelude on a Classical Style

## **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, Ann, Audrey and Liz Coxall.

**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:** Reginald Hayers, Vernon Jackson, Edward Gurling, Gertrude Bates, Harold Knight, Emily Loveday, Bertram Sharpe, Julie Berrill, Barbara Barker, Maureen Parker, Herbert Cook, Robert Underwood, Caroline Piggott, Peter Woods, Frederick Stapleton, Phyllis Bellamy, Peter Jenkin, Jonathan Scott, Bert Sharpe, Alison Leeking, Vera Binle.

**Those who died recently**, among them Geoff Johnson. We pray for those who mourn.

## **Notices**

**Annual Parochial Church Meeting** in church right after today's service.

**Concert of The King's Men** today 17:00, All Hallows.

**Coffee morning** Saturday 9 May 10:00 All Saints, to raise funds for Christian Aid. Cakes or volunteers would be greatly appreciated – please speak to Helen, Karen, Kirot, Linda or Mel.

**Concert of Wellingborough Singers** Saturday 9 May 19:00, All Hallows. Tickets £15 (including an interval drink) at the door or from choir members.

**The next Bible Studies on St Mark's Gospel:**

Tuesday 5 May 14:00, All Hallows Hall;

Monday 11 May 19:30, All Saints Lady Chapel. All welcome.

**Informal Celtic Eucharist** Saturday 16 May 9:30, All Saints.

**Tea & Cake Concert** Saturday 16 May 16:00, All Hallows. Sandra Taylor sings Barbra Streisand songs.

**Wellingborough Inter Faith Group - Global Cafe** Saturday 16 May 11:30, Victoria Centre, Palk Road. No charge, donations invited.

## Diary

### Mon 27 Apr

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 28 Apr

#### George

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

### Wed 29 Apr

#### Catherine of Siena

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
12:15-12:45	All Hallows	Holy Communion
19:00-20:30	All Hallows	Bell ringing
19:00-20:30	All Hallows' Hall	Guides

### Thurs 30 Apr

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers

### Fri 1 May

#### Philip and James, apostles

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Hallows	junior choir practice
19:30-20:45	All Hallows	adult choir practice

### Sat 2 May

#### Athanasius

9:30-10:15	All Hallows	MU Holy Communion
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 <sup>th</sup> Squirrels
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public

### Sun 3 May

#### 5<sup>th</sup> 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
19:30-21:30	All Hallows' Hall	Pegasus Explorers

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