



Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Fifth Sunday of Easter

3 May 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.*

We serve refreshments before the service, feel free to take your drink to your pew for the start of the service.

*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 entrance. Alternatively you can scan the QR code on the last page.*

Hymn

1 To God be the glory, great things he has done!
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,
who yielded his life an atonement for sin
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Chorus *Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!*
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! Great things he has done!

2 O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood!
To every believer the promise of God!
The vilest offender who truly believes,
that moment from Jesus forgiveness receives.

3 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son;

but purer and higher and greater will be
our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Fanny Crosby, (Frances Jane van Alstyne) (1820–1915)

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

Minister 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, and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God heav'nly King, Almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

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:
you are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.

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, 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.

Risen Christ,
your wounds declare your love for the world
and the wonder of your risen life:
give us compassion and courage
to risk ourselves for those we serve,
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

First reading Acts 7.55-60

Standing before the high priest and the council, Stephen, filled with the Holy Spirit, gazed into heaven and saw the glory of God and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. 'Look,' he said, 'I see the heavens opened and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God!'

But they covered their ears, and with a loud shout all rushed together against him. Then they dragged him out of the city and began to stone him; and the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul. While they were stoning Stephen, he prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' Then he knelt down and cried out in a loud voice, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he died.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second reading 1 Peter 2.2-10

Like newborn infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God's sight, and like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture:

'See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.'

To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe:

'The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner',

and 'A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.'

They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

- 1 Christ is our corner-stone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heaven are filled:
on his great love
our hopes we place
of present grace
and joys above.
- 2 O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim
in joyful song,
both loud and long,
that glorious name.
- 3 Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious shower
on all who pray
each holy day
thy blessings pour.
- 4 Here may we gain from heaven
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once given,
be with us evermore,
until that day
when all the blest
to endless rest
are called away.

John Chandler (1806-1876)

based on Angularis fundamentum lapis Christus missus est, (Latin, before 9th century)

Gospel reading John 14.1-14

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!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: 'Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling-places. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, so that where I am, there you may be also. And you know the way to the place where I am going.'

Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we do not know where you are going. How can we know the way?'

Jesus said to him, 'I am the way, and the truth, and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. If you know me, you will know my Father also. From now on you do know him and have seen him.'

Philip said to him, 'Lord, show us the Father, and we will be satisfied.'

Jesus said to him, 'Have I been with you all this time, Philip, and you still do not know me? Whoever has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? Do you not believe that I am in the Father and the Father is in me? The words that I say to you I do not speak on my own; but the Father who dwells in me does his works. Believe me that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; but if you do not, then believe me because of the works themselves. Very truly, I tell you, the one who believes in me will also do the works that I do and, in fact, will do greater works than these, because I am going to the Father. I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. If in my name you ask me for anything, I will do it.'

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.

Minister 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

Anthem Andrew Reid: Victimae Pascali

To the Pascal Victim, Christians, offer a sacrifice of praise.
The Lamb has ransomed his sheep;
the innocent Christ has reconciled sinners with the Father.
Death and Life confronted each other in a prodigious battle:
the Prince of life who died, now reigns living.
Tell us, Mary, what did you see upon the way?
I saw the sepulcher of the living Christ:
I saw the glory of the Risen One.
I saw the angels, his witnesses, the shroud and the garments.
Christ, my hope, is risen: he will go before his own into Galilee.
We know that Christ is truly risen from the dead.
O victorious King, have mercy on us.

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 and 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.
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.

Minister 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 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, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world: give us peace.**

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 Let us build a house where love can dwell
and all can safely live,
a place where saints and children tell
how hearts learn to forgive;
built of hopes and dreams and visions,
rock of faith and vault of grace;
here the love of Christ shall end divisions:

Chorus *All are welcome, all are welcome,
all are welcome in this place.*

2 Let us build a house where prophets speak,
and words are strong and true,

where all God's children dare to seek
to dream God's reign anew.
Here the cross shall stand as witness
and as symbol of God's grace;
here as one we claim the faith of Jesus:

3 Let us build a house where hands will reach
beyond the wood and stone
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,
and live the Word they've known.
Here the outcast and the stranger
bear the image of God's face;
let us bring an end to fear and danger:

4 Let us build a house where all are named,
their songs and visions heard
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed
as words within the Word.
Built of tears and cries and laughter,
prayers of faith and songs of grace,
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter:

Marty Haugen (b.1950)

1 Draw nigh and take the body of the Lord,
and drink the holy blood for you outpoured.
2 Saved by that body and that holy blood,
with souls refreshed, we render thanks to God.
3 Salvation's giver, Christ, the only Son,
by his dear cross and blood the victory won.
4 Offered was he for greatest and for least,
himself the victim, and himself the priest.
5 Approach ye then with faithful hearts sincere,
and take the pledges of salvation here.

John Mason Neale (1818-1866) translated from Sancti venite, Christi corpus sumite, Bangor Antiphoner, c.690

Prayer after Communion

Minister Eternal God,
whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life:

grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth,
and to share his risen life;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

**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 Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
the wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
our fathers owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 2 Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest, as to least;
they bade men rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 3 When shadows thick were falling,
and all seemed sunk in night,
thou, Lord, didst send thy servants,
thy chosen sons of light.
On them and on thy people
thy plenteous grace was poured,
and this was still their message:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 4 Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.
Their Gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, man restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 5 And we, shall we be faithless?
Shall hearts fail, heads hang down?
Shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one faith, one Lord.
- 6 Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
the victory shall be won;
and then, by men and angels,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one faith, one Lord.

Edward Hayes Plumptre (1821–1891)

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

Minister Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia!

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia!**

The people and ministers depart.

Organ voluntary S. S. Wesley: Choral Song

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: Meg Northen, David Coles, Gertrude Bertha Doris Tew, Beryl Billing, Brian Tivey, Norman Farmer, Henry Bertram Griffin, Wittrence Cope, Phyllis Layton, Jack Knight, Stella Warby, Peter John Gordon, John Corbett, Brian Crowhurst, John Dicks, Bernard Campbell, Kerry Woods.

Diary

Mon 4 May English saints and martyrs of the Reformation

Tues 5 May

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-10:30	All Saints' Lady Chapel	Said Eucharist
10:30-11:30	All Hallows	piano tuning
14:00-15:00	All Hallows' Hall	Bible Study

Wed 6 May

9:00-10:00	All Saints	school worship
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 7 May

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
14:00-16:00	All Hallows	Handbell practice
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 th Beavers
19:-22:00	All Hallows	concert rehearsal

Fri 8 May Julian of Norwich

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

Sat 9 May Athanasius

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
9:30-10:30	Dale End	4 th Squirrels
10:00-12:00	All Saints	coffee morning
10:30-12:30	All Hallows	open to the public
19:00-21:00	All Hallows	Wellingborough Singers concert

Sun 10 May 6th Sunday of Easter

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Sung Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
18:00-19:00	Easton Maudit	Evensong
19:30-21:30	All Hallows' Hall	Pegasus Explorers

Notices

Said Eucharist Tuesday 5 May 10:00, All Saints' Lady Chapel.

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.

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, Kiro, 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.

Prayerbook Society Evensong Sunday 10 May 18:00, Easton Maudit. This replaces any evening service we would have otherwise that day.

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.

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