



## Holy Communion

All Hallows Church

Third Sunday of Easter

19 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.*

*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 Light's glittering morn bedecks the sky;  
heaven thunders forth its victor-cry:  
*Alleluia, alleluia.*  
The glad earth shouts her triumph high,  
and groaning hell makes wild reply:  
*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.*
- 2 That Eastertide with joy was bright,  
the sun shone out with fairer light,  
when, to their longing eyes restored,  
the glad apostles saw their Lord:
- 3 He bade them see his hands, his side,  
where yet the glorious wounds abide;  
the tokens true which made it plain  
their Lord indeed was risen again:
- 4 Jesu, the King of gentleness,  
do thou thyself our hearts possess,

that we may give thee all our days  
the tribute of our grateful praise:

5 All praise be thine, O risen Lord,  
from death to endless life restored;  
all praise to God the Father be  
and Holy Ghost eternally:

*John Mason Neale (1818–1866) based on Aurora lucis rutilat, (Latin, 4th century)*

## 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,  
you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope:  
strengthen us to proclaim your risen life  
and fill us with your peace,  
to the glory of God the Father.

All Amen.

## **First reading Acts 2.14a, 36-41**

On the day of Pentecost, Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed the crowd: 'Let the entire house of Israel know with certainty that God has made him both Lord and Messiah, this Jesus whom you crucified.'

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, 'Brothers, what should we do?'

Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptised every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.' And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, 'Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.' So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added to their number.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Second reading 1 Peter 1.17-23**

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## Hymn

- 1 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ, the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.
- 2 Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.
- 3 Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain, and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.
- 4 Alleluia! Alleluia!  
Glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia! Alleluia!  
to the Triune Majesty.

*Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)*

## Gospel reading Luke 24.13-35

**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 Luke.

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

On that same day, two of the disciples were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognising him.

And he said to them, 'What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?' They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, 'Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?' Jesus

asked them, 'What things?' They replied, 'The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see Jesus.' Then he said to them, 'Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?' Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, 'Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.' So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognised Jesus; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, 'Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?'

That same hour they got up and returned to Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

### Hymn

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| 1 Paschal Feast! Upon the cross<br>Jesus gave himself to save us.<br>Sin's sad leaven throw away:<br>break the bread of life he gave us.<br><i>Alleluia!</i>        | 3 Christ is risen from the grave,<br>all who sleep in death awaking.<br>First fruit of the harvest field:<br>now our Easter dawn is breaking.<br><i>Alleluia!</i> |
| 2 Risen again, our living Lord<br>death's dominion now has shattered.<br>Now we share his risen life,<br>hell's dread powers for ever scattered<br><i>Alleluia!</i> | 4 As through man death comes to all,<br>so has man unlocked death's prison.<br>As in Adam all are dead,<br>so in Christ shall all be risen.<br><i>Alleluia!</i>   |

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## 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 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: 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

Chorus

*Alleluia, alleluia,  
give thanks to the risen Lord.  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
give praise to his name.*

1 Jesus is Lord of all the earth:  
he is the King of creation:

2 Spread the good news o'er all the earth:  
Jesus has died and has risen:

3 We have been crucified with Christ:  
now we shall live for ever:

4 God has proclaimed the just reward:  
life for the world, alleluia:

5 Come, let us praise the living God,  
joyfully sing to our Saviour:

*Donald Fishel (b. 1950)*

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## Motet Barry Rose: Risen Lord

Risen Lord, give us a heart for simple things.

Love, laughter, bread, wine and dreams, fill us with green growing hope.

Risen Lord, make us a people whose song is Alleluia,

Whose sign is peace and whose name is Love.

Risen Lord, give a heart for simple things and sing Alleluia,  
and to sing Alleluia.

## Prayer after Communion

Minister Living God,

your Son made himself known to his disciples

in the breaking of bread:

open the eyes of our faith,

that we may see him in all his redeeming work;

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 I danced in the morning when the world was begun,  
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,  
and I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;  
at Bethlehem I had my birth.

Chorus *Dance, then, wherever you may be;  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he,  
and I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,  
and I'll lead you all in the Dance, said he.*

2 I danced for the scribe and the pharisee,  
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me.  
I danced for the fishermen, for James and John —  
they came with me and the Dance went on.

3 I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame;  
the holy people said it was a shame.  
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me on high,  
and they left me there on a cross to die.

4 I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black —  
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.  
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;  
but I am the Dance, and I still go on.

5 They cut me down and I leapt up high;  
I am the life that'll never, never die;  
I'll live in you if you'll live in me —  
I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*Sydney Carter (1915–2004)*

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## 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** Leon Boellmann: Toccata in C minor

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## Diary

### Mon 20 Apr

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 21 Apr **Anselm**

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

### Wed 22 Apr

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
10:00-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	Knit & Natter
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 23 Apr **George**

9:00-9:30	Zoom	Morning Prayer
11:15-12:00	Midland Care Home	Care Home Communion
18:15-19:30	St Mary's Hall	4 <sup>th</sup> Beavers

### Fri 24 Apr

9:30-12:00	All Hallows' Hall	coffee shop
18:30-19:45	All Saints	junior choir practice
19:30-21:00	All Saints	adult choir practice

### Sat 25 Apr **Mark the Evangelist**

9:30-12:30	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 26 Apr **4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

9:15-10:15	All Saints	Sung Eucharist
11:15-12:15	All Hallows	Sung Eucharist
17:00-19:30	All Hallows	Concert: The King's Men
19:30-21:30	All Hallows' Hall	Pegasus Explorers

## 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, Geoff and Diane Johnson, 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 the past two weeks:** Peggy Willard, Mary Gormand, Phyllis Neville, Edward Pendred, Hugh Williams, Betty Thomas, Doris Plackett, Arthur Elliott, Edna Benbow, Laura Tilley, Ida Fair, Phyllis Biggs, Peter Strickland, Trudie Strickland, Kate Coles, Phyllis Anderson, Janet Anderson, Bill Soames, Phyllis Byles, Ruby Meeks, Frank Steele, Gregory Owen, Anne Soper, Terry Jeffrey, Sylvia Patrick, Ian Mullis, Susan Bailey, Abigail O'Keeffe, John Steele, Kay Carey, Audrey Radford, Molly Marland, Eric Poole, William Barker, Henry Renk, Susan Haines, Mavis James, William Wooding, Robert Worley, Tim Gatenby, Norman Haynes, Hilda Cherry, Ethel Pettifer, Joan Woodcock, Eileen Moore, Marie Lucas, Laurie Wright, Arthur West, Beatrice Worley, John Osborne, Irene Branston.

## Notices

**Morning prayer is cancelled** on Monday 20 April only.

**Knit & Natter** Wednesday 22 April 10:00-12:00, All Hallows' Hall. All welcome for a coffee and chat.

**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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