All Saints' Church, Gosforth



HOLY COMMUNION in Lent

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Welcome to All Saints'

Welcome to our Parish Communion Service. We aim to give a warm welcome to all, to offer worship to God which is sincere, meaningful and inclusive, and to share in Christian fellowship.

At the heart of our life together as the gathered community at All Saints' is the Parish Communion, where we hear Bible readings, sing and pray together and share in the bread and wine of Holy Communion. We use the contemporary order authorised by the Church of England known as Common Worship Order One. We hope that this order of Service will help you enter into the worship.

If you have children they are most welcome to join one of the 'Young Saints' groups often held in the hall during the first part of the Service. You are welcome to join them until they are settled. Children are also welcome to stay in the church. You might like to take them to the children's corner.

If you take Communion in an Anglican or another church you are most welcome to share in the Communion. If you do not usually receive, you are welcome to come forward for a blessing. During the hymn the bread and wine are brought to the altar and a collection is taken for our mission of the month (but if you would prefer to contribute to All Saints' please use one of the envelopes in the pew).

We are keeping the season of Lent, when we prepare to enter into the drama of the suffering, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The forty days of Lent are a reminder of the forty days Jesus was tested in the wilderness. Through this period of searching and confession, stillness and reflection, we remain cheerful because we know that goodness and love overcome evil and death. We pray for a holy Lent, that through our worship we may be inspired to be channels of God's power for new creation and redemption in our troubled world.

Coffee, tea, soft drinks and biscuits are served in the Church Hall after the service. If you are a newcomer or a visitor, please make yourself known to one of us and fill out a contact card so that we can keep you up to date with news and events. We look forward to meeting you.

Andrew Shipton Vicar

We Gather

Hymn

We say together the words printed in **bold**

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

We greet one another

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

All and also with you.

Please sit as the children come to the front for a talk.

Please stand as the children go to their groups.

Confession and Forgiveness

God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith. All God of mercy,

we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

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

All Amen.

The Collect

The president says the prayer for the day

All Amen.

Please sit

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading, normally from the Old Testament The Second Reading, from the New Testament

At the end of each reading the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

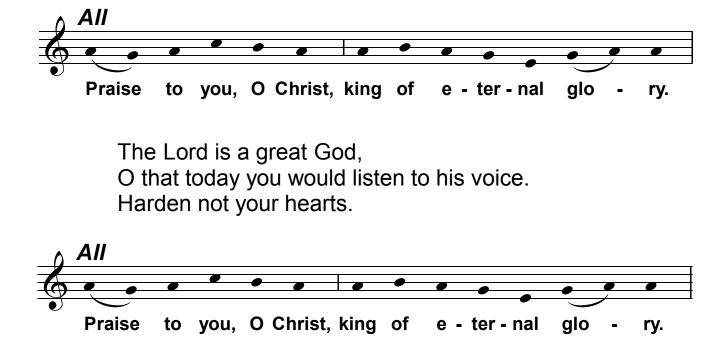
All Thanks be to God

Hymn

The Gospel Reading

Please stand





All The Lord be with you and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Please stand

All I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers

Please sit or kneel for the prayers. One of these responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy (*or*) Lord, hear us. *All* hear our prayer. Lord, graciously hear us

And at the end

Merciful Father

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



We share in Holy Communion

Please stand

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace

We exchange a sign of peace with one another

The Preparation of the Table

Taking the Bread and Wine

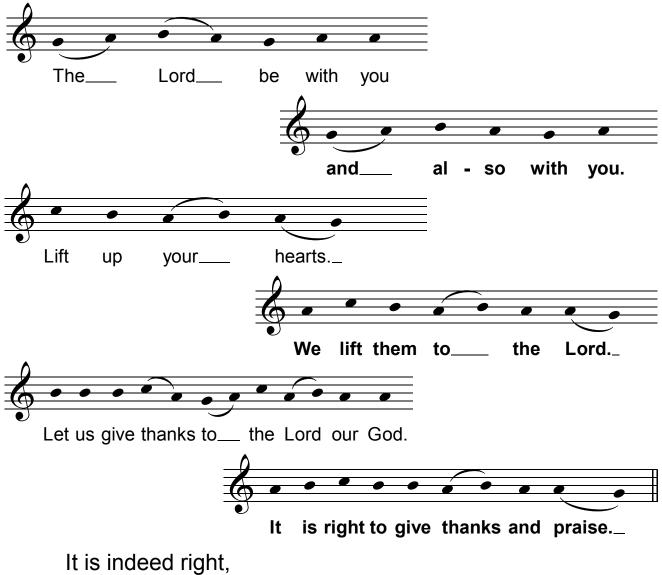
Hymn

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Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us, nourish your people with the word of life and the bread of heaven.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer



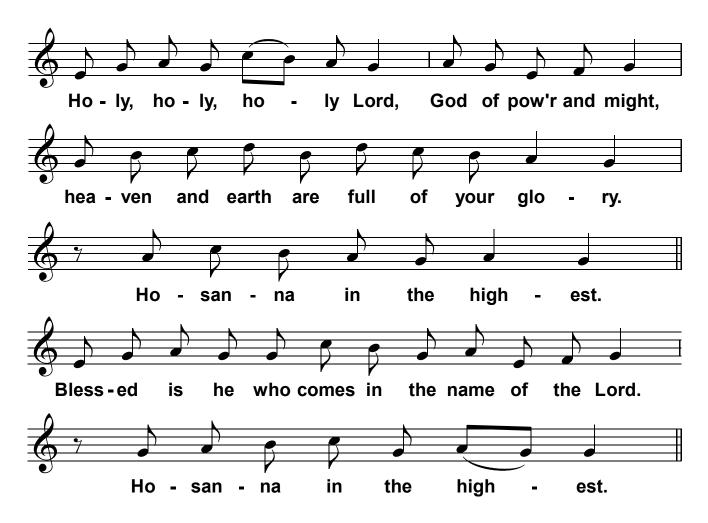
It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

[From Ash Wednesday until the Fifth Sunday of Lent:

And now we give you thanks because you give us the spirit of discipline, that we may triumph over evil and grow in grace, as we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed.] [From the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week:

And now we give you thanks because, for our salvation, he was obedient even to death on the cross. The tree of shame was made the tree of glory; and where life was lost, there life has been restored.]

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and singing:



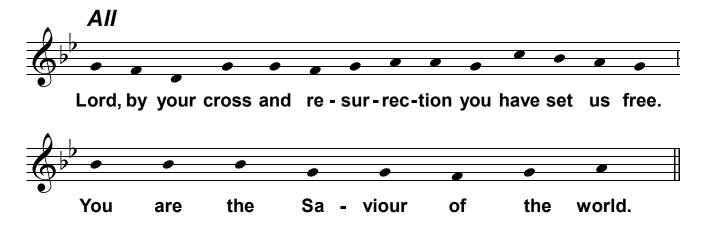
Accept our praises, heavenly Father through your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, ænd as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

who in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: 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.

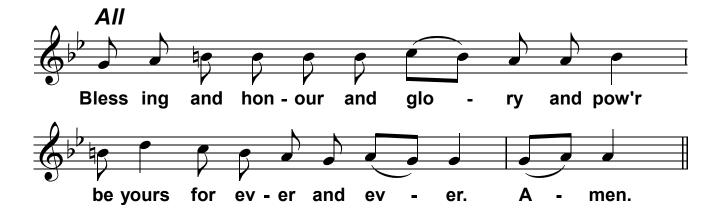
Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:



Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:



The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray: All Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Breaking the Bread

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.



We sing



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

You are invited to come to one of the altars to receive communion. If you receive communion in another Christian church you are welcome to do so here. If you would like to receive a blessing instead please bring this booklet with you.

During the distribution, an anthem may be sung.

Hymn

The president says a prayer, after which we all say:

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.

The Dismissal

Hymn

Please turn to face the west end of the church as the procession moves there.

The Blessing

From Ash Wednesday until the Fifth Sunday of Lent:

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.

All

From the Fifth Sunday of Lent until the Wednesday of Holy Week:

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. *All* Thanks be to God. Please join us in the Hall for refreshments.

