

# Order of Service The Second Sunday of Lent

Sunday 16 March 2025, 11am

President: **The Revd Dr John Barker**Preacher: **The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam** 

#### **WELCOME**

# to all who are joining us today, whether in church or online.

All Hallows is a member of Inclusive Church and we are delighted you have joined our worship today. Please ask one of our welcomers if you need any assistance during the service. If you are able, we'd love you to join us for refreshments when the service has finished.

For those with children you will find space in the south aisle where you will be able to see and participate in the whole service. You will find some activity sheets to enable you and any children you have brought with you to engage with our service. Please ask one of our friendly welcomers if you need anything before or during the service.

We will be taking a collection during the service, and we encourage those who are UK tax payers to use one of the gift aid envelopes which are available in the pews. This will increase the value of your gift by 25% at no extra cost to you.

You can also make a debit/credit card donation to All Hallows by using the donations machine at the back of the church, by using the QR code on your phone, or via our website at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate

Thank you.



#### **Security Notice**

We advise you not to leave personal belongings unattended and to keep them in sight at all times. Do not leave bags on the floor by your feet, and make sure you take any valuables with you when you go up to receive Communion. For additional safety and security, 24 hour CCTV recording is in operation on these premises.

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#### **Music Before the Service**

Prelude on Song 13 – Eric Thiman Organist: David Cook

# The Gathering

#### Hymn

Please stand.

All ye who seek a comfort sure in trouble and distress, whatever sorrow vex the mind, or guilt the soul oppress:

Jesus, who gave himself for you upon the cross to die, opens to you his sacred heart; oh, to that heart draw nigh.

Ye hear how kindly he invites; ye hear his words so blest: 'all ye that labour come to me, and I will give you rest.'

Jesus, thou joy of saints on high, thou hope of sinners here, attracted by those loving words to thee I lift my prayer.

Wash thou my wounds in that dear blood, which forth from thee doth flow; new grace, new hope inspire, a new and better heart bestow.

Latin, tr. E. Caswall (1814-78) Tune: St Bernard

#### Welcome and Introduction

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

All Amen.

The Lord be with you All and also with you.

Words of welcome and introduction are 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

#### **Prayers of Confession**

Please sit or kneel.



The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion, and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness and cleanse me from my sin:

#### All R/ Kyrie eleison...

Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me:

#### All R/ Christe eleison...

Cast me not away from your presence and take not your holy spirit from me:

#### All R/ Kyrie eleison...

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

#### The Collect

Let us pray:
Almighty God,
you show to those who are in error the light of your truth,
that they may return to the way of righteousness:
grant to all those who are admitted
into the fellowship of Christ's religion,
that they may reject those things
that are contrary to their profession,
and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same;
through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Please sit.

# The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Genesis 15.1-12, 17-18

Read by David Risley

After these things the word of the Lord came to Abram in a vision, 'Do not be afraid, Abram, I am your shield; your reward shall be very great.' But Abram said, 'O Lord God, what will you give me, for I continue childless, and the heir of my house is Eliezer of Damascus?' And Abram said, 'You have given me no offspring, and so a slave born in my house is to be my heir.' But the word of the Lord came to him, 'This man shall not be your heir; no one but your very own issue shall be your heir.' He brought him outside and said, 'Look towards heaven and count the stars, if you are able to count them.' Then he said to him, 'So shall your descendants be.' And he believed the Lord; and the Lord reckoned it to him as righteousness.

Then he said to him, 'I am the Lord who brought you from Ur of the Chaldeans, to give you this land to possess.' But he said, 'O Lord God, how am I to know that I shall possess it?' He said to him, 'Bring me a heifer three years old, a female goat three years old, a ram three years old, a turtle-dove, and a young pigeon.' He brought him all these and cut them in two, laying each half over

against the other; but he did not cut the birds in two. And when birds of prey came down on the carcasses, Abram drove them away.

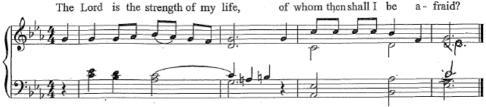
As the sun was going down, a deep sleep fell upon Abram, and a deep and terrifying darkness descended upon him.

When the sun had gone down and it was dark, a smoking fire-pot and a flaming torch passed between these pieces. On that day the Lord made a covenant with Abram, saying, 'To your descendants I give this land, from the river of Egypt to the great river, the river Euphrates.

This is the word of the Lord.

#### Thanks be to God. ΑII

Remain seated for **The Psalm:** 27.1-5, 14-end sung by Dorothy Lawrence



The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? The Lord is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid? R/

When the wicked, even my enemies and my foes, came upon me to eat up my flesh, they stumbled and fell. Though a host encamp against me, my heart shall not be afraid, and though there rise up war against me, yet will I put my trust in him. R/

One thing have I asked of the Lord and that alone I seek: that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life, To behold the fair beauty of the Lord and to seek his will in his temple. R/

Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of those who lie in wait for me. Deliver me not into the will of my adversaries, for false witnesses have risen up against me. and those who breathe out violence. R/

I believe that I shall see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living. Wait for the Lord; be strong and he shall comfort your heart;

wait patiently for the Lord. R/

# Second Reading: Philippians 3.17-4.1

Read by Szabina Soptei

Brothers and sisters, join in imitating me, and observe those who live according to the example you have in us. For many live as enemies of the cross of Christ; I have often told you of them, and now I tell you even with tears. Their end is destruction; their god is the belly; and their glory is in their shame; their minds are set on earthly things. But our citizenship is in heaven, and it is from there that we are expecting a Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. He will transform the body of our humiliation so that it may be conformed to the body of his glory, by the power that also enables him to make all things subject to himself. Therefore, my brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

This is the word of the Lord.

#### All Thanks be to God.

All stand and face the Gospel for the Gospel Acclamation

#### Gospel Reading: Luke 13.31-35

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

Psalm 119.105

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

The Lord be with you

#### All And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

### All Glory to you, O Lord.

At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, 'Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.' He said to them, 'Go and tell that fox for me, "Listen, I am casting out demons and performing cures today and tomorrow, and on the third day I finish my work. Yet today, tomorrow, and the next day I must be on my way, because it is impossible for a prophet to be killed away from Jerusalem." Jerusalem, Jerusalem, the city that kills the prophets and stones those who are sent to it! How often have I desired to gather your children together as a hen gathers her brood under her wings, and you were not willing! See, your house is left to you. And I tell you, you will not see me until the time comes when you say, "Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

#### All Praise to you, O Christ.

#### The Sermon

The Revd Jennifer Midgley-Adam

#### The Nicene Creed

Please stand.

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.

Please sit or kneel.

### **Prayers of Intercession**

Led by The Revd Nicol Kinrade

Lord, in your mercy,

All Hear our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,

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

Please stand.

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

#### 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.

Deacon Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of beace.

### **Offertory Hymn**

During the hymn a collection will be taken towards the ministry of this church. If you are a UK Tax Payer, you can increase the value of your gift by 25% by completing one of the Gift Aid envelopes which are available in the pews. Thank you.

Light's abode, celestial Salem, vision whence true peace doth spring, brighter than the heart can fancy, mansion of the highest King;

O how glorious are the praises which of thee the prophets sing!

There for ever and for ever alleluia is outpoured; for unending, for unbroken, is the feast-day of the Lord; all is pure and all is holy that within thy walls is stored.

There no cloud or passing vapour dims the brightness of the air; endless noon-day, glorious noon-day, from the Sun of suns is there; there no night brings rest from labour, for unknown are toil and care.

O how glorious and resplendent, fragile body, shalt thou be, when endued with so much beauty, full of health and strong and free, full of vigour, full of pleasure that shall last eternally.

Now with gladness, now with courage, bear the burden on thee laid, that hereafter these thy labours may with endless gifts be paid; and in everlasting glory thou with brightness be arrayed.

Laud and honour to the Father, laud and honour to the Son, laud and honour to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One, consubstantial, co-eternal, while unending ages run.

Ascribed to Thomas A Kempis c. 1380-1471 tr J.M. Neale \* 1818-1866 Tune: Regent Square

# The Preparation of the Table

God of our journey, as we walk with you on your path of obedience, sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

# All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

#### All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

# All It is right to give thanks and praise.

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 our Lord.

For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and singing:





All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world;

he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Deacon Christ is the bread of life:

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing;

through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

#### All Amen.

# The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

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.

#### The Breaking of 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.

#### **Agnus Dei**



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

#### Invitation to 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.

Communicant members of all Christian churches are invited to receive Holy Communion at All Hallows. All others may come forward for a prayer of blessing - please indicate this by bowing your head.

# **Music During Communion**

Jesu, grant me this, I pray - Music by Orlando Gibbons

#### **Post-Communion Prayer**

Almighty God,

you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves:

keep us both outwardly in our bodies,

and inwardly in our souls;

that we may be defended from all adversities

which may happen to the body,

and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

All Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.

#### **Notices**

# The Dismissal

Please stand.

#### Hymn

Jerusalem the golden, with milk and honey blest, beneath thy contemplation sink heart and voice opprest. I know not, O I know not what joys await us there, what radiancy of glory, what bliss beyond compare.

They stand, those halls of Sion, conjubilant with song, and bright with many an angel, and all the martyr throng; the Prince is ever with them, the daylight is serene, the pastures of the blessèd are decked in glorious sheen.

There is the throne of David; and there, from care released, the shout of them that triumph, the song of them that feast; and they, who with their leader have conquered in the fight, for ever and for ever are clad in robes of white. O sweet and blessèd country, the home of God's elect!
O sweet and blessèd country that eager hearts expect!
Jesu, in mercy bring us to that dear land of rest; who art, with God the Father and Spirit, ever blest.

Bernard of Cluny (12h century) translated by John Mason Neale (1818-1866) Tune: Ewing

#### The Blessing

The Lord be with you All And also with you.

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.

Amen.

Deacon Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

**Music after the Service**Voluntary in D Minor – William Croft

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

#### **Notices**

#### **Electoral Roll**

Every 6 years a new Electoral Roll of each Parish must be prepared, which is taking place this year. Being on the Electoral Roll gives you the right to vote at the Annual Parochial Church Council, and to stand for as Churchwarden, or for the PCC or Deanery Synod. The number of people on the Electoral Roll also determines the size of the PCC and the number Deanery Synod Representatives a parish can have.

If you wish to rejoin the Electoral Roll, please contact the Parish Administrator on <a href="mailto:parish@ahbtt.org.uk">parish@ahbtt.org.uk</a> and he will send you the form for completion. Forms need to be submitted by 16th March 2025.

#### **Earth Hour**

There is a great opportunity to take part in Earth Hour on Saturday 22 March 8:30pm to 9:30pm. Earth Hour is a commitment to take action, marked by switching off non-essential lights and pledging to spend 60-minutes doing something positive for the planet. Explore how you can get involved at <a href="https://www.earthhour.org/take-part/give-an-hour">https://www.earthhour.org/take-part/give-an-hour</a>.

#### Looking Closer, Looking Deeper \*\*\*NEW EPISODE\*\*\*

Podcast episode I I is now out! "To The Lonely Sea The-Sky - The Old Worcesters" To listen, go to www.spotify.com and search for 'All Hallows by the Tower', or use link: <a href="https://rb.gy/yqozty">https://rb.gy/yqozty</a>

#### Live Music at St Mary-at-Hill

Our friends at St Mary-at-Hill have organised lunchtime concerts on Wednesday's during March at 1pm. On 19 March the cellist Eryna Kisumba will play Cello Sonata by C Debussy and Cello Sonata No.2 by F Mendelssohn. Everyone is welcome

#### **Lent Course**

This year we will be joining the **Diocesan Lent Course - Climate Justice & Discipleship.** Across 5 sessions, each led by a different bishop from across the Diocese, we are invited to reflect on five significant moments in Jesus' life and ministry. As we take this journey together, how might we encounter Christ through creation, pursue justice from within, and convert our fearful reactions into a loving response?

They will take place online on the Tuesdays during Lent, 7.30-8.30pm (March 18th, 25th, April 1st, 8th). If you are unable to make the Tuesday sessions, they will be recorded and available for catch up during the week.

You can learn more about the course and register for the Diocesan sessions on their website: <a href="https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/diocesan-lent-offering-2025-climate-justice-discipleship/">https://www.london.anglican.org/articles/diocesan-lent-offering-2025-climate-justice-discipleship/</a>

There will be an additional offering of 3 parish online reflection groups, with an opportunity to discuss the material, our responses individually and as a parish. These will take place on Saturdays 15th March, 29th March, 12th April, 10.00-11.00am.

If you wish to join the parish reflection group for the 3 additional sessions, please let the Parish Administrator know (parish@ahbtt.org.uk), and a Zoom link will be emailed to participants.

#### To keep in your prayers

We are pleased that Roddy Simm and Adam Kent are preparing to be confirmed this Easter. Please keep Roddy and Adam in your prayers as they prepare for this important time.

#### The Week Ahead

#### **Church Opening Times**

Monday-Friday: 8am-5pm Saturday-Sunday: 10am-5pm

#### Services at All Hallows

You are welcome to join us for any of our services in church. Our Sunday Eucharist and Taizé services are streamed on Zoom.

#### Monday 17 March

8.30am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Evening Prayer

#### Tuesday 18 March

8.30am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Evening Prayer

#### Wednesday 19 March

8.30am Morning Prayer 12.30pm Holy Communion for

St Joseph of Nazareth

6pm Taizé Prayer

#### Thursday 20 March

8.30am Said Eucharist 4.30pm Evening Prayer

#### Friday 21 March

8.30am Morning Prayer 4.30pm Evening Prayer

#### Saturday 22 March

10am Morning Prayer4.30pm Evening Prayer

#### Sunday 23 March: The Third Sunday of Lent

Ham Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Nicol Kinrade

# Taizé - Wednesdays at 6pm

Our weekly Taizé service takes place in church and online. You are welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer, music and reflection. If you can't attend in person and would like to join us online, you can view the livestream at ahbtt.org.uk/livestream.

Zoom links are included in our weekly email, but if you would like a link for a particular service or event please email **parish@ahbtt.org.uk**.

#### **Weekly Email**

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#### Byward Kitchen & Bar

The Byward Kitchen is open for drinks, meals and light refreshments from 9am-3.30pm, with indoor and outdoor seating available.

bywardkitchenandbar.com

# The Team at All Hallows

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