

Christ the King

Sunday 23 November 2025, I Iam

President and Preacher: The Revd Nicol Kinrade

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

Hornpipe from "The Water Music" – G F Handel Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand.

All hail the power of Jesus' name! Let angels prostrate fall; Bring forth the royal diadem And crown him Lord of all.

Crown him, ye morning stars of light, Who fixed this floating ball; Now hail the Strength of Israel's might, And crown him Lord of all!

Crown him ye martyrs of your God, Who from his altar call: Praise him, whose way of pain ye trod, And crown him Lord of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, Ye ransomed of the fall, Hail him who saves you by his grace And crown him Lord of all.

Hail him, ye heirs of David's line, Whom David Lord did call, The God incarnate, Man divine, And crown him Lord of all.

Sinners, whose love can ne'er forget The wormwood and the gall, Go, spread your trophies at his feet And crown him Lord of all.

Let every tribe and every tongue To him their hearts enthral, Lif high the universal song, And crown him Lord of all.

Edward Perronet (1726-92) Tune: Miles Lane

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

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith. cf Matthew 4.17

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

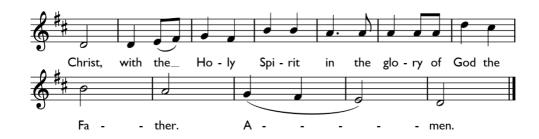
Amen.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

The Gloria





The Collect

Let us pray

Eternal Father,

whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; 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 Jeremiah 23.1-6 Read by Howard Redgwell

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved

and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Psalm 46

Sung by Sarah Alder



God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble;

Therefore we will not fear, though the earth be moved, and though the mountains tremble in the heart of the sea; Though the waters rage and swell, and though the mountains quake at the towering seas. **R**/

There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place of the dwelling of the Most High.

God is in the midst of her;

therefore shall she not be removed;

God shall help her at the break of day.

The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,

but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R/

Come and behold the works of the Lord, what destruction he has wrought upon the earth. He makes wars to cease in all the world; he shatters the bow and snaps the spear and burns the chariots in the fire. 'Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations;

I will be exalted in the earth.'

The Lord of hosts is with us;

the God of Jacob is our stronghold. R/

Second Reading Colossians 1.11-20

Read by Di Robertshaw

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers – all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading Luke 23.33-43

Please stand and face the Gospel.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

All Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the lews.'

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing

wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Revd Nicol Kinrade

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 Paul Kinrade

The response is used:

May your reign come;

All Lord, hear our prayer.

May your kingdom come;

All Lord, hear our prayer.

May your dominion come;

All Lord, hear our prayer.

May your rule come;

All Lord, hear our prayer.

May your reign come;

All Lord, hear our prayer.

Please stand.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

cf Colossians 3.14-15

The peace of the Lord be always with you All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace. All may exchange a sign of peace.

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.

How shall I sing that majesty which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie; sing, sing, ye heavenly choir. thousands of thousands stand around thy throne, O God most high; ten thousand times ten thousand sound thy praise; but who am I?

Thy brightness unto them appears, whilst I thy footsteps trace; a sound of God comes to my ears, but they behold thy face.
They sing because thou art their Sun; Lord, send a beam on me; for where heaven is but once begun there alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart, inflame it with love's fire; then shall I sing and bear a part with that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold, with all my fire and light; yet when thou dost accept their gold, Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine, which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line to sound so vast a deep.
thou art a sea without a shore, a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore, thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c1645-1694) Tune: Coe Fen

The Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms. May we feed upon the bread of God and drink the royal wine of heaven.

All Blessed be God for ever.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

we proclaim your glory

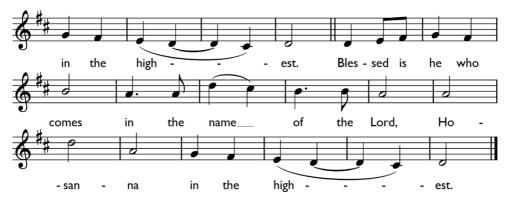
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God For with the oil of gladness you have anointed Christ the Lord, your only Son, to be our great high priest and king of all creation. As priest, he offered himself once for all upon the altar of the cross and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of peace. As king he claims dominion over all your creatures, that he may bring before your infinite majesty a kingdom of truth and life, kingdom of holiness and grace, a kingdom of justice, love and peace. And so with angels and archangels and all the heavenly host,



hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na



Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of all the saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, 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

Uniting our prayers with the whole company of heaven, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us:

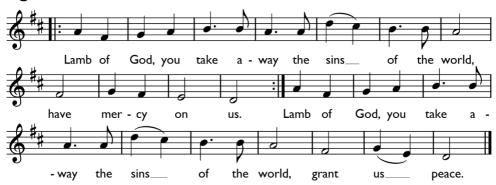
All Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine 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



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

Air (Water Music) – G F Handel

Post-Communion Prayer

Stir up, O Lord, the wills of your faithful people; that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works, may by you be plenteously rewarded; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Final Hymn

Please stand.

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
God's praise may thither fly;
The earth is not too low,
God's praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing, My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout:
No door can keep them out;
But, above all, the heart
Must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

George Herbert (1593-1632) Tune: Luckington

The Blessing

The Lord be with you All And also with you.

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, # the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen.

Music after the Service

March on Handel's 'Lift up your Heads' - Alexandre Guilmant

You are invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices

Faith in the Public Square

We are excited to be partnering with the Worshipful Company of Word Traders to host several discussions over the coming year. The first will be with Daniel Taub, the former Israeli Ambassador to the UK. Daniel's seminar will focus on the impact of personal faith on leaders in a secular world, rather than the current political situation. You are welcome to join us on 24 November, 12.15 – 13.15. Please let Michael in the office know if you will be attending (parish@ahbtt.org.uk). Admission is free but please bring photographic identification.

Parish Giving Scheme

All Hallows by the Tower is delighted to announce it has joined the Parish Giving Scheme. PGS allows you to set up planned giving on a monthly, quarterly or annual Direct Debit. This helps us to plan our budget accordingly, as the gifts and 25% Gift Aid are processed regularly - turning every pound you give into Christian service in this community. You can even choose the option to increase your gift annually in line with inflation (you would be contacted in advance to confirm you are happy with the increase). You give securely, and you can choose to give anonymously, if you prefer.

To sign up, please visit: https://bit.ly/47sCrZO

Clios Company Workshop

It was a pleasure to welcome Clios Company back to All Hallows last week. Over four days, Lissa Chapman and Jay Venn led a drama workshop, focussing on the Saxons, in the North Aisle for local Junior School children.

Decorating All Hallows for Christmas

The beginning of December will see the start of several Carol Services taking place at All Hallows. We'd like to get the church decorated before the first service on 2 December. Please join us to decorate the church on Saturday 29 November from 1 I am

Environmental Sustainability Working Group

One of the five Church of England Marks of Mission is, 'to safeguard the integrity of creation and sustain and renew the life of the earth.' At All Hallows by the Tower we are totally committed to supporting this objective, and do everything possible to support environmental sustainability. We've established an Environmental Sustainability Working Group, focused on actions rather than meetings. One of our primary objectives will be to prepare an application for recognition of our church for Gold status as an Eco-Church. We already hold Silver status, and if we reach Gold we will be the first church in the City Deanery to receive this award.

Dorothy Lawrence and The Rev'd Dr John Barker have both agreed to serve on the working group. If you think you may be interested to join, please do talk informally with either one or both of them to get more information.

Christmas at All Hallows by the Tower

We are looking forward to hosting a large number of carol services for local charities and companies. We hope you will join us for the following:

Thursday 11 December, 6.30pm Festive Carols by Candlelight

Wednesday 17 December, 6.00pm Taizé Prayers around the Crib

Sunday 21 December, 4.00pm

Nine Lessons and Carols

Wednesday 24 December, 11.30pm Midnight Mass

Thursday 25 December, 11.00am Christmas Day Eucharist

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 24 November

8.30am Morning Prayer

5.15pm Worshipful Company of

Bakers Election Service

Tuesday 25 November

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Wednesday 26 November

No Morning Prayer

6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 27 November

8.30am Said Eucharist

4.30pm Evening Prayer

Friday 28 November

8.30am Morning Prayer

2.30pm Worshipful Company of

the Makers of Playing Cards Annual Service

Saturday 29 November

No Morning or Evening Prayer

Sunday 30 November: Advent Sunday

Ham Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Dr John Barker

Taizé Prayer - 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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