



Order of Service
The Sixth Sunday of Easter

Sunday 10 May 2026, 11am

President: **The Revd Nicol Kinrade**
Preacher: **The Revd Dr John Barker**

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

A Voluntary – Thomas Tomkins

Organist: David Cook

The Gathering

Hymn

Please stand

Good Christians all, rejoice and sing!

Now is the triumph of our King.

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

The Lord of life is risen for ay:

bring flowers of song to strew his way;

let all the earth rejoice and say:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory

that love, that Life, which cannot die,

and sing with hearts uplifted high:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,

and sing to-day with one accord

the life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

CA Allington (1872-1955) Tune: Vulpus

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.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

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

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.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

All **Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,**
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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

[Organ] *ff* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
high - est. *f* Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.
f Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
mf Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. *f* Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
high - est. *f* For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
f Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

The Collect

Let us pray:

God our redeemer,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us
to eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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: Acts 17.22-31

Read by Paul Kinrade

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, ‘Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, “To an unknown god.” What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him – though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For “In him we live and move and have our being”; as even some of your own poets have said, “For we too are his offspring.”

Since we are God’s offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

an account of the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and reverence. Keep your conscience clear, so that, when you are maligned, those who abuse you for your good conduct in Christ may be put to shame. For it is better to suffer for doing good, if suffering should be God's will, than to suffer for doing evil. For Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight people, were saved through water. And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you – not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

All stand and face the Gospel for the **Gospel Acclamation**

Gospel Reading: John 14.15-21

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

All **Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

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

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

Jesus said, if you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

The Sermon

The Revd Dr John Barker

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 Dr John Barker

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you.

All **and also with you. Alleluia.**

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.

**Love is his word, love is his way,
feasting with all, fasting alone.
living and dying, rising again;
love only love is his way.**

***Richer than gold is the love of my Lord,
Better than splendour and wealth.***

**Love is way, love is his mark,
sharing his last Passover feast,
Christ at the table, host to the twelve;
love, only love, is his mark.**

Love is his mark, love is his sign,
bread for our strength, wine for our joy,
'This is my body, this is my blood.'
love, only love, is his sign.

Love is his sign, love is his news,
'Do this,' he said, 'lest you forget
all my deep sorrow, all my dear blood.'
love, only love, is his news.

Love is his news, love is his name,
we are his own, chosen and called,
Sisters and brothers, parents and kin.
Love, only love, is his name.

Love is his name, love is his law,
hear his command, all who are his:
'Love one another, I have loved you.'
love, only love, is his law.

Love is his law, love is his word:
love of the Lord, Father and Word,
love of the Spirit, God ever one;
love, only, love is his word.

Luke Connaughton (1917-79) Tune: Cresswell

The Preparation of the Table

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.
When you break bread
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,
that we may bring light to your world.

All **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, 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
 sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -
 - san - na, *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
 through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
 and 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:

All **Lord, by your cross and resurrection
you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the world.**

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:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

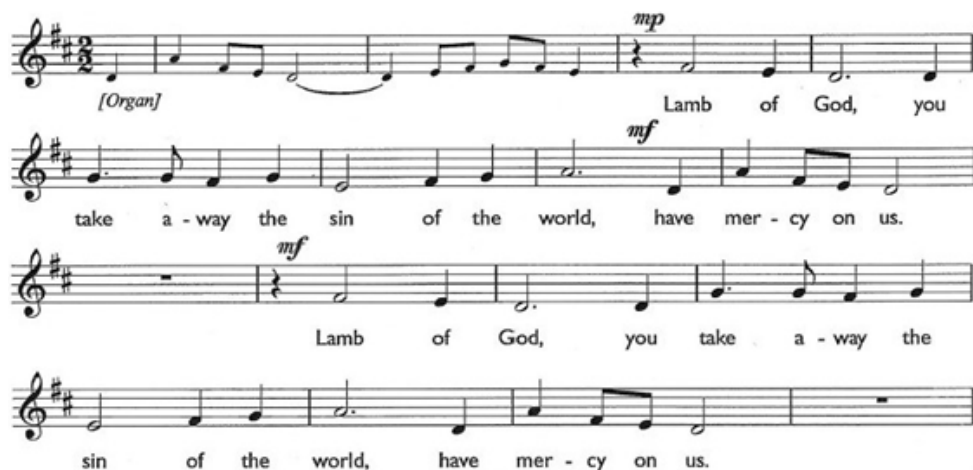
All **Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
thy kingdom come;
thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine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



[Organ] *mp* Lamb of God, you
mf take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
mf Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.

mp Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
non rall.
p
 world, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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

Clarifica me Pater – *Thomas Tomkins*

Post-Communion Prayer

God our Father,
 whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life:
 may we thirst for you,
 the spring of life and source of goodness,
 through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

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

Hymn

Please stand.

**O God of Bethel, by whose hand
thy people still are fed,
who through this weary pilgrimage
hast all our fathers led;**

**Our vows, our prayers, we now present
before thy throne of grace;
God of our fathers, be the God
of their succeeding race.**

**Through each perplexing path of life
our wandering footsteps guide;
give us each day our daily bread,
and raiment fit provide.**

**O spread thy covering wings around
till all our wanderings cease,
and at our Father's loved abode
our souls arrive in peace.**

Philip Doddridge (1702-1751) Tune: Martyrdom

The Blessing

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

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.**

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia.

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

Music after the Service
Prelude in B Minor BWV 544. – J S Bach

You are warmly invited to stay for refreshments after the service.

Notices

Two Cities Eco Tip

Jesus said: “Gather the pieces that are left over. Let nothing be wasted” (John 6, 12). **If food waste was a country, it would be the third biggest emitter of greenhouse emissions.** Much fruit and veg is wasted because it’s the wrong shape or size to sell in supermarkets. But it’s just as tasty, and available for sale through Oddbox. Oddbox is delivered to your door weekly or however you often you wish at very reasonable prices: <https://www.oddbox.co.uk/>

Christian Aid Week

This Sunday is the start of Christian Aid Week.

For more than 80 years, the truth that everyone is equal in the sight of God, has inspired Christian Aid to stand in solidarity with our most marginalised global neighbours, of all faiths and none.

Please use the envelopes in church or visit <https://bit.ly/4dtBwem> to contribute to this important work.

Ascension Day - Beating the Bounds

On Thursday 14 May at 4.15pm, Ascension Day, we will be Beating the Bounds of our Parish (including sending a beating party in a boat to the parish boundary in the middle of the River Thames.) Please join us for this ancient ceremony, and stay for refreshments followed by Choral Evensong at 6pm.

YouTube subscribers needed

Do you have a YouTube account? We’d like to reach 50 subscribers to our livestream channel. This would help us to continue livestreaming services using a mobile phone if we experience more technical issues. Please visit www.youtube.com/@AHBTT and click Subscribe. Thank you.



Les Capon Talk – Thank you

Les Capon led a wonderful talk on archaeology and the finds from the 1999 All Hallows dig. There was even an opportunity to handle history, with pottery fragments and mystery items!

A huge thank you to Les for coming to All Hallows and sharing his enthusiasm and knowledge.

Faith in the Public Square with The Very Revd Andrew Tremlett

It was wonderful to welcome the Dean of St Paul's Cathedral, The Very Revd Andrew Tremlett to All Hallows on Tuesday lunchtime. He was in conversation with the Master of the Company of World Traders. They talked about his role as Dean, his work for the Mission to Seafarers and the challenges facing cathedrals in the modern world.



We look forward to hosting further talks in this series.

Parish Giving Scheme

All Hallows by the Tower 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>

Taizé Music Practice

Following the service of Taizé Prayer on Wednesday, there will be an opportunity for all who wish to practice some new chants. The practice will finish by 8pm.

Curate on placement

Next week we have a curate on placement, The Revd Lauren Hart. Lauren is the Curate in The Benefice of Corringham and Fobbing in the Diocese of Chelmsford. We look forward to welcoming her.

The Week Ahead

Church Opening Times

Tuesday-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 YouTube.

Wednesday 13 May

6pm Taizé Prayer

Thursday 14 May

8.30am Said Eucharist on
Ascension Day

4.15pm Beating the Bounds
followed by Choral
Evensong

Sunday 17 May: The Seventh Sunday of Easter with renewal of wedding vows

10am Said Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Lauren Hart

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**.

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