

ORDER OF SERVICE

The Seventh Sunday of Easter Christian Aid Sunday

Sunday 16 May 2021, 11.00am

Presider & Preacher: Rev'd Katherine Hedderly, Vicar

Welcome

to all who are joining us in church today or online via Zoom.

For those in church, please help us all to 'pray safe' by following the Covid-19 guidelines:

- * Keep 2m apart.
- * Wear a face covering, which is mandatory in places of worship.
- * Use the hand sanitiser on your way into and out of church, and at the table at the front before receiving communion.
- * Complete the Test and Trace contact details form on entry.
- * Sit in the seats that are marked, with only one person in each short pew unless members of the same household.
- * Use the order of service already placed on your seat and taking this home with you.
- * Share the Peace in a non-contact way, such as with the British Sign Language (BSL) Sign.
- * Refrain from singing.
- * We will not be taking a cash collection during the service. To make a donation, please use the Tap to Donate machine at the back of the church using your debit/ credit card. You can also make a donation by using this QR code on your phone, or online at: www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate



During these challenging times our income has been significantly reduced and we encourage everyone who can to continue to support All Hallows.

Thank you.

Music before the Service

Allegretto grazioso - Frank Bridge

Welcome and Introduction

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

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

Opening Responses

Come and celebrate our common home.

All We gather with the family of humanity.

With the mountains, islands and deserts,

All we honour the glory of God in creation.

With the lakes, rivers and seas,

 $\ensuremath{\textit{All}}\xspace$ we come to the source of living water.

With the land, its soil, seeds and sustenance,

 $\ensuremath{\textit{All}}\xspace$ we give thanks for God's generous provision.

With the forests of great trees, the lungs of the planet, All we will sing with joy and clap our hands.

We join with the whole of creation, inspired by those who have gone before and the prophetic voices of today.

All We dare to praise and pray for another possible world.

To the glory of God,

All **Amen.**

Hymn

Recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields and edited together.

The kingdom of God is justice and joy, for Jesus restores what sin would destroy; God's power and glory in Jesus we know, and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace, the captives are freed, the sinners find place, the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share, and hope is awakened instead of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice, believe the good news, repent and rejoice. His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross, our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal, in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole; the heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call, and all things cry glory to God all in all.

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Prayers of Confession

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. We confess our sin in penitence and faith.

Silence is kept.

For the beauty of the earth, desecrated by pollution, extinguished by forest fires, choked by plastic waste; Christ, our God, to you we plead, forgive us for systemic greed. Lord have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

For the urgency of this hour, ignored by apathy or procrastination, wasted by ineffective decisions, denied by economic interests; Christ, our God and Saviour, forgive us for selfish short-term behaviour. Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

For the joy of human love, fractured by forced migration, crushed by bereavement, lost to typhoons, floods, starvation; Christ, our God, bringer of justice, forgive us for this climate crisis. Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

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

(For those in church, please listen as the soloist sings.)





The Collect

Great God, who makes the sun to rise, and opens the heavens, hear the cry of the people who sow in hope for rain, but reap only despair. Hear the cry of the people seeking shelter from the storm, their hopes and homes submerged. Hear the cry of the people, when creation is hitting back, with rage and resistance. Give us hope, grant us salvation. Give us a new relationship with creation, with reverence to tend this gift from you and say once again of the earth and all you created, 'It is GOOD'. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: Acts 1.15-17, 21-26 read by Jane Cruse

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus - for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us - one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: | John 5.9-13

read by Harriet Plyler

If we receive human testimony, the testimony of God is greater; for this is the testimony of God that he has testified to his Son. Those who believe in the Son of God have the testimony in their hearts. Those who do not believe in God have made him a liar by not believing in the testimony that God has given concerning his Son. And this is the testimony: God gave us eternal life, and this life is in his Son. Whoever has the Son has life; whoever does not have the Son of God does not have life. I write these things to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 17.6-19

Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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

All Glory to you O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed: 'Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.

While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev'd Katherine Hedderly

The Apostles' Creed

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 of Intercession

led by Kate Price

All Hear our prayer.

at the end:

Merciful Father,

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ. He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come, has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

Alleluia! The peace of the risen Christ be always with you. All **And also with you. Alleluia!**

We share the Peace using the British Sign Language (BSL) sign.

The Preparation of the Table

Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

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.

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, through Jesus Christ our Lord. For he is our great high priest who has entered once for all into the heavenly sanctuary, evermore to pour upon your Church the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us, who calls us to be united in prayer as were his disciples in the upper room while they awaited his promised gift, the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost. Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven 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.

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 Mary and 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. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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

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

All Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

> Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

> Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. All **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia**! The priest receives using the words 'The Body and Blood of Christ' and all say 'Amen'.

Communion will be administered in one kind in front of the altar. Please use the hand sanitiser provided if you wish to receive the bread, and form a line maintaining 2m distancing. Blessings can be given as the sign of the cross, though the priest will remain silent. Please return to your seat continuing to maintain physical distancing.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those at home

 All Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ, for all the benefits you have given us, for all the pains and insults you have borne for us.
Since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we ask you to come spiritually into our hearts.
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother, may we know you more clearly, love you more dearly, and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.

Music during Communion

'Morning has broken' - Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965) sung by Dorothy Lawrence

Prayer after Communion

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

All Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Blessing

May God bless us with wonder at creation's glory. May God bless us with fury at creation's spoiling. May God bless us with courage at this critical hour. And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, rest upon us and on all creation, this day and for the future to come. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!

All Thanks be to God, alleluia, alleluia!

Hymn

Recorded remotely by the Choral Scholars of St Martin-in-the-Fields and edited together.

You shall go out with joy and be let forth with peace, And the mountains and the hills shall break forth before you. There'll be shouts of joy and the trees of the field Shall clap, shall clap their hands.

And the trees of the field shall clap their hands, And the trees of the field shall clap their hands, And the trees of the field shall clap their hands And you'll go out with joy.

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Notices

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ALL HALLOWS CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

Mondays 14, 21, 28 June, 5, 12 July, 6.30pm on Zoom

Our next study group will meet on Monday evenings, 6.30-7.30pm to consider Alister McGrath's 'Theology: the basics'. This short course will enable us to think through some of the key beliefs of Christians, loosely based around the Apostles' Creed. Buy the book here: <u>https://www.amazon.co.uk/Theology-Basics-Alister-McGrath-dp-1119158087/dp/1119158087/ref=dp_ob_title_bk</u> and for an introduction, watch this video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8zT7TJaD_UQ To join us, please email parish@ahbtt.org.uk for the link or see our weekly email.

ALL HALLOWS RUNNERS

Martin is putting a team together for the Standard Chartered Great City 5K Race, which will take place on Tuesday 20 July both in person and as a 'virtual' run. Email martingcarr@hotmail.co.uk if you are interested in taking part.

PENTECOST / INTERNATIONAL LINKS

On **Sunday 23 May at our I I am Parish Eucharist**, we celebrate the feast of Pentecost and the life-giving gift of the Holy Spirit, breathing new life into the Church and the world. We celebrate the diversity of the church made up of the gifts of people of all different cultures and languages. All Hallows has a longstanding link with **The Church of the Epiphany, New York**. On this Sunday we will hear from Rev'd Roy Cole and Rev'd Elise Hanley, as we renew our friendship between the churches and seek ways to share in mission and ministry together for the future. To find out more about Epiphany, see their website: <u>www.epiphanynyc.org/</u>

STANDING FOR GENERAL SYNOD: ELECTIONS 2021

The elections for the new General Synod will start in July. General Synod is the legislative body of the Church of England. Being an elected member is a chance to represent the concerns of your community at a national level. Any communicant lay person who is on a church electoral roll (or cathedral roll) and is 18 or above can stand. There is no need for lay candidates to be on a PCC, deanery synod or diocesan synod. Any serving clergy or retired clergy with permission to officiate in a diocese can stand. Find out more here www.london.anglican.org/articles/stand-for -synod/ and watch a short film www.youtube.com/watch?v=kJZC3_N1uLk

ACTION ON THE ENVIRONMENT - THE TIME IS NOW

Please consider signing the **Time is Now declaration** calling on the government to build a greener future for the UK (<u>https://thetimeisnow.uk/declaration</u>) ahead of the UN climate summit in Glasgow later this year. Our PCC has made the declaration as a church, and we invite you to join us by signing it as individuals.

CHURCH OPENING TIMES

All Hallows is open for prayer during the week at the following times.

Monday-Friday: Saturday: Sunday: II.00am-5.00pm Closed I.00pm-5.00pm (following the II am service)

We regret that the Crypt Chapels and Museum will remain closed for the time being.

REGULAR SERVICES AT ALL HALLOWS

All Hallows is open for public worship and our services will also continue to be available on Zoom. You are welcome to join us in person or online - see below for details.

SUNDAY PARISH EUCHARIST at I I am

We will be holding our regular Parish Eucharist service on Sundays at 11am in church and on Zoom.

ONLINE MORNING PRAYER Wednesdays at 8.30am on Zoom

We meet online for Morning Prayer to enjoy a time of prayer and peace at the start of the day. The service lasts about 20 minutes and we use the 'Daily Prayer' app as we pray (www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray).

ONLINE TAIZÉ SERVICE Alternate Wednesdays at 6pm on Zoom

We hold an online Taizé service every two weeks and you are most welcome to join us for this meditative time of prayer and reflection with music by our virtual choir and musicians. The next service is on <u>Wednesday 26 May</u>.

For more details about our services see: www.ahbtt.org.uk/online-worship There are Zoom links in our weekly emails, but if you would like us to email you a link to a particular service please contact parish@ahbtt.org.uk

WEEKLY EMAIL

Are you receiving our weekly parish emails? If not, you can keep up to date with all our news and events by signing up on our website - go to <u>www.ahbtt.org.uk</u> enter your email address in the 'Join our Mailing List' box and click 'Subscribe'.

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