All Saints' Church, Gosforth



HOLY COMMUNION in Advent

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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. At All Saints' 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).

The Advent season (the four Sundays leading up to Christmas) is a time of great expectancy. It is a time of watchfulness. May we be watchful in prayer, strong in faith and serene in hope as we prepare for the coming of the Lord.

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

The grace and peace of 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 and the lighting of the Advent candles.

We say together one of the prayers on the final page of this booklet.

Please stand as the children go to their groups.

Confession and Forgiveness

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you, through our own fault, in thought, and word, and deed, and in what we have left undone.

We are heartily sorry, and repent of all our sins.

For your Son our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, forgive us all that is past; and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name.

Amen.

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.

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.

Thanks be to God All

Hymn

The Gospel Reading





Al-le-lu - ia, al - le-lu-ia,

al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu-ia.

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.



The Lord be with you

and also with you AII

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

Glory to you, O Lord. AII

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ. All

The Sermon

The 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

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.

Prayers

All

Please sit or kneel. One of these responses may be used:

Lord, in your mercy *(or)* Lord, hear us. 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

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death and to guide our feet into the way of peace. 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

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).

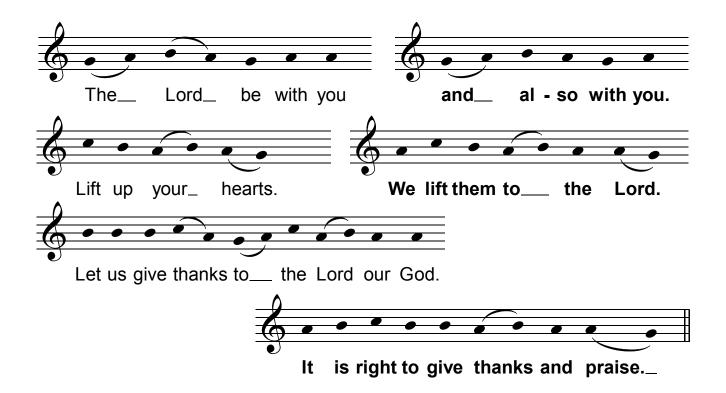
Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

All Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All Blessed be God for ever.

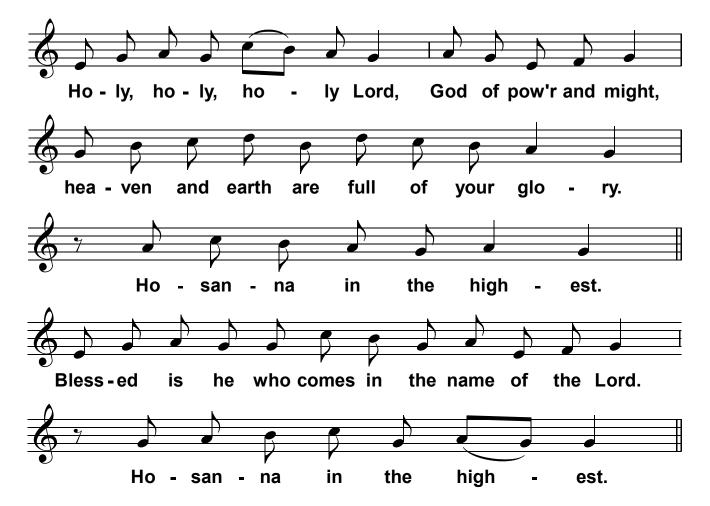
The Eucharistic Prayer



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.

And now we give you thanks because you sent him to redeem us from sin and death and to make us inheritors of everlasting life; that when he shall come again in power and triumph to judge the world, we may with joy behold his appearing and in confidence may stand before him.

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, 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.

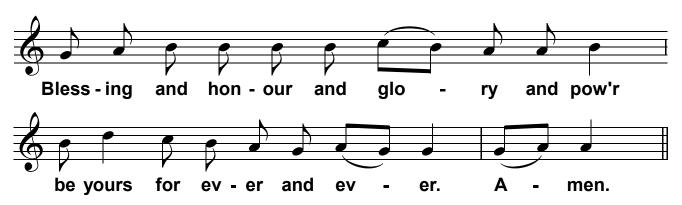
Great is the mystery of faith:



Christ has died: Christ is ris'n: Christ will come a - gain.

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

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup: we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

We sing

All



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer - cy on us.



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 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 that 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 Dismissal

Hymn

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

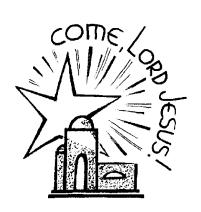
The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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 the peace of Christ

All Thanks be to God



LIGHTING THE ADVENT CANDLES

- 1 Lord Jesus, Light of the world, born in David's city of Bethlehem, born like him to be a king: be born in our hearts this Christmastide, be king of our lives today.
- 2 Lord Jesus, Light of the world, the prophets said you would bring peace and save your people in trouble. Give peace in all our hearts at Christmastide, and show all the world God's love.
- Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
 John told the people to prepare,
 for you were very near.
 As Christmas grows closer day by day
 help us to be ready to welcome you now.
- Lord Jesus, Light of the world,
 blessed is Gabriel who brought good news;
 blessed is Mary your mother and ours.
 Bless your Church preparing for Christmas;
 and bless your children who long for your coming.

Please join us in the Hall for refreshments

