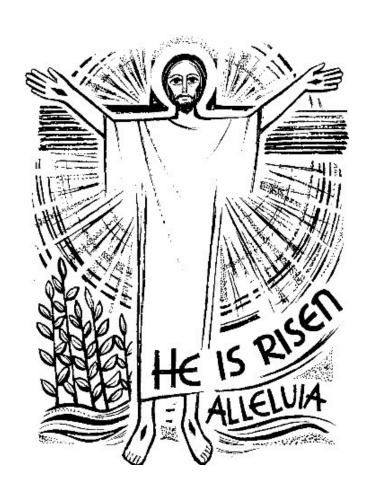
All Saints' Church, Gosforth



HOLY COMMUNION

In Eastertide

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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).

We are keeping the season of Easter. The truth of Easter is simple: Christ is risen! He is raised, indeed! On Easter Sunday and during the season we celebrate this good news, rediscovering for ourselves what the followers of Jesus discovered on that first Easter Sunday. This experience transformed frail and frightened disciples into those who went to the ends of the earth to tell of this truth. For the early Christians, gathering on Sunday was itself a weekly remembrance of the resurrection. We celebrate Jesus' resurrection showing us that God's love is stronger than death.

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 light and peace of Jesus Christ be with you and also with you

Please sit as the children come to the front for a talk.

Please stand as the children go to their groups.

Confession and Forgiveness

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.

Please remain standing

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief. We have lived by our own strength, and not by the power of your resurrection. In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of our own eyes, as faithless and not believing. In your mercy, forgive us.

All Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven. In your mercy, forgive us.

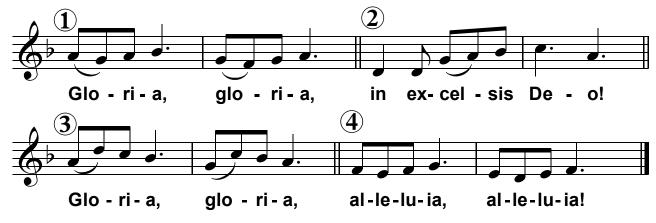
All Lord, hear us and help us.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

We sing together, twice through:



(Glory to God in the highest)

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.

All Thanks be to God

Hymn

The Gospel Reading



I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one; I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.



The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader says

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Creed

Please stand

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

Please sit or kneel for the prayers. One of these responses may be used

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

All 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

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

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

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you. Alleluia.

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).

Be present, be present, Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest; make yourself known in the breaking of bread.

All Amen.

The Eucharistic Prayer



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:



We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.

Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:



Lord, by your cross and re-sur-rec-tion you have set us free.



Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with [N and] all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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.



Giving of Communion

All

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

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 You have opened to us the Scriptures,
O Christ, and you have made yourself known in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you
all the days of our life,
and at its end behold you
in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever.
Amen.

The Dismissal

Hymn

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

The Blessing

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead, open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.

All Amen.

God the Son, who in bursting the grave has won a glorious victory, give you joy as you share the Easter faith.

All Amen.

God the Holy Spirit, whom the risen Lord breathed into his disciples, empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.

All Amen.

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.



Please join us in the Hall for refreshments

