



Order of Service  
**The Fourth Sunday of Lent**  
***Mothering Sunday***

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Sunday 15 March 2026, 11am

President: **The Revd Dr John Barker**

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](http://www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate)

**Thank you.**



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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

Jesus, nous dit de prier (Jesus, teach us to pray) – *Jean Langlais*

Organist: David Cook

## The Gathering

### Hymn

*Please stand.*

**Fathers and mothers,  
sisters and brothers,  
all those who love us,  
for whom we care:  
help and befriend them,  
keep and defend them,  
Jesus our Saviour,  
this is our prayer.**

**And for those others,  
fathers and mothers,  
children who hunger,  
they must be fed:  
we would be caring,  
readily sharing,  
one with another  
our daily bread.**

**Sisters and brothers,  
fathers and mothers,  
we who together  
offer our praise:  
hear our thanksgiving,  
God ever living,  
may we walk with you  
all of our days.**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024) Tune: Bunesan*

### 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:  
cleans 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

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love:  
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.



We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:  
fill us with your Spirit. Christ, have mercy.



We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:  
fill us with your Spirit. Lord, have mercy.



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.

**Amen.**

## The Collect

Let us pray:

God of compassion,  
whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow  
we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
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:** 1 Samuel 1.20-end

*Read by David Risley*

In due time Hannah conceived and bore a son. She named him Samuel, for she said, 'I have asked him of the Lord.'

The man Elkanah and all his household went up to offer to the Lord the yearly sacrifice, and to pay his vow. But Hannah did not go up, for she said to her husband, 'As soon as the child is weaned, I will bring him, that he may appear in the presence of the Lord, and remain there for ever; I will offer him as a nazirite for all time.' Her husband Elkanah said to her, 'Do what seems best to you, wait until you have weaned him; only – may the Lord establish his word.' So the woman remained and nursed her son, until she weaned him. When she had weaned him, she took him up with her, along with a three-year-old bull, an ephah of flour, and a skin of wine. She brought him to the house of the Lord at Shiloh; and the child was young. Then they slaughtered the bull, and they brought the child to Eli. And she said, 'Oh, my lord! As you live, my lord, I am the woman who was standing here in your presence, praying to the Lord. For this child I prayed; and the Lord has granted me the petition that I made to him. Therefore I have lent him to the Lord; as long as he lives, he is given to the Lord.'

She left him there for the Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated for **The Psalm: Psalm 34.11-20**

sung by Dorothy Lawrence



Come, my children, and listen to me;  
I will teach you the fear of the Lord.  
Who is there who delights in life  
and longs for days to enjoy good things? **R/**

Keep your tongue from evil  
and your lips from lying words.  
Turn from evil and do good;  
seek peace and pursue it. **R/**

The eyes of the Lord are upon the righteous  
and his ears are open to their cry.  
The face of the Lord is against those who do evil,  
to root out the remembrance of them from the earth. **R/**

The righteous cry and the Lord hears them  
and delivers them out of all their troubles.  
The Lord is near to the brokenhearted  
and will save those who are crushed in spirit. **R/**

Many are the troubles of the righteous;  
from them all will the Lord deliver them.  
He keeps all their bones,  
so that not one of them is broken. **R/**

**Second Reading: 2 Corinthians 1.3-7**

Read by Ella Barker

Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and the God of all consolation, who consoles us in all our affliction, so that we may be able to console those who are in any affliction with the consolation with which we ourselves are consoled by God. For just as the sufferings of Christ are abundant for us, so also our consolation is abundant through Christ. If we are being afflicted, it is for your consolation and salvation; if we are being consoled, it is for your consolation, which you experience when you patiently endure the same sufferings that we are also suffering. Our hope for you is unshaken; for we know that as you share in our sufferings, so also you share in our consolation.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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

**Gospel Reading: Luke 2.33-35**

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*Psalm 119.105*

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

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

*All* **Glorify you, O Lord.**

And the child's father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, 'This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed – and a sword will pierce your own soul too.'

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.*

### **Blessing of the flowers**

For the care of mothers, and all who look after children;

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

For their patience when tested;

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

For their love when tired;

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

For their hope when despairing;

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

For their service without limit;

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

Lord God, creator of all that is beautiful,  
the splendour of these flowers reflects your glory.  
As we gather today on Mothering Sunday,  
we ask you to bless ✠ these flowers,  
so that the faithful who use them to adorn their homes  
may praise you always  
for the beauty with which you clothed your creation.  
We ask this through Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*You are all invited to receive a potted flower, to give to someone who has nurtured you in your life or your faith.*

*We remember and acknowledge that Mothering Sunday is also a time that can be painful, because of loss and grief or past hurt and memories. In the Lady chapel altar there are votive candles, and after receiving your plant you are invited, if you wish, to light a candle as a prayer - for mothers or children who have died, for parenthood which didn't happen, for difficult relationships, for whatever prayer you would like to make to God.*

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*Led by Revd Nicol Kinrade*

God of love,

**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**

Through the prophet Isaiah, God says,

'As a mother comforts her child, so I will comfort you.'

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.*

**Our Father God in heaven  
on whom our world depends,  
to you let praise be given  
for families and friends;  
for parents, sisters, brothers,  
a home where love belongs,  
but on this day for mothers  
we bring our thankful songs.**

**What wealth of God's bestowing  
for all the world to share!  
What strength of heart outgoing  
to children everywhere!  
Our deepest joys and sorrows  
a mother's path must trace,  
and earth's unknown tomorrows  
are held in her embrace.**

**How well we know the story  
that tells of Jesus' birth,  
the Lord of heaven's glory  
become a child of earth;  
a helpless infant sleeping,  
yet King of realms above,  
who finds in Mary's keeping  
the warmth of human love.**

**Our Father God in heaven,  
to you we lift our prayer,  
that every child be given  
such tenderness and care,  
where life is all for others,  
where love your love displays:  
for God's good gift of mothers  
let earth unite in praise!**

*Timothy Dudley-Smith (1926-2024) Tune: Ellacombe*

## The Preparation of the Table

God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,  
sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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,  
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 our Lord.

For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and singing:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,  
 hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - - est.  
 Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.  
 Ho - san - na in the high - est.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father,  
 who, in your tender mercy,  
 gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ  
 to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;  
 who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered  
 a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of  
 the whole world;  
 he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,  
 a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray,  
 and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
 we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine,  
 according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution,  
 in remembrance of his death and passion,  
 may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

Christ is the bread of life:

*All* **When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father,  
in remembrance of the precious death and passion,  
the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension  
of your dear Son Jesus Christ,  
we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.

Grant that by his merits and death,  
and through faith in his blood,  
we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins  
and all other benefits of his passion.

Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins,  
to offer you any sacrifice,  
yet we pray that you will accept this  
the duty and service that we owe.

Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences,  
and fill us all who share in this holy communion  
with your grace and heavenly blessing;

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

Trusting in the compassion of God,  
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



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.

## 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**

Jesus, good above all other – *Quem pastores*

## **Post-Communion Prayer**

Loving God,  
as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*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**

*Please stand.*

## **Hymn**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,  
God of love and mother-earth,  
thank you for the ones who with us  
shared their life and gave us birth.**

**As you came to earth in Jesus,  
so you come to us today;  
you are present in the caring  
that prepares us for life's way.**

**Thank you that the Church, our Mother,  
gives us bread and fills our cup,  
and the comfort of the Spirit  
warms our hearts and lifts us up.**

**Thank you for belonging, shelter,  
bonds of friendship, ties of blood,  
and for those who have no children,  
yet are parents under God.**

**God of Eve and God of Mary,  
Christ our brother, human Son,  
Spirit, caring like a Mother,  
take our love and make us one!**

*Fred Kaan (1929-2009) Tune: Love Divine*

## **The Blessing**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you.**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

*All* **Thanks be to God.**

## **Music after the Service**

Concerto No.1 in G (1st mov.) BWV 592 – *J S Bach*

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

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## **Notices**

### **Two Cities Eco Tip**

Recycle, recycle, recycle. We all do it, but more can be recycled than you think. Go to <https://www.recyclenow.com> and be inspired to recycle more, and send less to landfill.

## **Lent Course and Reflection Group**

The Diocesan Lent Course continues - **Treasures of Darkness: Discipleship in Times of Mystery and Unknowing**. We are invited to explore the journey of discipleship amid uncertainty, mystery, and unknowing. Drawing on lived experience and the wisdom of disability and suffering theologies, we will reflect on what it means to follow Christ – not in spite of life’s struggles, but as we encounter God’s grace and guidance within them. They will take place online on the Tuesdays during Lent, 7.30-8.30pm (March 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup>) and the first session from last week is available online. If you are unable to make the Tuesday sessions, they will be recorded and available for catch up during the week. You can learn more about the course and to register for the Diocesan sessions please visit the website: <https://bit.ly/4tOKgCc>

## **Annual Parochial Church Meeting**

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is an opportunity to look back and celebrate the activities of the last year and look forward to the year ahead. We will elect our Churchwardens and PCC for the coming year. Please join us after the Eucharist on **Sunday 19 April**.

## **Electoral Roll**

As we prepare for the Annual Meeting, this is a good time to check if you are already on the Electoral Roll. Being on our Electoral Roll means you can vote in our elections for the PCC, Churchwarden and Deanery Synod. You could also stand for these offices too. If you completed a form last year, then there is no need to do so again now. But if you joined All Hallows more recently, or you are unsure if you are already on the roll, please contact Michael in the office (parish@ahbtt.org.uk).

## **New Mass Setting - 'St Thomas' Mass' by David Thorne**

From Easter Day we will be introducing a new Mass setting for the sung parts of our service - the Gloria, Sanctus and Benedictus and the Agnus Dei. Throughout Eastertide, we will be using the Mass of St Thomas, with kind permission of the composer, David Thorne.

If you would like to practice the setting before Easter Day, you can listen to it here: <https://youtu.be/vVMjxilXQMs?si=-rpVRR7fqifPClco>

The sheet music will be printed in the weekly booklet, just as it currently is. However, if you would like a copy to help learn the music, please speak to Michael in the parish office.

## **Raising money for good causes**

A number of people associated with All Hallows are preparing for adventures to raise funds for charities. If you haven't thought about your Lent giving yet, perhaps you might consider supporting one of them?

Shaun James, Livery and Ward Beadle: in May Shaun will be walking The Pilgrims' Way from Canterbury Cathedral to Southwark Cathedral, ending at the Guildhall. He is looking to raise £5000 for UNICEF. Read more, and support Shaun here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/shaun-james-60-beadles-return>

Martin Carr is running the London Marathon to raise money for ActionAid (who work with women and girls to alleviate poverty and build stronger communities worldwide) <https://www.justgiving.com/page/martincarr2026>

## **Lilies for Easter**

If you would like to sponsor an Easter lily, either in memory of a loved one or in thanksgiving, the lilies are £10 per stem and forms are available in the church.

## **Preparing the church for Easter – Saturday 4 April, 10am**

Please join us on Holy Saturday to clean and prepare the church for Easter Day. Morning Prayer for all that would like to join is at 10am and will be followed by holy dusting. Hot cross buns will be provided.

## **Holy Week and Easter** **Walking with Jesus at All Hallows**

### **Palm Sunday:**

*Sung Eucharist with Procession of Palms*

Sunday 29 March, 10.50am, beginning at St Dunstan-in-the-East

### **Spy Wednesday:**

*Taizé Prayer at the Cross*

Wednesday 1 April, 6pm

### **Maundy Thursday:**

*Liturgy of the Last Supper & Vigil of the Watch*

Thursday 2 April, 6.30pm

### **Good Friday:**

*Liturgy & Veneration of the Cross*

Friday 3 April, 12 noon

### **Easter Sunday:**

*Sung Eucharist*

Sunday 5 April, 11am

# The Week Ahead

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## 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 16 March

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

### Tuesday 17 March

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

### Wednesday 18 March

8.30am Morning Prayer

6pm Taizé Prayer

### Thursday 19 March

8.30am Said Eucharist

No Evening Prayer

### Friday 20 March

8.30am Morning Prayer

4.30pm Evening Prayer

### Saturday 21 March

No services today

## Sunday 22 March: The Fifth Sunday of Lent (Passion Sunday)

11am Parish Eucharist; Preacher: The Revd Dr John Barker

## 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](https://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](mailto:parish@ahbtt.org.uk).*

## Weekly Email

Sign up to our email to receive our weekly news – go to [ahbtt.org.uk](https://ahbtt.org.uk), enter your email address in the 'Join our Mailing List' box and click 'Subscribe'.

## 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](https://bywardkitchenandbar.com)**

## ***The Team at All Hallows***

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