

All Hallows by the Tower



ORDER OF SERVICE

The Second Sunday in Lent

Sunday 28 February 2021

11.00 am

**ALL HALLOWS BY THE TOWER
BYWARD STREET, LONDON EC3R 5BJ**

Shining Christ's light on Tower Hill since AD 675

Music before the Service

Prelude in E minor, BWV 555 - JS Bach

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.**

Hymn - Sung by St Martin's Voices

**The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting Days,
And God of love:
To him uplift the voice,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.**

**There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord our Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world of sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.**

**The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And 'Holy, Holy, Holy.' cry, '
Almighty King,
Who was, and is the same,
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM,
We worship thee.'**

**The whole triumphant host
 Give thanks to God on high;
 'Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost',
 They ever cry: hail,
 Abraham's God, and mine,
 (I join the heavenly lays)
 All might and majesty are thine,
 And endless praise.**

Yigaddel Elohim chay weyishtabach
 Daniel Ben Judah (fl 14th century), Thomas Olivers (1725-1799)

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.

Silence is kept.

Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e
 e - le - i - son. Ky - ri - e e - le - i - son.

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness
 and cleanse me from my sin:

Kyrie eleison ...

Make me a clean heart, O God,
 and renew a right spirit within me:

Christe eleison ...

Cast me not away from your presence
 and take not your holy spirit from me:

Kyrie eleison ...

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.

Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading: Genesis 17: 1-7, 15, 16

Read by Kate Price

When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to Abram, and said to him, 'I am God Almighty; walk before me, and be blameless. And I will make my covenant between me and you, and will make you exceedingly numerous.' Then Abram fell on his face; and God said to him, 'As for me, this is my covenant with you: You shall be the ancestor of a multitude of nations. No longer shall your name be Abram, but your name shall be Abraham; for I have made you the ancestor of a multitude of nations. I will make you exceedingly fruitful; and I will make nations of you, and kings shall come from you. I will establish my covenant between me and you, and your offspring after you throughout their generations, for an everlasting covenant, to be God to you and to your offspring after you. God said to Abraham, 'As for Sarai your wife, you shall not call her Sarai, but Sarah shall be her name. I will bless her, and moreover I will give you a son by her. I will bless her, and she shall give rise to nations; kings of peoples shall come from her.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading: Romans 4: 13-end

Read by Hasmeeta Mahandru

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations') - in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become 'the father of many nations', according to what was said, 'So numerous shall your descendants be.' He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah's womb.

No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith 'was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now the words, 'it was reckoned to him', were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading: Mark 8: 31-end

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

The Lord is a great God,

O that today you would listen to his voice.

Harden not your hearts.

cf Psalm 95.3,8

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

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon

Martin Carr

Solo

'Take up thy cross, the Saviour said', by Charles W Everest (1833)

Sung by Cathy Fox

Nicene Creed

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.**

Prayers of Intercession

Led by Howard Redgwell

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.**

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All **And also with you.**

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

The Preparation of the Table

All **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 and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. 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:

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.**

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:

All **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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 forever 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

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.**

Behold 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.**

The priest receives using the words 'The Body and Blood of Christ' and all say 'Amen'.

A Prayer of Spiritual Communion for those at home

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

Prayer after Communion

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Blessing

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.**

Walk with Christ on the way of the Cross, for it is the way of life and peace.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn - Sung by St Martin's Voices

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
And purge away my sin;
From earthborn passions set me free,
And make me pure within.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
With care and woe opprest;
Let me thy loving servant be,
And taste thy promised rest.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
Amid the battle's strife;
In all my pain and misery
Be thou my health and life.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
Nor let me go astray;
Through darkness and perplexity
Point thou the heavenly way.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
When flows the tempest high:
When on doth rush the enemy
O Saviour, be thou nigh.**

**Lord Jesus, think on me,
That when the flood is past,
I may the eternal brightness see,
And share thy joy at last.**

Synesius of Cyrene (or Crete) 375-430, tr Allen WChatfield (1808-96) and others Mnoeo Christe

Notices

TAIZÉ PRAYER - Wednesday 3 March at 6pm on Zoom

We are delighted that Br Jean-Patrick of the Taizé Community is joining us on 3 March. All are welcome to join this time of prayer and reflection with music by our virtual choir and musicians, and time after the service to hear news of the Community. The log in is the same as for our regular Taizé services - email sophia@ahbtt.org.uk for details.

A PASSION FOR NATURE - Get Active in March

On the weekend of Passion Sunday (**19-20 March**) we invite everyone to get out into your environment, rural or urban, improve your mental and physical health. Let's get those feet moving and see where it takes us - run, skip or walk as far as you are able, take a photo to share if you wish and send it to martingcarr@hotmail.co.uk

ELECTORAL ROLL

If you have been worshipping with us at All Hallows for more than six months, please consider joining the Electoral Roll of the parish, which is the official church membership list. Email parish@ahbtt.org.uk to be sent a form, and return it to the church office (either by post or email) by **Monday 29 March**.

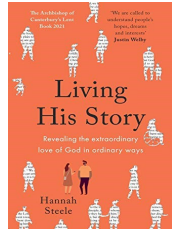
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LENT COURSE/LENT BOOK

Either: Sundays 28 February, 7, 14 & 21 March, 12.30pm

Or: Tuesdays 2, 9, 16 & 23 March, 4pm

For our Lent Course this year we will be using **“Living His Story: revealing the extraordinary love of God in ordinary ways”** by Hannah Steele, the Archbishop of Canterbury’s Lent Book 2021.



Our **Zoom Lent Course Groups** will meet on **Sundays at 12.30pm**, led by Martin Carr and Rev'd Katherine Hedderly and, for those who would like to meet during the week an identical group will meet on **Tuesdays at 4pm**, led by Rev'd Sophia Acland. Each week we will reflect on a chapter of the book - please obtain your own copy of the book at £7.99 from either SPCK [HERE](#) or Amazon [HERE](#).

To sign up for Sunday's group please email vicar@ahbtt.org.uk

To sign up for Tuesday's group please email sophia@ahbtt.org.uk

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Wednesdays 10 & 24 March, 6pm on Zoom

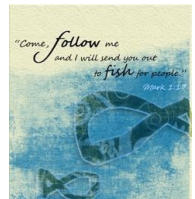
As we journey through Lent we will have the opportunity to walk the way of the Cross in these reflective online services on Christ's Passion, with images, reflections, silence and prayer. **To sign up, please email martincarr@hotmail.co.uk**

LENT 'ONLINE' QUIET DAY: FOLLOW ME

Saturday 27 February, 10am-4pm

Taking time to reflect and discover God's call to us is an important part of our Lenten journey. In this year when our lectionary focuses on the Gospel of Mark, we will be using this gospel through the day to renew our own call to be a disciple and explore the adventure, challenge, and wonder of that call for each of us. With opportunities to meet up on Zoom throughout the day, for *worship, prayer, reflection and sharing*, the day will also include time for you to *walk/exercise, take part in a creative activity at home, listen to music, read, write* and allow the world around you to inform your prayerful discovery.

Please email vicar@ahbtt.org.uk if you would like to take part.



DIOCESE OF LONDON LENT APPEAL 2021

In these challenging times, when everyone is focused on the impact of the coronavirus pandemic, it can be easy to forget about the other challenging issues we are facing. Youth violence and the way it impacts on the everyday life across the generations is one such issue, which is why it is the focus of this year's Diocesan Lent Appeal. 'Challenging Youth Violence' is raising money to support three chosen charities working in this field: Redthread, TLG and XLP. If you would like to support the Lent Appeal, you can donate online at: www.give.net/LentAppeal2021

REGULAR SERVICES AT ALL HALLOWS

We are sorry that All Hallows is closed during the current lockdown and there are no public services in the church at this time. However, all our services will continue online via Zoom and you are most welcome to join us - please see below for details.

ONLINE SUNDAY SERVICE at 11am

We will be holding our regular weekly service on Sundays at 11am 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 time of prayer and reflection with music by our virtual choir and musicians. The next service is on **Wednesday 3 March** and we are delighted that we will be joined by Br Jean-Patrick of the Taizé community.

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***For more details about our services see: www.ahbtt.org.uk/online-worship
There are shortcuts to Zoom services and events 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***

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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 www.ahbtt.org.uk enter your email address in the 'Join our Mailing List' box and click 'Subscribe'.

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GIVING TO ALL HALLOWS

Our regular income has been significantly reduced because of the pandemic and we are relying on your support to help us at this challenging time. You can donate by credit card using this QR code on your phone or at www.ahbtt.org.uk/donate. You can also pay by bank transfer (email parish@ahbtt.org.uk for details) or sending a cheque to the church office. Thank you.



THE TEAM AT ALL HALLOWS

Vicar:	The Rev'd Katherine Hedderly
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