

Welcome to  
your Parish Church  
in the Diocese of Birmingham



ALL SAINTS  
KINGS HEATH

Holy Communion  
Sunday 11<sup>th</sup> February 2024

We gather

*If you are worshipping at home, have ready in an honoured place a portion of food and something to drink. It may be bread and wine or something else. Set your Bible alongside. You might light a candle.*

***Giving to All Saints:*** Please see the note at the end of this service sheet.

*Music as we gather:* [Jesus, on the mountain peak](#)

1. Jesus, on the mountain peak, stands alone in glory blazing.  
Let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising:  
*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.*

2. Trembling at his feet we saw Moses and Elijah speaking.  
All the Prophets and the Law shout through them their joyful greeting:

3. Swift the cloud of glory came, God, proclaiming in its thunder,  
Jesus as the Son by name! Nations, cry aloud in wonder:

4. Jesus is the chosen One, living hope of ev'ry nation,  
hear and heed him, everyone; sing, with earth and all creation.

*(words: Brian Wren; music: Sydney Hugo Nicholson)*

*When the song ends we stand to sing:* [Christ, whose glory fills the skies](#)

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies,  
Christ, the true, the only light,  
Sun of Righteousness, arise,  
triumph o'er the shades of night;  
Dayspring from on high, be near;  
Daystar in my heart appear.

2. Dark and cheerless is the morn  
unaccompanied by thee;  
joyless is the day's return,  
till thy mercy's beams I see,  
till they inward light impart,  
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3. Visit then this soul of mine,  
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;  
fill me, radiancy divine,  
scatter all my unbelief;  
more and more thyself display,  
shining to the perfect day.

*(words: Charles Wesley; music: Johann Gottlob Werner's 'Choralbuch', Leipzig [1815])*

Priest: In the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

WELCOME, BANNS and NOTICES

*We pray:* **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse 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.**

## We seek forgiveness

CONFESSION

Deacon: Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

*Silence*

**All: Lord our God,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,  
like the dew that goes away early.  
Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from judgement;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

ABSOLUTION *At home we pray for forgiveness. In church, the priest declares forgiveness for all, wherever we worship:*

Priest: [May] The God of all healing and forgiveness draw *us* to himself, and cleanse *us* from all *our* sins, that *we* may behold the glory of his Son, the Word made flesh, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## THE GLORIA

1. Glory be to God in heaven,  
peace to those who love him well;  
on the earth let all his people  
speak his grace, his wonders tell:  
Lord, we praise you for your glory,  
mighty Father, heavenly King;  
hear our joyful adoration  
and accept the thanks we bring.

2. Only Son of God the Father,  
Lamb who takes our sin away,  
now with him in triumph seated,  
for your mercy, Lord we pray:  
Jesus Christ, most high and holy;  
Saviour, you are God alone  
in the glory of the Father  
with the Spirit: Three in One!

*We pray* THE COLLECT for the Sunday next before Lent

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him, and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

BIBLE READINGS 2 Kings 2:1-12 and 2 Corinthians 4:3-6

SONG [He is exalted](#) (*sing twice*)

He is exalted, the King is exalted on high; I will praise him.  
He is exalted for ever exalted and I will praise his name!  
He is the Lord; for ever his truth shall reign.  
Heaven and earth rejoice in his holy name.  
He is exalted, the King is exalted on high.

*(words & music: Twila Paris)*

GOSPEL READING Mark 9:2-9

*In church we stand and, when it is announced, we say:*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark.  
**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

*At home, you might take time to read through today's Eucharistic Prayer (p6-7 below) and weigh for a while the place of the law, the prophets and Jesus himself in helping God's people shape their identity. Ask yourself where the anchor points are for society today, as well as for the church. Then, ask yourself who your anchor people are; the people who help you feel sure of your identity; people who by similarity or contrast with you help you navigate this world.*

*Then spend a while thinking of people you have known well or encountered briefly who have seemed radiant, who have dazzled or humbled you. Give thanks for them.*

*Then, preparing for prayers, begin to think of people for whom you long to see transfiguration: a change, an opening, a dignifying of face.*

## We affirm our faith

### AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

*We stand and at home, if able, we turn to look in the direction of Church, to affirm our faith:*

Deacon: We stand to affirm our faith:

**All: We believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist.**

**We believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again.**

**We believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world.**

**This is the faith of the Church.  
We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

(adapted from Common Worship)

INTERCESSIONS *At home: Pray for those who came to mind in your reflection. Ask God what transfiguration might look like in a battered, beleaguered nation, or a tired church, or a community that finds itself at a low ebb.*

*With joy we pray for Lu and Kat hurriedly learning to speak Scouse.*

*We remember Anna and Matt, married in London yesterday.*

*Among those who are unwell, we remember Kathy Farbrother and Bill.*

*Among those who have died, we remember Ingrid Patrick, Gordon Middleton and Suzy Singh.*

## THE PEACE

Deacon: It is good for us to be here.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## HYMN [Be thou my vision](#)

1. Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,  
naught be all else to me save that thou art;  
thou my best thought in the day and the night,  
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word,  
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;  
thou my great Father, and I thy true heir;  
thou in me dwelling, and I in thy care.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight,  
be thou my armour, and be thou my might,  
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tow'r,  
raise thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

4. Riches I need not, nor all the world's praise,  
thou mine inheritance through all my days;  
thou, and thou only, the first in my heart,  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art!

5. High King of heaven, when battle is done,  
grant heaven's joy to me, O bright heav'n's sun;  
Christ of my own heart, whatever befall,  
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

*(words: Irish [c8th century], trans Mary Byrne & Eleanor Hull;  
music: Traditional Irish melody, arr Colin Hand; descant: John Wilson)*

*The Table is prepared in Church. At home, now is the time to say the Lord's Prayer (below) and consume the food and drink you have prepared, first praying:*

God, whose Spirit unites and inspires us, with this symbolic meal bind me into the fellowship of the world wide church, and assure me of my place in your heart. **Amen.**

## We tell the story of God's faithfulness

*In Church we stand, if able, for the Eucharistic Prayer*

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Creating and liberating God, you called your people into covenant with you and sealed it with Moses on the mountain, you called your people back to that covenant through your prophets and spoke in a still small voice to Elijah on a mountain. Then on a mountain your Son Jesus stood between the Law and the Prophets and revealed the radiance of your gospel. On Calvary's hill your Son redeemed us by the blood of your new covenant, and on the mountain in Galilee he ascended to your right hand on high. And so we gladly thank you, celebrating your glory with angels and archangels and all the company of heaven, dazzled by your face and singing the hymn of your unending 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.**

Dazzling God, you set up your tent and make your dwelling among us. Abide with us now through the power of your Holy Spirit, that your people may become a temple of your presence, and that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Who, at supper with his disciples, took bread, gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying, "take, eat: this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me."

*A bell is rung.*

After supper he took the cup. Again he gave you thanks and gave it to his disciples, 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."

*A bell is rung.*

Deacon: Great is the mystery of faith:

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

Transfiguring God, it is good for us to be here. Through this holy sacrament make us your sons and daughters and be close to all children who have no one to share your love and mercy with them. Make us your beloved and visit all who have no one to call them beloved. Give us grace to listen to your voice and bring to your heart any who have no one to listen to them. Surround us with your prophetic company and take us up into the whirlwind of your glory, until the day comes when the waters of the Jordan are parted and the heavens are opened and the chariots bring us home to you, ever one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

Deacon: As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:  
**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.**

Priest: We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**All: Though we are many, we are one body.  
For we all share in one bread.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you. Eat in remembrance that he died for you and feed on him in your hearts with thanksgiving.

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, Redeemer of the world, give us your peace. (x2)**

*We share the bread and wine, now for us the body and blood of Christ. All are welcome to receive. If you prefer not to share the common cup, receiving just the bread is as much communion as receiving both. If you prefer not to receive but would value a prayer of blessing do come forward and simply keep your hands by your sides. We will pray for you.*

*For the sake of those with gluten intolerance, please do not dip your wafer in the wine.*

SONG during Communion [We cannot measure](#)

1. We cannot measure how you heal  
or answer ev'ry suff'rer's prayer,  
yet we believe your grace responds  
where faith and doubt unite to care.  
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,  
survive to hold and heal and warn,  
to carry all through death to life  
and cradle children yet unborn.



2. The pain that will not go away,  
the guilt that clings from things long past,  
the fear of what the future holds,  
are present as if meant to last.  
But present too is love which tends  
the hurt we never hoped to find,  
the private agonies inside,  
the memories that haunt the mind.

3. So some have come who need your help  
and some have come to make amends,  
as hands which shaped and saved the world  
are present in the touch of friends.  
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here  
to mend the body, mind and soul,  
to disentangle peace from pain  
and make your broken people whole.

*(words The Iona Community; music: Traditional Scottish melody, arr John L Bell & Graham Maule)*

**We are sent out**

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with your Word  
[and with the body and blood of Christ]. Strengthen us in  
the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise  
and glory. Amen.**

#### THE BLESSING

The peace of God which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of Christ Jesus our Lord, and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among *us* and remain with *us* always. **Amen.**

#### HYMN [God is working his purpose out](#)

1. God is working his purpose out as year succeeds to year.  
God is working his purpose out, and the day is drawing near.  
Nearer and nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the sea.

2. From the east to the utmost west wherever foot has trod,  
through the mouths of his messengers echoes forth the voice of God:  
"Listen to me, ye continents, ye islands, give ear to me,  
that the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the  
sea."

3. How can we do the work of God, how prosper and increase  
harmony in the human race, and the reign of perfect peace?  
What can we do to urge the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the  
sea?

4. All our efforts are nothing worth unless God bless the deed;  
vain our hopes for the harvest tide till he brings to life the seed.  
Yet ever nearer draws the time, the time that shall surely be,  
when the earth shall be filled with the glory of God as the waters cover the  
sea.

*(words: Arthur Campbell Ainger, adapt Michael Forster;  
music: Millicent Kingham, in 'Church Hymns' [1903])*

Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ, Amen.**



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## **Giving to All Saints**

If you wish to contribute financially to sustain All Saints Church and our ministry to Kings Heath you can:

- leave a gift of cash on the collection plate on your way out of church;
- use the card reader near the Church door;
- make a transfer to  
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All Saints Kings Heath PCC - A/C No. 71801163.

If you would like to find out about arrangements for regular giving to All Saints, please speak to Steve Brittle about the Parish Giving Scheme.

*Next Wednesday is Ash Wednesday. Communion Services at 11.30 am and 7.30pm will include the imposition of ashes.*

*See the sign up sheets for the Being With Course and Winter Birthday Meals*

**Lent Groups for 2024:** Churches Together invite you to join an ecumenical group, meeting on-line or in person, to chat and pray with Christians from local churches. This year we are following a York Course called ***On the Third Day***.

*“How can we re-capture the explosive power of the resurrection that ricocheted around the world? How can we live in the glow of resurrection and be an Easter people? How can 'there and then' become 'here and now'? That's what the On the Third Day course sets out to explore and discuss.”*

Five-week course starts: **Monday** 19 February 11.00am at All Saints Church; **Tuesday** 20 February 8.00pm On-line led by New Life Baptist Church; **Wednesday** 21 February 10.30am at New Life Baptist Church; **Thursday** 22 February 12.15am in St. Dunstan's Conference Room. Contact Deacon David to confirm your place by **Sunday 11 February**. 07948379545 or email [fairbo28@gmail.com](mailto:fairbo28@gmail.com)

The five sessions focus on:

Session 1: Have I got news for you!

Session 2: So what? The implications of the resurrection

Session 3: 'Let him Easter in us': Personal discipleship in the light of the resurrection

Session 4: Celebrating and praying Easter

Session 5: A risen Church

*“The course booklet of On the Third Day is accompanied by a lively CD, where Canon Simon Stanley grills New Testament scholar and author Tom Wright, writer Paul Vallely, Methodist minister Ruth Gee, and the Church of England's first woman bishop, Libby Lane.”*