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ALL SAINTS
KINGS HEATH



“Do you love me? Tend my sheep.”

Holy Communion

*Re-dedicating ourselves to serve and tend Kings Heath and
celebrating the blessing of the newly completed
All Saints Centre*

Third Sunday of Easter, 4th May 2025

*We are delighted to welcome Esther, Bishop of Aston on her
first Sunday in post, as our president and preacher.*

We gather

HYMN 1 Father, Lord of all creation
Ground of being, life and love;
Height and depth beyond description
Only life in you can prove:
You are mortal life's dependence:
Thought, speech, sight are ours by grace;
Yours is every hour's existence,
Sovereign Lord of time and space.

2 Jesus Christ, the One for others,
We, your people, make our prayer:
Help us love – as sisters, brothers –
All whose burdens we can share.
Where your name binds us together
You, Lord Christ, will surely be;
Where no selfishness can sever
There your love the world may see.

3 Holy Spirit, rushing, burning,
Wind and flame of Pentecost,
Fire our hearts afresh with yearning
To regain what we have lost.
May your love unite our action,
Nevermore to speak alone:
God, in us abolish faction,
God, through us your love make known.

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Bishop: 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 *from David and* INTRODUCTION *from Bishop Esther, who then invites us to keep silence, then pray:*

All: 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: Anticipating our Gospel reading, we confess the ways we underestimate ourselves and each other and hinder our vocation.

When we see scarcity, help us to see your abundance.

Lord, have mercy.

(cf John 21:6)

Lord, have mercy.

When we are defensive because someone knows us better than we know ourselves, help us hear their wisdom. (cf John 21:17b)

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When we limit the vision of the young and the freedom of older people, help us set them free and learn from them.

Lord, have mercy.

(cf John 21:18)

Lord, have mercy.

Bishop: God, who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour, forgive you your sins and make you holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We stand to give thanks for forgiveness singing THE GLORIA

Leaders: [Glory! Glory! Glory to God!](#)

Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

All: Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

Glory! Glory! Glory to God!

Glory to God in the heights of the heavens.

Peace to God's people, all people on earth. **Glory...**

Son of the Father, all glory and worship;

Praise and thanksgiving to you, Lamb of God. **Glory...**

You take away_ the sin of the world_

Have mercy on us, receive_ our prayer. **Glory...**

Seated in pow'r at the right of the Father,
Jesus alone is the Lord, the most high. **Glory...**

And with the Spirit of love everlasting,
Reigning in glory for ever. Amen. **Glory...**

George Salazar, tr Paul Inwood

We hear and reflect on God's Word

We pray THE COLLECT for The Third Sunday of Easter

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.**

NEW TESTAMENT READING Acts 9:1-6

Meanwhile Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest² and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any who belonged to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem.³ Now as he was going along and approaching Damascus, suddenly a light from heaven flashed around him.⁴ He fell to the ground and heard a voice saying to him, 'Saul, Saul, why do you persecute me?'⁵ He asked, 'Who are you, Lord?' The reply came, 'I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting.'⁶ But get up and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do.'

HYMN responding to a sometimes hostile world, anticipating today's blessing of the All Saints Young People's Centre:

1 Father God, a name you've given
to each fam'ly under heaven;
ev'ry mother's child that cries
is your child, a treasured prize.
*May our church provide for youth
love, security and truth.*

2 Love which keeps no score of wrongs
love which breathes not sighs but songs;
love relaxed and quick to smile;
love which walks the second mile.
*May our church provide for youth
love, security and truth.*

3 And with love, security;
courage in adversity;
shelter from the fiercest wind,
when old friends have trailed behind.
*May our church provide for youth
love, security and truth.*

4 Truth, God's truth to set us free;
mustard seed to yield a tree;
truth to widen blinkered eyes;
truth now hidden from the wise.
*May our church provide for youth
love, security and truth.*

5 Father God, a name you've given
to each fam'ly under heaven.
Father, Holy Spirit, Son,
family of Three in One.
*Set apart from you none thrives –
So let grace, Lord, touch our lives.*

(David Mowbray, t. Englands Lane,
Refrain adapted with permission, exchanging "Church" for "homes")

GOSPEL READING

At home, if you are able you might stand for this reading. In church we remain standing and, when it is announced, we say:

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

After these things Jesus showed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias; and he showed himself in this way. ²Gathered there together were Simon Peter, Thomas called the Twin, Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples. ³Simon Peter said to them, 'I am going fishing.' They said to him, 'We will go with you.' They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

⁴ Just after daybreak, Jesus stood on the beach; but the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. ⁵ Jesus said to them, 'Children, you have no fish, have you?' They answered him, 'No.' ⁶ He said to them, 'Cast the net to the right side of the boat, and you will find some.' So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in because there were so many fish. ⁷ That disciple whom Jesus loved said to Peter, 'It is the Lord!' When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on some clothes, for he was naked, and jumped into the lake. ⁸ But the other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, only about a hundred yards^[b] off.

⁹ When they had gone ashore, they saw a charcoal fire there, with fish on it, and bread. ¹⁰ Jesus said to them, 'Bring some of the fish that you have just caught.' ¹¹ So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, a hundred and fifty-three of them; and though there were so many, the net was not torn. ¹² Jesus said to them, 'Come and have breakfast.' Now none of the disciples dared to ask him, 'Who are you?' because they knew it was the Lord. ¹³ Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. ¹⁴ This was now the third time that Jesus appeared to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

¹⁵ When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, 'Simon son of John, do you love me more than these?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my lambs.' ¹⁶ A second time he said to him, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' He said to him, 'Yes, Lord; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Tend my sheep.' ¹⁷ He said to him the third time, 'Simon son of John, do you love me?' Peter felt hurt because he said to him the third time, 'Do you love me?' And he said to him, 'Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.' Jesus said to him, 'Feed my sheep. ¹⁸ Very truly, I tell you, when you were younger, you used to fasten your own belt and to go wherever you wished. But when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will fasten a belt around you and take you where you do not wish to go.' ¹⁹ (He said this to indicate the kind of death by which he would glorify God.) After this he said to him, 'Follow me.'

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON from The Bishop of Aston

We affirm our faith

AFFIRMATION of FAITH

Deacon: We stand to affirm our faith in God, revealed to humanity as Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high.**

We believe in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

INTERCESSIONS

Using the Sung response:

Leader: Your will be done on earth, O Lord.
Mayenziwe ntando yakho.

THE PEACE

Bishop: Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Bishop The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Deacon: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN enjoying our intergenerational life and anticipating the blessing of the "youthful powers" of Circus Mash and the Robin Centre for Older People.

As we sing, Deacon and crucifer prepare the table.

1 Lord of our growing years,
with us from infancy,
laughter and quick-dried tears,
freshness and energy:

*your grace surrounds us all our days –
for all your gifts we bring our praise.*

2 Lord of our strongest years,
stretching our youthful powers,
lovers and pioneers
when all the world seems ours:
*your grace surrounds us all our days –
for all your gifts we bring our praise.*

3 Lord of our middle years,
giver of steadfastness,
courage that perseveres
when there is small success:

4 Lord of our older years,
steep though the road may be,
rid us of foolish fears,
bring us serenity:

5 Lord of our closing years,
always your promise stands;
hold us when death appears,
safely within your hands:

by David Mowbray (Tune Little Cornard)

We tell the story of God's faithfulness

We remain standing, if able, for the Eucharistic Prayer

Priest: The Lord is here

All: God's Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love
you made us for yourself. When we turned away you did not reject
us, but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children and welcomed us to sit
and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us.

**He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat, this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

A bell is rung

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

**Father we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

A bell is rung

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**As we eat and drink these holy gifts,
make us one in Christ, our Risen Lord.**

With your whole church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy,
My heart, my heart adores you.
My heart is glad to say the words:
You are Holy, Lord.**

(A setting of the Sanctus from Argentina)

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.**

Bishop: 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.**

We share Communion

Bishop: Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink 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: grant us peace.

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 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.

We are sent out

All: 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.

HYMN *reflecting the long memory of a parish church community, those on whose foundational work we build and who passed the evolving vision on to us, and looking humbly to our future service to Kings Heath*

1 Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
Urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
Sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.

2 Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
Speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
Teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord, of the word, receive your people's praise.

3 Lord, for our land in this our generation,
Spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
For young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.

4 Lord for ourselves; in living pow'r remake us-
Self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
Past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.

Text: Timothy Dudley-Smith (b1926) Music: Michael Baughen (b1930)

During the hymn the crucifer and servers process to the door, followed by gift bearers Wardens, Isaac, David and Bishop Esther. All are invited to follow.

Anyone unable to join the procession, make your way to the Garden Room where refreshments will soon be served.

We process through the square to the door of the café.

A member of the congregation says to a representative of the café:

Receive this gift as a sign of our gratitude and promise of our prayers. For you are our teachers: here you are first to meet the strangers who may become our neighbours; here, like Martha and Mary, you set food before them and make safe space for conversation. You teach us to welcome the unexpected guest who unknowingly bears something of Christ to us.

The Bishop sprinkles holy water and says:

God bless your service, affirm your vocation to hospitality, and refresh all who cross this threshold, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

We make our way into the Centre to Feet First, representing all our tenants.

A member of the Congregation says:

Receive this gift as a sign of our gratitude and promise of our prayers. For you are our teachers: while we pray for healing, here you and our other medical tenants are part of the answer to that prayer. We read that Jesus was moved by someone anointing his feet and washed the feet of his disciples. Here you tend to troubled feet each day. You teach us that business can be vocation; that commerce, community and church can sustain each other.

The Bishop sprinkles holy water and says:

God bless your service, affirm your healing vocation, and restore all who cross this threshold, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

We make our way to the All Saints Young People's Centre

An older member of the congregation says:

Receive this gift as a sign of our gratitude and promise of our prayers. For you are our teachers: We read Jesus said we should not put stumbling blocks in the way of the young. He said blessed are the peacemakers. You make this a safe place for young people and their families to seek counsel, grow healthy friendship, learn skills and gain confidence. You teach us patience; you reveal the gifts in those considered less able; you show us what good listening can do; you remind us to rejoice in the energy of young people.

The Bishop sprinkles holy water and says:

God bless your service, affirm your vocation to help young people flourish, and strengthen all who cross this threshold, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

We process to Circus Mash.

A member of the Congregation says:

Receive this gift as a sign of our gratitude and promise of our prayers. For you are our teachers: we proclaim that in Jesus God shares our human bodily life. He exhorts us to help one another and invites us to enjoy fullness of life. You teach us to inhabit our bodies gladly. You support one another when learning to navigate risk. You show us passion and balance can belong together. Your skill brings others joy.

The Bishop sprinkles holy water and says:

God bless your service, affirm your playful, athletic vocation, and uplift all who cross this threshold, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

We make our way to the Robin Centre.

A young member of the congregation says:

Receive this gift as a sign of our gratitude and promise of our prayers. For you are our teachers: We remember Jesus' attention to those bewildered or confused. We remember his dignifying care for those others thought were lost. You care daily for older people, including those living with dementia. Your attentiveness makes this a place of dignity, fellowship and restoration for older people.

The bishop sprinkles holy water and says:

God bless your service, affirm your caring vocation, and honour all who cross this threshold, in the name of the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

We make our way into the courtyard and conclude with:

THE BLESSING declared by Bishop Esther

Deacon: Jesus said he “came not to be served but to serve.” Let us go in peace to love and serve our neighbours and, in them, serve the Lord. (cf Matthew 20:28)

All: In the name of Christ, Amen.

Refreshments are served in the Garden Room.

Some words of thanks are shared.



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