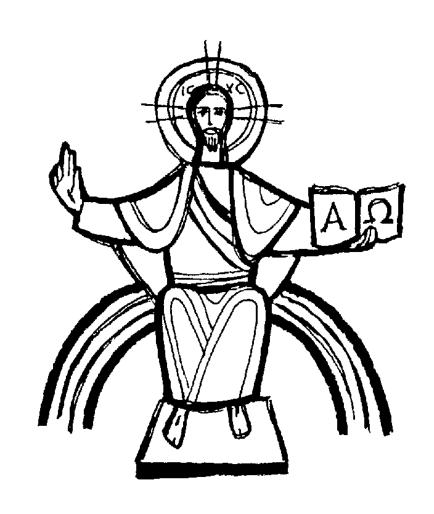
### All Saints' Church, Gosforth



# HOLY COMMUNION on the Sundays before Advent

## Large print copies of this booklet and of the hymn book are available; please ask one of the greeters.

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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).

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

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

All 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**

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand'. So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ, confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

Please remain standing

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

Lord, have mercy.

#### All Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith:

fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

#### All Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust:

fill us with your Spirit.

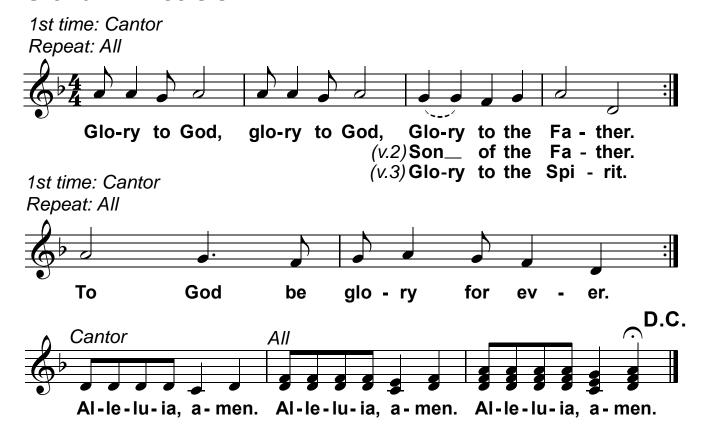
Lord, have mercy.

#### All Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

#### All Amen.

#### Gloria in Excelsis



#### **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



Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.



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

Let us declare our faith in God.

All

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.

#### **Prayers**

All

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

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

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

#### All and also with you

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**

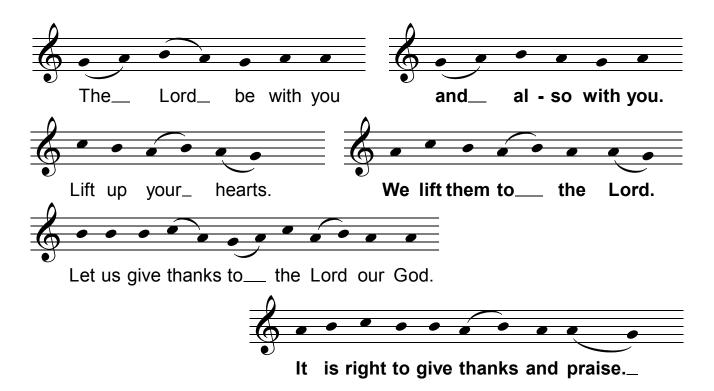


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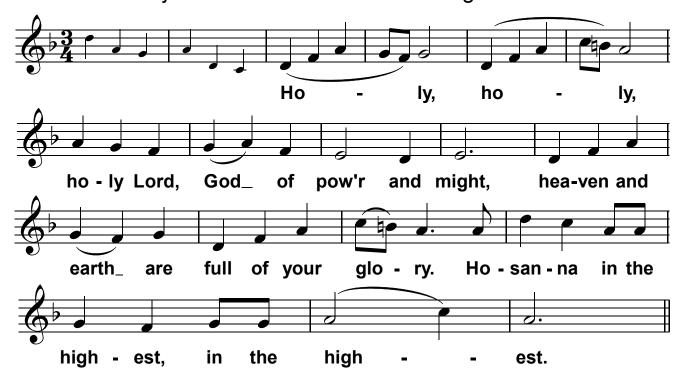
As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

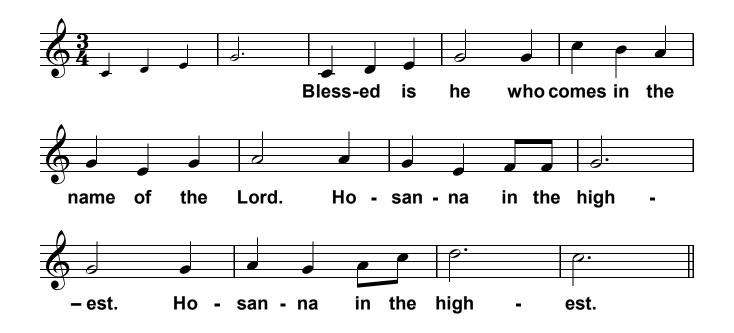
#### All Amen

#### The Eucharistic Prayer



Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:





Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

#### This is his story.

## All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

## All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

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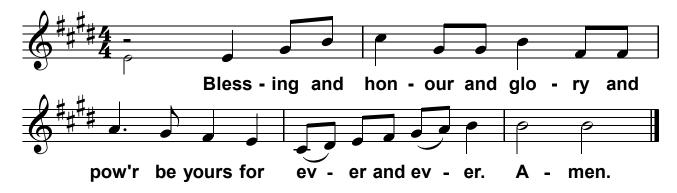
Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

## All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:



#### The Lord's Prayer

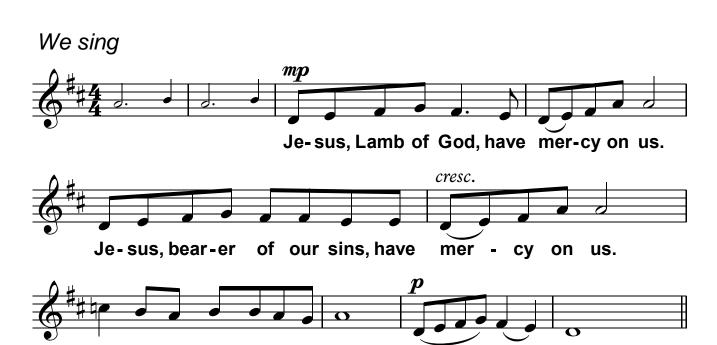
Please sit or kneel

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**

Je-sus, re-deem-er of the world,

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 Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

grant\_\_\_ us\_\_ peace.

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 Generous God,

you have fed us at your heavenly table. Set us on fire with your Spirit that when Christ comes again we may shine like lights before his face, who with you and the Sprit lives for ever. Amen.

#### The Dismissal

#### **Hymn**

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

#### The Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ, Amen.



#### Please join us in the Hall for refreshments

