

**The Parish Church of
All Saints, Peterborough**



The Holy Eucharist

**The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity
Harvest Festival with Instructed Eucharist**

4th October, 2020

Welcome to All Saints' Church this morning! Whether you are here for the first time, or a more regular worshipper, we are delighted to have you with us, and we hope that you will enjoy the service.

Greg Roberts
Parish Priest

(Before: OoS – talks, responses, different Euch. prayer, **texts** for donation.....)

Before: gel, track and trace, communion – spacing, take away sheets,)

(last hymn omit 2, 3, 6,)

A prayer of preparation:

Lord Jesus, help us to draw near to your table with obedient hearts, in response to your invitation;
with penitent hearts, acknowledging our need of forgiveness, with expectant hearts, knowing that you are present to meet with us; with grateful hearts, as those for whom your body was broken, and your blood shed. Make us ready to receive all that you have for us, and to give all ourselves to you; for your great love's sake. Amen

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Opening hymn: 273 Praise, O praise our God and King

During the hymn the procession of Server and priest enters the church.

The president greets the people recalling the baptism which all Christian people share:

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

The Lord be with you and also with you.

*The president welcomes people to the service, and introduces the prayers of penitence, including **Talk 1 What are we doing here?***

We are here: to **praise** God for who he is;
to acknowledge our **need** of God and to know his forgiveness;
to listen to God as he speaks through the readings from the Bible;

to thank God for his Blessings and **to share** with him our concerns for others and ourselves;

to be fed with Spiritual food and then, at the dismissal,
to be sent out, to be witnesses of Jesus and **to continue** his work.

A lot of what we are familiar with has its roots in the **Roman** Empire. When the emperor Constantine made Christianity legal (313) Christians could move out from meeting in secret in homes. They adopted the Roman **basilica** as the pattern for churches – so a church would be different from Pagan temples. In roman towns and cities,

Basilicas were used for meetings, business and dispensing law. Shape; 2 sets of columns, windows, apse, where Judges/magistrates sat,

We have diocese... based on Roman administrative unit, Bishops headed diocese and adopted the Imperial colour – purple, made from a very very rare dye, which needed 10 000's of a particular sea shell. (Murex)

The presiding priest wears **special clothes**, a chasuble, the origin being a Roman poncho, worn by roman gentleman.

We came in with a procession – Roman magistrates...our Christian understanding is that we have been **gathered** together in prayer and praise.

The incense....represents our prayers rising to God

May have seen the first of the **3 kisses**: presiding priest kisses the altar, the person who reads the gospel will kiss the book , and the third kiss is the kiss of peace – being English – hand shake.

Why? Kissing shows welcome and love.

Each kiss shows where we meet Jesus:

In the bread and wine of Communion

We meet Jesus, the 'Living Word', through the words of the gospel.

And thirdly, we meet Jesus in other people,

We confess our sin, and the sins of our society,
in the misuse of God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry
for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly,
and acted ungratefully.

Hear our prayer, and in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest,
but sometimes forget that you have given them to us.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied,
but ignore the cry of the hungry.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We are thoughtless,
and do not care enough for the world you have made.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

We store up goods for ourselves alone,
as if there were no God and no heaven.

Father, in your mercy:

forgive us and help us.

The president declares the forgiveness of our sins in the words of the absolution, after which the choir sings the Gloria..

The Lord enrich *you* with his grace,
and nourish *you* with his blessing;
the Lord defend *you* in trouble and keep *you* from all evil;
the Lord accept *your* prayers,
and absolve *you* from *your* offences,
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Saviour. **Amen.**

The president introduces a brief period of silent prayer before saying the Opening Prayer(Collect) on behalf of the congregation.

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness
and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season:
grant that we may use them to your glory,
for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being;
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.**

Talk 2 Hearing the Word of God

In the **first part** of the service have been gathered together in **prayer and praise**; then in preparation to hear God's words we have confessed our sins and heard the pronouncement of God's forgiveness.

The **choir** help us express our joy and gladness to our merciful Heavenly Father by singing the Gloria.

Having approached God and been forgiven we bring our prayers and hopes, a period of silence, then our prayers are gathered up , or collected, and the priest prays the Collect. It's special prayer for each Sunday and Holy Day, often I use prayers that introduce the themes in the readings. (Harvest)

Readings: three year cycle,

Each religion has a way of showing the importance of Holy Scriptures: Torah in Judaism, the Koran in Islam, the Sikh scriptures...We hold the gospels high and process them to the **middle** of the congregation – showing that Jesus **meets us where we are**. Jesus came from heaven and brought the good news to where people were.

Two candles accompany the gospels. Originally that no doubt

had a practical purpose - now they symbolise Jesus who said he was the Light of the World, the two candles can remind us that Jesus is fully human and ...

Our response is to hear a sermon or talk that seeks **to explain** and teach about the readings and give ideas and help in **applying them** to our lives.

We also respond by affirming our faith in the creed and offering our prayers for the other Christians, the world, our community, those in need and the bereaved.

'We now hear the readings:...'

First reading, from Deuteronomy read by Harriett Barber (26:1-11)

The Lord is giving you the land, and soon you will conquer it, settle down, ²and plant crops. And when you begin harvesting each of your crops, the very first things you pick must be put in a basket. Take them to the place where the Lord your God chooses to be worshiped, ³and tell the priest, "Long ago the Lord our God promised our ancestors that he would give us this land. And today, I thank him for keeping his promise and giving me a share of the land."

The priest will take the basket and set it in front of the Lord's altar. ⁵Then, standing there in front of the place of worship, you must pray:

My ancestor was homeless, an Aramean who went to live in Egypt. There were only a few in his family then, but they became great and powerful, a nation of many people. The Egyptians were cruel and had no pity on us. They mistreated our people and forced us into slavery. We called out for help to you, the Lord God of our ancestors. You heard our cries; you knew we were in trouble and abused.

Then you terrified the Egyptians with your mighty miracles and rescued us from Egypt. ⁹You brought us here and gave us this land rich with milk and honey. ¹⁰Now, Lord, I bring to you the best of the crops that you have given me.

After you say these things, place the basket in front of the Lord's altar and bow down to worship him. ¹¹Then you and your family must celebrate by eating a meal at the place of worship to thank the Lord your God for giving you such a good harvest. And remember to invite the Levites and the foreigners who live in your town.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm: 100

Shout praises to the Lord,
everyone on this earth.

² Be joyful and sing
as you come in

to worship the Lord!

³ You know the Lord is God!

He created us,

and we belong to him;

we are his people,

the sheep in his pasture.

⁴ Be thankful and praise the Lord
as you enter his temple.

⁵ The Lord is good!

His love and faithfulness

will last forever.

Second reading: Galatians 5:22-25

God's Spirit makes us loving, happy, peaceful, patient, kind, good, faithful, ²³ gentle, and self-controlled. There is no law against behaving in any of these ways. ²⁴ And because we belong to Christ Jesus, we have killed our selfish feelings and desires. ²⁵ God's Spirit has given us life, and so we should follow the Spirit.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel,

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you, O Lord.

(17:11-19)

On his way to Jerusalem, Jesus went along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men with leprosy came toward him. They stood at a distance and shouted, "Jesus, Master, have pity on us!" Jesus looked at them and said, "Go show yourselves to the priests." On their way they were healed. When one of them discovered that he was healed, he came back, shouting praises to God. He bowed

down at the feet of Jesus and thanked him. The man was from the country of Samaria. Jesus asked, "Weren't ten men healed? Where are the other nine? Why was this foreigner the only one who came back to thank God?" Then Jesus told the man, "You may get up and go. Your faith has made you well."

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

Talk 3: The Address The Bishop of Peterborough
<https://www.facebook.com/AllSaintsPeterborough/videos/>

After the address all stand to say the Creed

**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**

All kneel for the Prayers of Intercession led by Charles and Arthur Burton. The following response is used

**Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.**

Our Heavenly Father, all good gifts come from you. You send the sunshine and the rain. It is through your love and care that we are able to enjoy the fruits of the harvest.

As we thank you for our food we remember all those who do not have enough for even one proper meal each day. Bless all those, Lord, who suffer because of the greed of others.

We pray for all those who have been forced to leave their own homes and countries. Lord, may we learn to share the food and freedom we have with them.

We pray for your blessing on communities around the world who offer hospitality to refugees and those who are returning home.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer

Lord, we thank you for the hard work of all those who grow, protect and prepare our food; the fishermen, the farmers and all those who make our food, clothes, toys and other things we love. Bless all those, Lord, who do not earn a fair day's pay for their hard work. Help us to buy local produce and fairly traded goods wherever we can, so that everyone can work with dignity, and there will be no more poverty.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer

Bless too the harvest of the factories, mines and shops. Bless the harvest of research, especially at this time when a vaccine for the pandemic is sought.

Bless the harvest of education and of creative arts. May all of us continue to use the skills and inspiration you have given us in every area of life to produce what is good and fruitful. May you be glorified through the work of our hands and minds.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer

At this harvest time, we thank you for the world we see around us; for the flowers, the trees and the animals. Bless all those who care for them, Lord.

Help us to protect your creation by being careful about how we use your resources so that there will be clean water, clean air and plenty of wild birds, mammals and insects to maintain our countryside.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer

As we give thanks for all that is good in your creation, and all who bring in the Harvest of the sea and the land, we give thanks for your grace and

patience with us when we fail to look after your world as we should. Help us to change, so that we too become a new creation walking in the light of your Gospel. Judge each day not by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer

At this harvest time we ask for your blessing on our families, friends and neighbours, on those who are sick and those who have died. Be close to them Lord and bring them your peace in their pain, your strength in their weakness and your comfort in their sadness.

Lord in your mercy: hear our prayer

As you so freely gave of yourself, help us to use our God-given gifts in the service of others, and to do so with joy in our hearts.

The prayers conclude:

Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

All stand as the president introduces the Peace.

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Talk 4 Gifts to Give and Share

We have shared the Peace: divides **the two main parts** of our worship – the Liturgy of the Word, and now we move to the Liturgy of the Sacrament / or Lord's Supper. (Liturgy means...) Words of introduction, are often, we are the body of Christ...we are Jesus' body on earth now. The handshake, or kiss, or nod, reminds us that **we are one body**. We may wish to share the peace with anyone we need to make peace with, with those we

don't know, to welcome them, as well as those near to us.

We then move into the offertory- the bread and wine are brought up to the altar to be taken by the priest, and **our offering** of the first fruits of our labour. Today we have our harvest offering as well. We heard a Biblical basis in the first reading – the very first and the best, we give back to God, why? We were homeless, we were rescued and are now **we are thankful**. Biblical standard is **10%**...of our harvest, our income, C of E , 5%, we encourage Standing Order but plate as well, we know that everything we have comes from God, we are but stewards of what is given to us, we offer back, to be blessed and used for God's work...

The presiding priest represents Jesus and says the actions and words that Jesus did at the last supper. There are just **4 parts**: the president takes the bread and wine, prays a blessing, breaks the bread, and **shares it**.

The offertory and the prayer of thanksgiving shows that God invites us to come to him and to offer ordinary things so that he can transform them. The **bread and the wine are transformed** – from earthly to heavenly food, Jesus becomes one with the bread and wine, Jesus is brought into the here and now.

So to mark this extraordinary event Christians want to make it **special**: it is the family meal, we use a **plate and cup**, called a paten and chalice, often they are made from precious metals – because Christians throughout time have wanted express their devotion to God through ornate buildings, beautiful worship and the craftsmanship and quality of the materials used

It is special so there are special clothes and actions, you will see bowing, genuflecting, censing and the ringing of bells.

Receiving communion is very special... as we bring ourselves, as an offering to God, as we commune with God, united with God...Amen

*The president and people say the **Offertory Prayer** and the **Eucharistic Prayer**, remaining standing throughout.*

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.
With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus

President The Lord be with you

All **And also with you**

President Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord**

President Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

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

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:

**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.**

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

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
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:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

The president introduces the Lord's Prayer.

**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 president breaks the consecrated bread.

**Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**

The president invites the people to receive Communion:

**God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.**

**Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

In this parish we believe that the offer of Holy Communion is made for all the baptized. If you are a visitor from another church where you normally receive communion, you are most welcome to receive communion with us this morning. If you prefer to come forward simply to receive a blessing, then it is helpful if you bring this service paper with you to indicate that is what you want.

During the distribution of Communion the choir sings the following hymn:

Communion hymn: 254, For the fruits of his creation

After communion, all sit or kneel for the post-communion prayers

**Lord of the harvest,
with joy we have offered thanksgiving for your love in
creation
and have shared in the bread and wine of the kingdom:
by your grace plant within us a reverence for all that you give
us and make us generous and wise stewards
of the good things we enjoy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ,
and you have made yourself known
in the breaking of the bread.
Abide with us, we pray,
that, blessed by your royal presence,
we may walk with you all the days of our life,**

**and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity,
one God for ever and ever. Amen.**

Please sit while notices are given out about the life of the parish and community.

1. Giving by text ALLSAINTS10 to 70470 (to give £10)
2. Going forwards....Evensong at 5.30 pm, Tuesday – Zoom Eucharist, Wednesday 8 pm Night Prayer, Prayer Group 7pm Thursday
3. Volunteers to drive....
4. Are we able to ask the wider congregation if anyone is already a qualified first aider and willing to support us?
5. Christmas magic December 12th Tickets at www.peterboroughsings.org.uk with Early Bird prices available until 1st October.

Talk 5: Going out into the World

We have now reached the **final part** of the Eucharist. The dismissal. Here we are **sent by God** into the world with his blessing, as his holy people, as disciples and apostles of his son Jesus Christ. God invited us all to this Eucharist and to his altar. And it is God himself who sends us now **to the world**.

We have been taught by him, we have been fed , we have been united with Jesus, now we go to be like Jesus to others; to be people who work to forgive, who are thankful, to bring blessings to others. Today, it is our food donations....

You are now the priests – a royal priesthood – sent by God into the world to bless and to consecrate his creation so that this world may be the place where God is sovereign, the Kingdom which is ruled not by human power, greed or vengeance, but by God’s love, grace and forgiveness.

In the Eucharist, we received the Body and Blood of Jesus. Now Jesus is in us. It is now our new identity to live as Jesus, to be like Jesus in our homes, our neighborhood, our work places.

(maybe you would rather not leave now ! What an awesome calling)

We cannot do this by our own strength or our own virtue.

But we have faith not in ourselves but in God who is faithful, in God who comes to rescue his people, in God whose love is steadfast.

So we set out on our journey in peace to love and serve our God.

Hymn: 250 All creatures of our God and King (or before)

The president blesses the people and dismisses them to go out into the world taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those they meet.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who is the giver, and provider and sustainer of all,
pour his blessing on all things he has created,
and on each of you, his precious people,
that you may use his gifts and talents to his glory,,
and for the benefit of all peoples; and the Blessing..... **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God