



All Saints'
Church
— Child's Hill —

Parish Eucharist
ASCENSION DAY

Welcome to All Saints'

For over 160 years a community has gathered at All Saints' to worship God and to demonstrate faith at work in our daily lives. Our members come from across the city and from all walks of life and all are welcome to join us as we grow together in our relationship with God and one another. As a church we serve the parish of Child's Hill which goes from Dunstan Road in the North to the Hendon Way / Finchley Road Junction in the South, and from Golders Hill Park in the East to Dersingham Road in the West. All Saints' is open Monday through Thursday as a sacred space for prayer, reflection, and hospitality.

We have our roots in the Catholic traditions of the Church of England, but our worship is contemporary and engaging. Today's service is designed to help us celebrate life, to comfort us where we hurt, and to challenge us where we have grown complacent. Children are an important part of our community. They are always welcome in the service, but there is also a Sunday School during term time which meets in the hall.

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Priest in Charge

Please stand as the clergy enter.

The Gathering

Priest God has gone up with a shout,
All **the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.**

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

Priest Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God. Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

The Ascension Reading

Reader A reading from the Acts of the Apostles (1.4-11)

While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. ‘This’, he said, ‘is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.’ So when they had come together, they asked him, ‘Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?’ He replied, ‘It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.’ When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, ‘Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.’

Reader Alleluia. Christ is risen.
All **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

The Collect

Priest Let us pray that our risen and ascended Lord will lead us to eternal life.

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Amen.**

The Reading

Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand for the Gospel.

The Gospel

Luke 24:44-53

Priest The Lord be with you,
All **and also with you.**

Priest Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Then he said to them, ‘These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.’ Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

The Sermon

After the sermon a period of silence is kept.

The Creed

Priest Let us stand to declare our faith in God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All Stand.

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

Priest Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ,
seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

Please sit or kneel for the prayers.

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us,
pray for the Church, your broken body in the world ...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness, enthroned at the right hand of
the majesty on high, pray for the world, and make it subject to
your gentle rule ...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing humanity into the life of God,
pray for your brothers and sisters in need, distress or sorrow ...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through
your death and resurrection, surround with your saints and angels
those who have died trusting your promises ...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things, ascended far above the heavens
and filling the universe, pray for us who receive the gifts you give
us for work in your service ...

Lord, hear us.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the
bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at
your feet; for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy
Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All **Lord, graciously hear us.**

The prayers conclude.

Merciful Father,

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

Amen.

The Peace

Please stand for the peace.

Priest Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you
love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Priest Let us offer one another a sign of peace

All may exchange a sign of peace.

The gifts are received and the table is prepared.

Please remain standing.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

Priest Blessed be God, by whose grace creation is renewed, by whose love heaven is opened, by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

The Eucharist

Priest The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Priest Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Priest It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ the King of glory.
Born of a woman, he came to the rescue of our human race.
Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin.
By the glory of his resurrection he opened the way to life eternal
and by his ascension, gave us the sure hope
that where he is we may also be.

Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy
and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your 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.**

Please remain standing.

Priest 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.**

Priest 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 for ever and ever. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

All are invited to say the Lord's prayer in their mother tongue.

Priest Looking for the coming of his kingdom,
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Priest Lord, we died with you on the cross.

All **Now we are raised to new life.**

Priest We were buried in your tomb.

All **Now we share in your resurrection.**

Priest Live in us, that we may live in you.

Agnus Dei

All **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.**

Invitation to Communion

Priest I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All **Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.
Alleluia.**

All are invited to come forward to the rail, standing or kneeling as you prefer. If you normally receive the bread or wine in your own church, then please put your hands out to receive.

If you would prefer to receive a blessing please cross your arms and let the priest know your name when he or she approaches.

Prayer After Communion

Priest Let us pray.

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples. Amen.**

The Dismissal Reading

Acts 1:12,13a,14

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Then the disciples returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day's journey away. When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying. They were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

Blessing and Dismissal

Please stand.

Priest May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen Christ. And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

Priest Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit, go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

Please remain standing while the clergy depart.

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