

All Saints Kingston

24 November 2019 – Sunday next before Advent

Welcome. If children want them, there are activities that take place elsewhere during the service - just come forward at the end of the first hymn to join the others. During the service, the choir sings some parts on our behalf in order to help us to pray.

*The setting of the Mass today is **Missa brevis (Kodály)***

Silence is kept. We stand to sing:

Hymn 345

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.

**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.**

*The minister invites everyone to recall their shortcomings.
After a few moments we say together the prayer of confession.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen. Lord have mercy.

The Choir sings the Gloria:

Glory be to God on high, and in earth peace, good will towards men. We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee, we give thanks to thee for thy great glory, O Lord God, heavenly King, God the Father Almighty. O Lord, the only begotten Son Jesu Christ; O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us. Thou that takest away the sins of the world, receive our prayer. Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father, have mercy upon us. For thou only art holy; thou only art the Lord; thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost, art most high in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen

We sit for readings from the Old and New Testament. We stand to sing:

Hymn 352 *At the end the gospel is announced.*

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

At the end of the reading:

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

*We sit for the Sermon. Today's Preacher is the **Rector Jonathan Wilkes**, after which silence may be kept. We stand for the Creed:*

**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.**

*We sit or kneel to pray for the World, our Community and Ourselves
During the prayers this response may be used:*

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer

and at the end:

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

Silence may be kept, after which we stand for the Peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn 296 (t i) *during which a collection is taken for the work of our church and the
bread and wine for Communion are brought to the altar.*

Holy Communion

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour, and
the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

The Lord is here.

His 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 thanks and praise.

The priest says the first part of the eucharistic prayer, before the Choir sings:

Holy, holy, holy,

Lord God of hosts.

Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.

Hosanna in the highest!

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:

Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:

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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All: **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with [N and] all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

All: **Amen.**

Sit or kneel for 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 priest breaks the consecrated bread with the words:

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Silence may be kept.

The priest invites everyone to receive communion.

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 by faith with thanksgiving.

Everyone is welcome to come to the altar to receive communion or a blessing. The sidespeople will direct you.

The Choir sings:

- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.
- Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

*Followed by the motet **Ecce vicit Leo** (Philips)*

Ecce vicit Leo de tribu Juda,
radix David,
aperire librum,
et solvere septem signacula eius.
Alleluia.

Dignus est Agnus qui occisus est,
accipere virtutem,
et divinitatem,
et sapientiam,
et fortitudinem,
et honorem,
et gloriam,
et benedictionem.
Alleluia.

*Behold, the Lion of the tribe of Judah,
the root of David,
hath prevailed to open the book
and to loose the seven seals thereof.
Alleluia.*

*Worthy is the Lamb that was slain
to receive power,
and godliness,
and wisdom,
and strength,
and honour,
and glory,
and blessing.
Alleluia.*

The priest prays the post communion prayer:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this sacred feast: for here we receive you, here the memory of your passion is renewed, here our minds are filled with grace, and here a pledge of future glory is given, when we shall feast at that table where you reign with all your saints for ever. **Amen**

Then we say together:

**Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

We sit for the notices then stand to sing:

Hymn: 443

The Blessing after which the minister says:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*The organ is: (Kodály) **Ite, missa est***

NOTICES AND NEWS

Advent Carol Service

Sunday 1st December at 6pm - the first of our choral glories. All welcome

Stewardship 2020

Just once a year, we reflect on all that All Saints brings to our life, and take stock of what it costs and what we can contribute towards keeping our doors open and the lights on. Please look at Jonathan's message in the material, and respond to the Stewardship Secretary as soon as possible.

A home for the Haven

The Haven is a night shelter run by Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness for people with nowhere to stay during the hard months of the winter. This year we have been asked to be its main host and, though it presents some complications, we have agreed to do so. There should be no great impact on our day to day life. Please keep the guests who will come, and the volunteers and staff that will serve them in your prayers.

Burns Night - Saturday 25th January

Sign up if you want to come or take a table. Book early to avoid disappointment!

Regional groups for making friends

We're going to hold small social gatherings in the Kingston area again - one across the river, one to the north and one to the south of Kingston - for All Saints friends and those who'd like to join us. If you'd be willing to host one of these small events in your home please see Jonathan or one of the Wardens.

Help with the Christmas Tree Festival needed

Can you help erect trees and put up lights on our 25 trees for our festival? Help is needed on the 9th December from 11am onwards. The festival launches with an event attended by the Mayor on the 14th December at 11am.

More midweek evensongs through the Autumn - final one before Christmas on 11th December at 5.30pm. All welcome.

Advent cards of All Saints!

Look out for our own specially designed Advent Cards on sale in our Shop. Also, don't forget our 2 designs of Christmas card available from Cards for Good Causes in church.

Mindfulness course

Mandy Beck is co-leading an 8-week Mindfulness Based Cognitive Therapy course on Wednesday evenings from 7pm for 2 hours in the Andrews Wing St John's Church Robin Hood Lane. The first session will be Wednesday 5th February. This course will cost just £40 for the whole 8 weeks. For more details contact fiona@divaski.com

Upcoming film

So long my Son, a Chinese family drama Saturday December 28 at 13:40 at the BFI and the assembled usually go for a meal afterwards. See Jeremy Jeffries if you want to go.

On line auction in aid of the National Churches Trust

One of the funders from our redevelopment a few years ago is holding an online auction including some prints of Kingston and one of All Saints. Do take a look if you like: <https://givergy.uk/nationalchurchestrust/?controller=lots&action=showLot&id=14>

ASK General Election Hustings

Thursday 5 December, 1:00 to 2:00 pm in the Church. Meet, hear and question all the candidates to be Kingston and Surbiton's MP. If you have a question to suggest, please email it to lgpacker123@gmail.com or ring 020 8549 1960, by Friday 29 November, giving a phone contact number.

Readings and music for 24 November 2019:

9.30am Isaiah 2:1-5 ; Romans 13:11-end ; Matthew 24:36-end
Mass: Rheinberger Cantus *missae in E flat*
Motet: Lassus *Ad te levavi animam meam*

6pm Advent Carol Service

Jeremiah 23:1-6 Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture! says the Lord. Therefore, thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord. Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply. I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord. The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called: 'The Lord is our righteousness.'

Colossians 1:11-20 May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins. He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

Luke 23:33-43 When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'