

All Saints Kingston

22 December 2019 – 4th Sunday of 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 (Berkeley)***

Silence is kept. We stand to sing:

Hymn 10

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 Kyrie:

Lord, have mercy
Christ, have mercy
Lord, have mercy

The Collect

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our Saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; 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 8 (t 128 ii) *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 295 *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!

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light yet, in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ, you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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 we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with [N and] all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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:

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

*Followed by the motet **Virga Jesse (Bruckner)***

Virga Jesse floruit:
Virgo Deum et hominem genuit:
pacem Deus reddidit,
in se reconcilians ima summis.
Alleluja.

*The rod of Jesse hath blossomed:
a Virgin hath brought forth God and man:
God hath restored peace,
reconciling in Himself the lowest with the
highest.
Alleluia.*

The priest prays the post communion prayer:

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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: 9

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: (Franck) Chorale No. 3 in A minor

NOTICES AND NEWS

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. Definitely not too late to get your returns in.

Burns Night - Saturday 25th January

One table and a few spaces remain, for all those that have signed up and haven't already done so please remember to confirm your booking by giving contact details to the office. 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.

First regional group get together - in Surbiton on the 19th January 3-5pm

John and Caroline Ayles are kindly hosting. Put the date in your diary and more details to follow

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.

Scriptural Reasoning 7th January at 2pm

Here at All Saints in the Heritage Gallery to share ideas and perspectives on faith with Jewish and Muslim friends.

The Children's Society Collection Boxes

Please return collection boxes to Geoff and Mary Warman, or via the office. Thank you

Carols round the Crib

Christmas Eve at 4.00pm and 5.30pm. A chance for children to dress up and be part of. All welcome.

Watch night service at Kingston Methodist Church on the Fairfield, 31st December at 11pm

All welcome.

Weekly weekday choral evensong

From the 22nd January we will be starting a weekly choral evensong on Wednesdays at 5.30pm. All are welcome.

Confirmation in 2020

Please do speak to Jonathan if you would be interested in being Confirmed in 2020.

Readings and music for 29 December 2019

9.30am Isaiah 63:7-9; Hebrews 2 :10-end; Matthew 2:13-end
Mass: *A New English Folk Mass*
Communion: *Fili, quid fecisti*

6pm Isaiah 49:7-13; Philippians 2:1-11

Isaiah 7:10-16

Again the LORD spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the LORD your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the LORD to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

Romans 1:1-7

Paul, a servant of Jesus Christ, called to be an apostle, set apart for the gospel of God, which he promised beforehand through his prophets in the holy scriptures, the gospel concerning his Son, who was descended from David according to the flesh and was declared to be Son of God with power according to the spirit of holiness by resurrection from the dead, Jesus Christ our Lord, through whom we have received grace and apostleship to bring about the obedience of faith among all the Gentiles for the sake of his name, including yourselves who are called to belong to Jesus Christ, To all God's beloved in Rome, who are called to be saints: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

Matthew 1:18-end

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.' All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.