

# All Saints Kingston

14th February 2021 –Sunday next before Lent  
(live and streamed service from the Church)

Please: see the notices at the end, note that this service is filmed and broadcast on YouTube

**Please remember: to keep distance, use the sanitiser and wear a mask when in the church**

*The setting of the mass today is **Mass XI***

**A hymn is played (439 omit \*)**

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.

O generous love! That he who smote  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
And on the cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren,  
and inspire  
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise,  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

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.*

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God.  
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 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*

**Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen**

### *The Old Testament reading*

Now when the Lord was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal. Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.' Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the Lord has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the Lord will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.' Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the Lord has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the Lord lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground. When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces. **2 Kings 2:1-12**

### *The New Testament reading*

And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. **2 Corinthians 4:3-6**

*A responsorial psalm: Psalm 63*

R.) *O God, you are my God, for you my soul is athirst.*

O God, my God, for you I long,  
For you my soul is athirst,  
All my being pines for you,  
As thirsty land for rain. *R*

So will I bless you all my days,  
And lift my hands in prayer:  
My soul shall feast up on your love,  
My heart exults in you, my God. *R*

In the sanctuary I come to you,  
To behold your glory and might:  
To know your love is better than life  
itself,  
Therefore my lips shall praise your  
name. *R*

For you, O God, have been my help,  
Beneath your wings I dwell secure:  
My soul shall ever cling to you,  
And your right hand shall hold my  
fast. *R*

*The Gospel is announced*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Mark

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus. As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead. **Mark 9:2-9**

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Sermon by The Right Rev'd Dr Richard Cheetham, Bishop for Kingston*

*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.**

*Intercessions*

*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.**

*The Peace:*

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

## **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 and then we say:*

**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!**

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 St John the Evangelist, St John the Baptist 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.**

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.

*We say together the prayer of Spiritual Reception:*

**Come Lord Jesus, dwell in me**

and send your Holy Spirit that I may be filled with your presence.  
As the hem of your garment,  
touched in faith,  
healed the woman in the gospel,  
so may I be healed.  
Although I cannot receive you in the sacrament,  
I can through this offering of my prayer,  
receive you in my heart;  
grant this for Christ's sake. Amen

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
have mercy on us  
Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world  
grant us peace

*The Motet – Mozart 'Ave Verum'*

Ave verum Corpus, natum  
De Maria Virgine,  
Vere passum, immolatum  
In cruce pro homine:

Cuius latus perforatum  
Unda fluxit et sanguine,  
Esto nobis praegustatum  
In mortis examine.

*Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were  
sacrificed  
on the cross for the sake of man:*

*From whose pierced side  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us  
in the trial of death.*

*The priest prays the post communion prayer:*

Holy God,  
we see your glory in the face of Jesus Christ:  
may we who are partakers at his table  
reflect his life in word and deed,  
that all the world may know his power to change and save.  
This we ask 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.**

**A Hymn is played (349)**

Beyond all mortal praise  
God's name be ever blest,  
Unsearchable his ways,  
His glory manifest;  
From his high throne  
In power and might  
By wisdom's light  
He rules alone.

He gives to humankind,  
Dividing as he will,  
All powers of heart and mind,  
Of spirit, strength and skill:  
Nor dark nor night  
But must lay bare  
Its secrets, where  
He dwells in light.

Our times are in his hand  
To whom all flesh is grass,  
While as their Maker planned  
The changing seasons pass.  
He orders all:  
Before his eyes  
Earth's empires rise  
Her kingdoms fall.

To God the only Lord,  
Our fathers' God, be praise;  
His holy name adored  
Through everlasting days.  
His mercies trace  
In answered prayer,  
In love and care,  
And gifts of grace.

*The Blessing after which the minister says:*

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

## NOTICES

### **Ash Wednesday - Wednesday 17th February at 7.30pm**

Holy Communion live streamed from church (no congregation present, I'm afraid) on our Youtube channel

### **A new Church Secondary School for Kingston**

The Southwark Diocesan Board of Education intends to establish a new voluntary-aided secondary school for pupils aged 11-16 years within the Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. The Statutory Notice can be viewed at: <https://www.kingstoncofesecondary.org.uk/statutory-proposal/> and we are warmly encouraged to respond to the consultation by emailing [consultation@kingstoncofesecondary.org.uk](mailto:consultation@kingstoncofesecondary.org.uk)

### **A group for Lent**

On Wednesdays (from the 24th February) in Lent at 7.30pm there will be the chance to meet on Zoom to discuss together some "Scripture for a Pandemic" led by our clergy, Reader and placement Student by way of a Lent group. If you would like to join us please email the office ([info@allsaintskingston.co.uk](mailto:info@allsaintskingston.co.uk)) and we will send you a booklet with the chosen readings and the Zoom link. All are very welcome.

### **Bishop's Lent Call**

Details of the Bishop of Southwark's Lent call supporting projects in the UK and abroad, including addressing food security in The Diocese can be found at: <https://southwark.anglican.org/lentcall>

If you'd like to support these projects please contact the office on [info@allsaintskingston.co.uk](mailto:info@allsaintskingston.co.uk)

### **Lent Groups at St John the Evangelist**

By Zoom but may be having some face-to-face interactions towards Easter depending on Government and Church advice and the feelings of the group. The York Course for this year focuses on "Caring for creation" and has been written to be used as a zoom course probably Thursday evenings from 8:00 – 9:00 and then depending on demand and take up a second group date and time to be confirmed. If you would be interested in this could you let Mark Stafford know ([vicarstjohnskingston@gmail.com](mailto:vicarstjohnskingston@gmail.com)) by next Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> Feb to allow time to order course booklets: "an informative course... Caring for Creation digs deeper into issues, and is particularly good at calling out misplaced Christian attitudes" (Church Times review Jan 2021).

## **Giving to Good Causes**

Every year, as a church, we support charitable organisations and the great work that they do. Currently we support: Kingston Welcare, Kingston Samaritans, Kingston Churches Action on Homelessness, Refugee Action Kingston, Momentum, RNLI, Médecins Sans Frontières, World Vision UK. Every three years we review this list to see if it still reflects the organisations that we want to support. 2021 is a year when we would do that so if you have a charity in mind that you think we might support please let Jennifer Pearce ([jennifer.pearce2010@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.pearce2010@gmail.com)), who Chairs the subcommittee that is going to think about this on behalf of the PCC, know.

## **May they rest in peace**

As the tide of national grief rises around us you may know of someone who might be interested to know about [www.ataloss.org](http://www.ataloss.org) which helps bereaved people find the support that they need and works to ensure that there are sufficient services for those suffering the loss of loved ones.

## **Book of Remembrance**

We've had a really good suggestion of creating an online virtual Book of Remembrance for those who have tragically lost their lives during the Coronavirus Pandemic. If you know of anyone, the family of whom would welcome them being remembered on the page, then please email Jonathan ([jonathan@allsaintskingston.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@allsaintskingston.co.uk)) or the office ([office@allsaintskingston.co.uk](mailto:office@allsaintskingston.co.uk))

## **Praying for people by name**

At the PCC we agreed that we would pray for those for whom prayer has been requested, once a week, in church usually at a midweek Holy Communion service, so, if you have anyone who you want to be prayed for please let Jonathan or the office know. This is instead of naming people during the intercessions at the 9.30am Sunday service.

## **Holy Communion on Wednesday at 12 noon on YouTube**

A Holy Communion service will be streamed again on Wednesday at 12 noon.

## **RBKares**

At a zoom meeting this week there was a suggestion of how anyone who wanted to might support some of our NHS staff locally. See <https://kingston.nub.news/n/how-rbkares-are-making-a-difference-for-the-staff-of-kingston-hospital> if you'd like to be involved.

## **Vaccine Hesitancy**

The Diocese of Southwark have sent us this link from the Church of England looking to answer some questions about vaccines:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-12/COVID%2019%20Vaccines%20update%20v1.0.pdf>

## **Coffee by Zoom**

Will continue with a meeting after church on Sundays (contact Hilary English on [english@care4free.net](mailto:english@care4free.net)) and there are also meetings on Thursday at 10.30am (contact Jennifer Pearce on [jennifer.pearce2010@gmail.com](mailto:jennifer.pearce2010@gmail.com)) and Friday at 10.30am (contact Mary Mundy on [mundymary@icloud.com](mailto:mundymary@icloud.com)). *Everyone is very welcome.*

Rector: Rev Jonathan Wilkes Tel: 020 3132 8717

Email: [jonathan@allsaintskingston.co.uk](mailto:jonathan@allsaintskingston.co.uk)

PA to the Rector: Jenny Bridges

Email: [info@allsaintskingston.co.uk](mailto:info@allsaintskingston.co.uk)