

All Saints Kingston

7th February 2021 – 2nd Sunday 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 **Missa Orbis Factor**

A hymn is played (433 omit *)

O Worship the King
All glorious above;
O gratefully sing
His power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender,
The Ancient of days,
Pavilioned in splendour,
And girded with praise.

O tell of his might,
O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light,
Whose canopy space.
His chariots of wrath
The deep thunder-clouds form,
And dark is his path
On the wings of the storm.

This earth, with its store
Of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power
Hath founded of old:
Hath stablished it fast
By a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast,
Like a mantle, the sea.

O measureless Might,
Ineffable Love,
While angels delight
To hymn thee above,
Thy humbler creation,
Though feeble their lays,
With true adoration
Shall sing to thy praise.

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

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever. Amen

The Old Testament reading

Does not wisdom call, and does not understanding raise her voice? The Lord created me at the beginning of his work, the first of his acts of long ago. Ages ago I was set up, at the first, before the beginning of the earth. When there were no depths I was brought forth, when there were no springs abounding with water. Before the mountains had been shaped, before the hills, I was brought forth— when he had not yet made earth and fields, or the world's first bits of soil. When he established the heavens, I was there, when he drew a circle on the face of the deep, when he made firm the skies above, when he established the fountains of the deep, when he assigned to the sea its limit, so that the waters might not transgress his command, when he marked out the foundations of the earth, then I was beside him, like a master worker; and I was daily his delight, rejoicing before him always, rejoicing in his inhabited world and delighting in the human race. **Proverbs 8:1; 22-31**

The New Testament reading

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. **Colossians 1:15-20**

A responsorial psalm: Psalm 23

R.) Who is the king of glory? He, the Lord, he is the king of glory

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

O gates, lift high your heads;
grow higher, ancient doors.
Let him enter, the king of glory!

Who is the king of glory?
The Lord, the mighty, the valiant,
the Lord, the valiant in war.

Who is he, the king of glory?
He, the Lord of armies,
he is the king of glory.

The Gospel is announced

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

All Glory to you, O Lord.

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was in the beginning with God. All things came into being through him, and without him not one thing came into being. What has come into being in him was life, and the life was the light of all people. The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness did not overcome it. There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens everyone, was coming into the world. He was in the world, and the world came into being through him; yet the world did not know him. He came to what was his own, and his own people did not accept him. But to all who received him, who believed in his name, he gave power to become children of God, who were born, not of blood or of the will of the flesh or of the will of man, but of God. And the Word became flesh and lived among us, and we have seen his glory, the glory as of a father's only son, full of grace and truth.

John 1:1-14

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon by one of our readers Isobel Robinson

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

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

The Motet – Tallis ‘O salutaris hostia’

O salutaris hostia, quae caeli pandis ostium,
Bella premunt hostilia; da robur, fer auxilium.

*O saving victim! opening wide the gate of heaven to man below,
Our foes press hard on every side; thine aid supply, thy strength bestow.*

The priest prays the post communion prayer:

God our creator, by your gift the tree of life was set at the heart of the earthly paradise, and the bread of life at the heart of your Church: may we who have been nourished at your table on earth be transformed by the glory of the Saviour's cross and enjoy the delights of eternity; 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 (490)

Judge eternal, throned in splendour,
Lord of lords and King of kings,
With thy living fire of judgement
Purge this realm of bitter things:
Solace all its wide dominion
With the healing of thy wings.

Still the weary folk are pining
For the hour that brings release:
And the city's crowded clangour
Cries aloud for sin to cease;
And the homesteads and the woodlands
Plead in silence for their peace.

Crown, O God, thine own endeavour;
Cleave our darkness with thy sword;
Feed the faithless and the hungry
With the richness of thy word:
Cleanse the body of this nation
Through the glory of the Lord.

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

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) 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

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) by next Sunday 7th 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), 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 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 love 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) or the office (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) and there are also meetings on Thursday at 10.30am (contact Jennifer Pearce on jennifer.pearce2010@gmail.com) and Friday at 10.30am (contact Mary Mundy on mundymary@icloud.com). *Everyone is very welcome.*