

# All Saints Kingston

11 April 2021– Low Sunday

(live and streamed service from the Church)

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

*The setting of the mass today is **Berkeley 'missa Brevis'***

## **Hymn 105** – *please do not sing*

Christ the Lord is risen again;  
Christ has broken every chain!  
Hark, the angels shout for joy,  
Singing evermore on high: Alleluia.

He who gave for us his life,  
Who for us endured the strife,  
Is our Paschal Lamb today.  
We, too, sing for joy and say: Alleluia.

He who bore all pain and loss  
Comfortless upon the cross,  
Lives in glory now on high,  
Pleads for us and hears our cry:  
Alleluia.

He whose path no records tell,  
Who descended into hell;  
Who the strong man armed hath  
bound,  
Now in highest heaven is crowned:  
Alleluia!

Now he bids us tell abroad  
How the lost may be restored,  
How the penitent forgiven,  
How we, too, may enter heaven.  
Alleluia.

Thou, our Paschal Lamb indeed,  
Christ, today thy people feed,  
Take our sins and guilt away,  
That we all may sing for ay: Alleluia.

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, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen**

As Pharaoh drew near, the Israelites looked back, and there were the Egyptians advancing on them. In great fear the Israelites cried out to the Lord. They said to Moses, 'Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness? What have you done to us, bringing us out of Egypt? Is this not the very thing we told you in Egypt, "Let us alone and let us serve the Egyptians"? For it would have been better for us to serve the Egyptians than to die in the wilderness.' But Moses said to the people, 'Do not be afraid, stand firm, and see the deliverance that the Lord will accomplish for you today; for the Egyptians whom you see today you shall never see again. The Lord will fight for you, and you have only to keep still.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Why do you cry out to me? Tell the Israelites to go forward. But you lift up your staff, and stretch out your hand over the sea and divide it, that the Israelites may go into the sea on dry ground. Then I will harden the hearts of the Egyptians so that they will go in after them; and so I will gain glory for myself over Pharaoh and all his army, his chariots, and his chariot drivers. And the Egyptians shall know that I am the Lord, when I have gained glory for myself over Pharaoh, his chariots, and his chariot drivers.' The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night. Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.' Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and

believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses. Then the prophet Miriam, Aaron's sister, took a tambourine in her hand; and all the women went out after her with tambourines and with dancing. And Miriam sang to them: 'Sing to the Lord, for he has triumphed gloriously; horse and rider he has thrown into the sea.' **Exodus 14:10-end; 15:20-21**

*The New Testament reading*

Now the whole group of those who believed were of one heart and soul, and no one claimed private ownership of any possessions, but everything they owned was held in common. With great power the apostles gave their testimony to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great grace was upon them all. There was not a needy person among them, for as many as owned lands or houses sold them and brought the proceeds of what was sold. They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to each as any had need. **Acts 4:32-35**

*A responsorial psalm: Psalm: 118*

R.) *This is the day of the Lord: we rejoice and are glad*

O give thanks to the Lord for he is good,  
And his loving mercy never fails:  
Let every son of Israel say  
That his love endures forever. *R*

Victorious is the Lord's right hand,  
The Lord's right hand has raised me up:  
I shall not die, but live,  
And declare the works of the Lord. *R*

The stone which the builders refuse,  
Has become the chief corner-stone:  
This is the Lord's own work,  
And it is marvellous in our eyes. *R*

*The Gospel is announced*

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to John

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

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.' But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the

twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.' A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.' Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.' Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name. **John 20:19-end**

*At the end of the reading:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Sermon by **the Rector, Rev'd Jonathan Wilkes***

*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

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. Accept all we offer you this day; in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

**All Amen**

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 hosts.**

**Heaven and earth are full of thy glory.**

**Glory be to thee, O Lord most high!**

**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.**

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 – Hadley ‘my beloved spake’*

My beloved spake, and said unto me,  
Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away.  
For, lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;  
The flowers appear on the earth;  
the time of the singing of birds is come,  
and the voice of the turtle is heard in our land;  
The fig-tree putteth forth her green figs,  
and the vines with the tender grape give a good smell.  
Arise, my love, my fair one, and come away.

*The priest prays the post communion prayer:*

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen

*Then we say together:*

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living  
sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your  
praise and glory. Amen**

## **Hymn 106 – please do not sing**

Come, ye faithful, raise the strain  
of triumphant gladness!  
God hath brought forth Israel  
into joy from sadness,  
loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke  
Jacob's sons and daughters,  
led them with unmoistened foot  
through the Red Sea waters.

'Tis the spring of souls today:  
Christ hath burst his prison,  
and from three days' sleep in death  
as a sun hath risen.  
All the winter of our sins,  
Long and dark, is flying  
From his light, to whom we give  
Laud and praise undying.

Now the queen of seasons, bright  
With the day of splendour,  
With the royal feast of feasts,  
Comes its joy to render;  
Comes to glad Jerusalem,  
Who with true affection  
Welcomes in unwearied strains  
Jesu's Resurrection.

Neither might the gates of death,  
nor the tomb's dark portal,  
nor the watchers, nor the seal  
hold thee as a mortal.  
But today amidst thine own  
thou didst stand, bestowing  
that thy peace, which evermore  
passeth human knowing.

*The Blessing after which the minister says:*

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

## **NOTICES**

### **We're now open!**

We are now open between 11am and 3pm everyday and when the Cafe re-opens in May we will return to longer hours. Anyone willing to help us keep the building open by being one of the two volunteers to be in the building please let Jonathan know.

### **Holy Communion on Wednesday at 12 noon - now live!**

We are now welcoming people in person to our Wednesday midweek Holy Communion at 12 noon. In due course the service on Tuesday and Thursday will start again.

### **Sidespeople**

One of the things, as we begin to open up again, that we'll need to bolster is the rota of people acting as Sidespeople at services. If you think you can help please contact Jonathan or one of the Wardens.

## **Singing and Choirs**

Very sadly, it seems likely that rules about choirs and singing will remain in place for now. This means that we will only be allowed to have a small group of 3 people singing at any of our services and that there will continue to be no congregational singing.

## **Covid Scams**

The Police have asked us to forward as widely as we can information about various Scams going round at the moment, from Vaccine and NHS related cons through to fake Lockdown fines and strangers offering to do your shopping. A PDF download will be available on the website with the pew sheet.

## **AGM, ER and PCC**

Otherwise known as the Annual General meeting, Electoral Roll and Parochial Church Council. The AGM will take place on Sunday May 23rd and to vote at it you will need to be on the Electoral Roll. At the meeting elections for **Churchwardens and PCC** members will take place. Please contact the office if you would like a nomination form.

## **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 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](mailto:jonathan@allsaintskingston.co.uk)) or the office ([office@allsaintskingston.co.uk](mailto:office@allsaintskingston.co.uk))

## **RBKares - New Appeal**

Kingston Hospital are treating record numbers of teenagers who are self-harming because of COVID restrictions and are urgently appealing through RBKares for fidget spinners or any hand-held fidget toys that reduce anxiety. And if you'd like to 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>

## **PLEASE USE Eventbrite**

Don't forget to register with Eventbrite for the 9:30am Service if you wish to come to church in person. You can sign up until 11:30 pm on Saturdays. If you forget to register don't let it stop you coming, as we should be able to fit you in, but it would be **extremely** helpful if you could register first.

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