



11 February 2024 (Sunday next before Lent)

Welcome to this Service of Sung Eucharist. The Celebrant and Preacher today is Revd William Allberry. The choir are taking their half-term break. Revd Joe Moffatt, the Vicar, is preaching at Kings College Cambridge.

The service is filmed and broadcast on our YouTube channel. Please sit in the back three rows if you want to avoid being filmed.

Please stay for refreshments in the east end of the church after the service and do remember to always keep your belongings with you.

<u>Hymns</u>	234	Christ, whose glory fills the skies
	178	'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
	296 (t.i)	Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour
	494 (t.413)	Christ is the world's true Light

<u>Mass Setting</u>	Gloria – Margaret Rizza (on laminated sheet)
	Sanctus & Benedictus – John Merbecke (NEH 542)

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**

Readings

2 Kings 2:1-12

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.

Psalm 50, vv. 1-6 (said by all)

- 1 THE Lord, even the most mighty God, hath spoken: and called the world, from the rising up of the sun unto the going down thereof.
- 2 Out of Sion hath God appeared: in perfect beauty.
- 3 Our God shall come, and shall not keep silence: there shall go before him a consuming fire, and a mighty tempest shall be stirred up round about him.
- 4 He shall call the heaven from above: and the earth, that he may judge his people.
- 5 Gather my saints together unto me: those that have made a covenant with me with sacrifice.
- 6 And the heavens shall declare his righteousness: for God is Judge himself.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen.

2 Corinthians 4:3-6

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.

Mark 9:2-9

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.

Post Communion Collect

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.**

News and Events

Fasting for Lent – our Eco group are encouraging us to consider adopting a ‘Carbon Fast’ for Lent by fasting from either driving, long showers or meat/dairy. Please see the leaflet on the welcome desk or the ebulletin for more details.

Confirmation Courses – these will start in March, leading up to a Confirmation Service at All Saints on Sunday May 12th at 6pm. We will run a group for Young People (aged 11 and above) and a group for adults. Please see Joe or Sarah if you’re interested. The timing of the sessions will be dependent on the availability of candidates, but the Young People’s group will likely be on Sunday afternoons and the adult group on weekday evenings.

Ash Wednesday 14th February – The Imposition of Ashes will be offered at both of our services:

- Holy Communion at 12 noon
- Choral Eucharist at 7.30pm

Please note that there will be no 5.30 Evensong on this day.

Parish Quiet Day - as part of our Lent reflections, Sarah Williams will be running a Parish Quiet Day at the House of Prayer, East Molesey on 20th February 10am – 3pm. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided but you are asked to bring your own packed lunch. The day will be reflective in nature with a focus on silence, prayer, and Scripture. Everyone is welcome. A donation of £10 per person would be appreciated to cover the costs of the day. For more information or to sign up, please email Sarah (sarah@allsaintskingston.co.uk)

Lent Pilgrimage for Climate - The Rt Revd Dr Martin Gainsborough, Bishop of Kingston, invites you to join him on a journey of prayer, repentance, and vision for justice in our response to the climate and ecological crisis. Everyone is welcome, and walks are accessible to all ages. There are six separate walks taking place across the Diocese of Southwark during Lent. The walk on Feb 24th leaves from this Church at 10.30am and goes via Richmond Park to Wimbledon Common. For further information visit: bit.ly/3ROkDPy or see posters.

Let us pray... Evensong Sermons for Lent 2024

- Feb 18th Gemma Simmonds: Praying with St Ignatius
- Feb 25th Richard Carter: Praying with a Community
- March 3rd Stephen Cherry: Praying with Humility
- March 10th Mark Oakley: Praying with Poetry
- March 17th Pete Greig: Praying with the Spirit

Lent Discussion Groups will reflect on the previous Sunday’s sermon (which can be watched on YouTube). Each group will meet for five weeks, from the week beginning Feb 19th to the week beginning March 18th.

- Tuesdays 3.00pm – 4.30pm at St John the Evangelist, Spring Grove, Kingston
- Tuesdays 7.00 – 8.30pm at St John the Baptist, Kingston Vale
- Tuesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm at Kingston United Reformed Church

- Wednesdays 10.30am – 12noon at All Saints Kingston
- Wednesdays 7.30pm – 9.00pm on Zoom (hosted by Kingston URC)

A leaflet is now available with further information on how to book a place.

Lunchtime Recitals – the next in the spring season of lunchtime recitals will be on 12 Feb with Mitra Alice Tham (piano). These are free to attend and everyone is welcome.

Saxon Kings Update – Edward the Elder, first in the series, is now in production in embroiderer Jacky's Bath studio. We need to raise the money for framing him - could you help by hosting a coffee morning for your friends and neighbours? Either at home, or by arrangement in the Church café, and Leo or Sandy could bring along the embroidered samples for viewing. Contact Sandy at sandycragg26@gmail.com

Bereavement Café – this is a space to talk about bereavement and to find mutual support and encouragement from others who understand the experience of loss. No booking necessary. **Every other Wednesday** 2.00 - 3.30 pm at All Saints Church. **Next session is on Feb 14th**. Flyers are available in the church with further details.

E-Bulletin - we are now sending out an e-bulletin every fortnight to those on our email database. Please check if you are receiving this and if not (and you would like to be added), please email comms@allsaintskingston.co.uk

Church Closed – please note the church will be closed on 22nd February to allow for an evening event to set up. Holy Communion at 12 noon will not take place. This is for health and safety reasons.

Book Group - the next meeting will be on Sunday 25 February at 12.00 noon in the Church café. They will be discussing The Second Sleep by Robert Harris, a dystopian thriller. New members would be very welcome. For more information contact annenicholson2@icloud.com

Chess Group – join the drop-in chess group at 10am for two hours **every Wednesday** unless rescheduled by group leader. This is for any level (no experience required). Refreshments are available to buy from the church café. Free to attend with a suggested donation to church costs. Boards will be available – or bring your own. All welcome.

Youth Café – these run 4-5pm every Sunday in term-time in the church café. It's open to all Young People aged 11-18.

Christmas Tree Festival – The Christmas Tree Festival raised £1400 to be divided between 7 charities. Thank you to all who took part and helped. Liz has run this for several years and is stepping down. Please let her know if you would like to take over; lizzdeller@icloud.com

Services This Week:

Tues Holy Communion at 12 noon

Wed

Holy Communion at 12 noon

Choral Evensong at 5:30pm

Thurs

Holy Communion at 12 noon

Destress Meditation at 5:30pm

Sunday

Holy Communion at 8am

Choral Eucharist at 9:30am

Choral Evensong at 6pm

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