

**Service of Morning Prayer.** Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>  
February. Second Sunday of Lent.

**All Saints at all times and in all seasons,  
committed to being a church  
of Up (worship & prayer),  
In (deep community & lifelong discipleship),  
and Out, (service of others & evangelism).**

### The Gathering of God's People

Brief Welcome by Revd Grant

*Pause to be still, as I re-center my scattered  
senses upon the presence of God...*

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

**All** and also with you.

**Opening Prayer...**

**All** Loving God

**We have come to worship you.**

**Help us to pray to you in faith**

**To sing your praise with gratitude**

**And to listen to your word with eagerness;**

**Through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **Opening Song: Cannons**

**Prayer...**

God of our days and years,

we set this time apart for you.

Form us in the likeness of Christ

so that our lives may glorify you.

**Amen.**

**Prayers of Penitence**

This Lent we are reminded of the Beatitudes.

Let us hear the characteristics and witness of the  
kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Blessed are those who mourn,

**for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,  
**for they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after  
righteousness,  
**for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,  
**for they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,  
**for they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,  
**for they shall be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for  
righteousness' sake,  
**for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.**

Let us confess our failures to keep this way of  
truth and life.

*Silence to reflect...*

**All** 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**

**Absolution.**

May the Father of all mercies

cleanse you from your sins,

and restore you in his image

to the praise and glory of his name,

through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Blessed is the Lord,

**All for he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

therefore shall our hearts dance for joy

**All and in our song will we praise our God.**

*Prayer of thanksgiving*

Blessed are you, Lord God of our salvation,

To you be glory and praise forever.

In the darkness of our sin, you have shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

Open our eyes to acknowledge your presence, that freed from the misery of sin and shame, we may grow into your likeness from glory to glory.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**All Blessed be God for ever.**

### **Proclaiming and Receiving the Word**

#### **Psalm 22:22-31**

I will declare your name to my people;  
in the assembly I will praise you.

23 You who fear the Lord, praise him!  
All you descendants of Jacob, honour him!  
Revere him, all you descendants of Israel!

24 For he has not despised or scorned  
the suffering of the afflicted one;  
he has not hidden his face from him  
but has listened to his cry for help.

25 From you comes  
the theme of my praise in the great assembly;  
before those who fear you  
I will fulfil my vows.

26 The poor will eat and be satisfied;  
those who seek the Lord will praise him –  
may your hearts live for ever!

27 All the ends of the earth  
will remember and turn to the Lord,  
and all the families of the nations  
will bow down before him,

28 for dominion belongs to the Lord  
and he rules over the nations.

29 All the rich of the earth will feast and worship;  
all who go down to the dust  
will kneel before him –  
those who cannot keep themselves alive.

30 Posterity will serve him;  
future generations will be told about the Lord.

31 They will proclaim his righteousness,  
declaring to a people yet unborn:  
He has done it!

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning is now,  
and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

#### **Scripture Readings**

New Testament : Romans 4:13-end

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

#### **Song : Everlasting Peace**

Gospel: Mark 8:31-end

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### **Canticle A Song of Christ the Servant (Lent)**

1 Christ suffered for you, leaving you an example,  
that you should follow in his steps.

**2 He committed no sin,  
no guile was found on his lips,  
when he was reviled, he did not revile in turn.**

3 When he suffered, he did not threaten,  
but he trusted himself to God who judges justly.

**4 Christ himself bore our sins  
in his body on the tree,  
that we might die to sin and live to  
righteousness.**

5 By his wounds, you have been healed,  
for you were straying like sheep,  
but have now returned  
to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.  
1 Peter 2.21b-25

**All     Glory to the Father and to the Son  
          and to the Holy Spirit;  
          as it was in the beginning is now,  
          and ever shall be, world without end.**

**Amen.**

**Sermon :** We welcome John Harris, a member of  
All Saints, to preach this morning.

### **Post Sermon Song: Faithful One**

#### **The Apostles Creed**

We declare our faith.

**All     I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
          creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the  
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen**

### **The Prayers of the People**

Intercessions

*Response:*  
Lord in your mercy  
**Hear our Prayer.**



**Which includes some regular prayers we will  
pray through Lent...**

#### **Collect Prayers**

Generous God,  
creator, redeemer, sustainer,  
to you we present our financial gifts,  
symbol of the work you have given us to do;  
use it, use us,  
in the service of your world  
to the glory of your name. **Amen.**

Almighty God,  
by the prayer and discipline of Lent  
may we enter  
into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,  
and by following in his Way  
come to share in his glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

O Lord my God do not be far from me.  
My God have regard to help me.  
I have many thoughts and great fears afflicting  
my soul. How will I pass through unhurt?  
How will I break them to pieces?

This is my hope, my one only consolation,  
to flee to you in every tribulation, to trust in You,  
to call on You from my inmost heart,  
and to wait patiently for your consolation. **Amen.**

Holy Spirit, when I feel alone, I am comforted,  
because You pray *with* me.  
When I silenced by suffering, I am grateful that  
You pray *through* me.  
And Jesus when I feel helpless, I am strengthened  
because You're with the Father right now,  
praying *for* me.  
**Amen.** (Romans 8:34)

Let's pray to our Father...

**All 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.**

## Going out as God's People

### **Announcements.**

**Alpha** – Tuesday evening March 2<sup>nd</sup> start. Weekly until the end of April. Is there someone you would like to invite? Would you like to attend? Let Nienke, Julia or Grant know.

**Psalms Morning.** Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> March. 1000-1200 on Zoom. Information through the email newsletter and church whatsapp.

### **February Charitable Giving**

This Sunday is last Sunday for charitable giving towards the Illyricum Movement in Albania. Our February giving has been going to support that ministry led by Edi Demo. Illyricum Movement seek to bring the gospel, via planting new churches, to the areas where the gospel is unknown or has not taken root.

### **Final Song: Never Once**

### **Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
and give you grace to deny yourselves,  
take up your cross, and follow him,  
and the blessing of God,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

### **The Peace.**

May the Peace of God  
which passes all understanding  
Keep our hearts and minds in Christ Jesus. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

### **Let us offer one another a sign of peace. God's seal on our prayer...**

We invite you to not only share the Peace with whom you are gathered but to message someone in the church community 'Peace be with you'.

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