

Welcome to Worship!



All Saints
ANGLICAN CHURCH Amersfoort

Holy Communion during Lent



Introduction to the Season of Lent

Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus' time in the wilderness followed immediately on his baptism. However, Lent soon became firmly attached to Easter, as Easter was the principal occasion for baptism and for the reconciliation of those who had been excluded from the Church's fellowship for apostasy or serious faults. This history explains the characteristic notes of Lent – self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter.

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith, and as penitents prepared themselves, through fasting and penance, to be readmitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance, the extension of which over forty days would remind them of the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness, being tested by Satan.

Ashes are an ancient sign of penitence; from the middle ages it became the custom to begin Lent by being marked in ash with the sign of the cross. This took place on Ash Wednesday.

The calculation of the forty days has varied considerably in Christian history. It is now usual in the West to count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (not including Sundays), so beginning Lent on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, Ash Wednesday. Liturgical dress is the simplest possible. Vestments, stoles and Communion table coverings are purple. Churches are kept bare of flowers and decoration. *Gloria in excelsis* is not used.

As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death, and the reading of the Passion Narrative, gave to the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

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

Welcome to All Saints! All ages, all sorts, all backgrounds, all nationalities, all are welcome here! We hope you will feel comfortable to worship in the tradition and style you are familiar with. During the service there is a supervised crèche available for under 4s. Apart from our monthly All Age service, we hold also a Sunday School for 4-12 year olds. We offer prayer ministry both during the serving of Communion and after our service. We'd like to invite you to join us for refreshments served after our worship service. Please talk to our welcomers to know more or if you have any questions or need help of any kind.

Please say / pray together the words in bold type after All...

The Gathering of God's People

In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

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

All **and also with you.**

Words of welcome and introduction

A pause in silence as we prepare ourselves for worship

The Lord is here

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lord God,
you have promised that where two or three gather in your name,
you are among them,
cleanse, fill and bless this place where we meet,
in your name, for worship,
help us to pray to you in faith,
to praise your name with gratitude,
to listen to your word with eagerness,
and kindle in us, the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Hymn or Song

*Children's Talk, then prayer.
Children leave for the crèche and Sunday School.*

Prayer *(we sit or kneel to pray)*
A moment of silence before we pray together.

**God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so our lives may glorify you.
Amen.**

The Beatitudes

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

Blessed are the poor in spirit,

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

Blessed are those who mourn,

All **for they shall be comforted.**

Blessed are the meek,

All **for they shall inherit the earth.**

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst after righteousness,

All **for they shall be satisfied.**

Blessed are the merciful,

All **for they shall obtain mercy.**

Blessed are the pure in heart,

All **for they shall see God.**

Blessed are the peacemakers,

All **for they shall be called children of God.**

Blessed are those who suffer persecution for righteousness' sake,

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

Prayer for this Sunday

Having heard the Lord's teaching, let us pray for grace, to keep Lent faithfully.

Silence

Before the minister prays the Collect Prayer to which all respond. Amen.

Proclaiming and Receiving the Word

Hymns / Songs may be sung here or before the Gospel reading

First Bible Reading *(Which can be followed in our church bibles)*

Reader This is the Word of the Lord:

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 130

This psalm is used between the readings

Out of the depths I have called to you, Lord.

Let your ears be open to hear my voice.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

If you recorded all our sins
who could come before you?

All **My hope is in God's word.**

There is forgiveness with you:
therefore you shall be feared.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

My soul is longing for the Lord,
more than those who watch for daybreak.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,
for with the Lord there is mercy.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

All **My hope is in God's word.**

A Hymn or Song *may be sung here*

Gospel *(Please stand. This can be followed in our church bibles)*

Hear the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All **Glory to you, O Lord**

When the reading finishes the reader says:

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

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

Sermon

The Creed *(we stand)*

With Christians of all ages, all backgrounds, all nationalities, we stand to affirm our faith in the Nicene 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.**

The Prayers of the People

Prayers of Intercession *(we sit or kneel)*

Our intercessions may end with...

Merciful Father,

**All accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen**



Prayers of Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:

The first commandment is this:

‘Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.’

The second is this: ‘Love your neighbour as yourself.’

There is no other commandment greater than these.

On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.

Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and faith.

cf Psalm 51.17

Silence to reflect...

Let us confess our sins.

**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.

The minister prays the Absolution.

The Peace *(we stand)*

Since are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord
Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace in which we now stand.

cf Romans 5:1-2

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All and also with you

Let us offer one another a sign of peace...



During the peace, the children will return from the crèche and Sunday School.

Celebrating at the Lord's Table

Offertory Hymn or Song

Your offerings towards the work of this church will be received during this hymn.

There will also be an opportunity, in a basket, to donate towards the Bishop of Europe's Lent Appeal, which is our Lenten focus for our church charitable giving.

It is possible to donate to All Saints through the Givt app. In the app, Collection One is for All Saints; Collection Two is for our charitable giving. You will need your bluetooth switched on for Givt to activate.

The collection is presented at the table and this prayer may be said:

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. Amen.

cf 1 Chronicles 29:11 & 14

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

At All Saints, all are welcome to receive Holy Communion if you are baptised and you would normally receive in the church you regularly attend. If you would prefer not to receive bread and wine, you would be also welcome to come and receive a prayer of blessing. If you would like such a prayer, if you have your hands by your side, the minister will pray God's blessing on you. You are welcome also to remain seated and to think and pray...

Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because he was tempted in every way as we are, yet did not sin.
By his grace we are able to triumph over every evil,
and to live no longer for ourselves alone,
but for him who died for us and rose again.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All **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. *(Please sit or kneel)***

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.



In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer *(we sit or kneel)*

Remembering the Cross on which the Saviour died, let us pray with confidence...

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,

All **we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Those assisting with the chalice and any musicians, come forward at this point.

Invitation to Communion.

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

All **We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.
Amen.**

*Stewards will invite each row to come forward to receive bread and wine, or a prayer of blessing. **If you are unable to come forward** and would like Communion brought to where you are seated, please do let the steward know and he / she will inform the minister. He and those assisting will bring bread and wine to you where you are seated. This will happen when everyone, who is able to come forward, has received.*

*We do have **gluten free bread and grape juice** (if you prefer not to receive wine) available. Please do inform a steward that you prefer this, or let the minister know as you come forward.*

*The minister says to each person as they receive the bread:
'The body of Christ keep you in eternal life'
or 'The body of Christ broken for you'. The response is 'Amen'*

*And as they receive the wine:
'The blood of Christ keep you in eternal life'
or 'The blood of Christ shed for you.' The response is 'Amen'*

*During communion there will be either music played or sung in the background.
This helps us reflect on how God is speaking to us through our worship today.*

You are welcome to join in singing any of the songs being played.

There is also prayer ministry available during the serving of Communion - if you would like to pray with others to bring thanksgiving, to ask for personal prayer, to make a response to what has spoken to you in our worship service.

Once Communion has ended, a Post Communion song will be announced.

Post Communion Hymn or Song

Going out as God's People

Silence is kept. To reflect. To quietly worship. To listen for the Lord's voice.

Followed by:

**All 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.**

Final Hymn or Song

Blessing & The Sending Out

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.

All **Amen!**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

There will be tea and coffee after this service if you are able to stay-- you are invited to join us for refreshments!

Also, if you would like to pray with someone, either to pray for yourself or for someone else, or to bring to God something from within today's service, there will be two people, standing at the front right of the main hall, wearing 'prayer ministry' badges, who would happily pray with you in confidence.

On the table near coffee, there are leaflets, information about the Christian faith, and prayer resources which are free to take away.

There is also a welcome card, we would invite you to complete if you are a visitor and you would like to keep in contact about our life as a church community. Please return that card either to a steward who greeted you or to the minister who led our worship service.

Getting to know us further

Our Church website: www.allsaintsamersfoort.nl

You can also follow us on our Facebook page '**All Saints Anglican Church**' or on Twitter @**CofEAmersfoort**.

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