

# St John's, Ranmoor

## All Age Service



*"And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all."*

Ephesians 1.22-23

## Welcome to St John's

You will find everything you need for the service in this booklet. Please join in with the text in bold.

Coffee and tea will be available after the service. Do feel welcome to stay for a Fairtrade brew and a chat.

A particular welcome to you if you are trying us out for the first time or if you are visiting the area. Don't be shy about introducing yourself!

There's a wealth of toys and games on offer in the children's area at the back of church and various activities for older children too. As this is an all-age service, all ages are warmly encouraged to get involved with any creative activities that form part of the service.

## Music at this service

It's a great joy to have our Choristers, Junior Choristers and Pop-up Choir with us this morning to lead our music. Today the choir will sing *Glory to The Lamb* by David Blackwell (b. 1961).

You may wish to use this prayer as part of your preparation for worship:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
you have exalted your Son Christ Jesus to your  
right hand,  
and made him the head over all things for his  
body the Church:  
hear us as we pray with your Church throughout  
the world.  
Make us and all your people receptive to the gifts  
he pours upon us,  
that we may use them to your glory,  
and the building up of the body of Christ.  
Amen.



## Welcome Hymn

1.Christ triumphant, ever reigning,  
Saviour, Master, King!  
Lord of heaven, our lives  
sustaining,  
hear us as we sing:

*Yours the glory and the crown,  
the high renown, the eternal name.*

2.Word incarnate, truth revealing,  
Son of Man on earth!  
power and majesty concealing  
by your humble birth:

*Yours the glory...*

3.Suffering servant, scorned, ill-  
treated,  
victim crucified!  
death is through the cross defeated,  
sinners justified:

*Yours the glory...*

4.Priestly king, enthroned for ever  
high in heaven above!  
sin and death and hell shall never  
stifle hymns of love:

*Yours the glory...*

5.So, our hearts and voices raising  
through the ages long,  
ceaselessly upon you gazing,  
this shall be our song:

*Yours the glory...*

## Introduction

The Lord be with you.  
**And also with you**

This is the day that the Lord has made  
**Let us rejoice and be glad in it**

*Prayers continue ending with:*

... as we worship you today, help us to remember, you are with us.  
**Amen**

## Confession

*All sit*

Sometimes we forget to do what God or others ask us to do, sometimes on purpose, sometimes by mistake. God knows what we are like and he loves us; he wants us to remember the times that we have made mistakes, to say sorry, so that we can be forgiven.

Heavenly Father,  
We are sorry for the times when we are greedy.  
When we pray, hear us,  
**And forgive us.**

We are sorry when we take for granted the things that you give us.  
Hear us,  
**And forgive us.**

We are sorry for when we rely on our own strength and not yours.  
Hear us,  
**And forgive us.**

## Absolution

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 everlasting; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen**

## The Collect

## Hymn

*All stand*

1.Colours of day dawn into the mind,  
the sun has come up, the night is behind.

Go down in the city, into the street,  
and let's give the message to the people we meet.

*So light up the fire and let the flame burn,  
open the door, let Jesus return,  
take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,  
tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.*

2.Go through the park, on into the town;  
the sun still shines on; it never goes down.

The light of the world is risen again;  
the people of darkness are needing our friend.

*So light up the fire...*

3.Open your eyes, look into the sky,  
the darkness has come, the sun came to die.

The evening draws on, the sun disappears,  
but Jesus is living, and his Spirit is near.

*So light up the fire...*

## New Testament Reading

*Acts 1.1-11*

After his suffering, Jesus presented himself to his disciples and gave many convincing proofs that he was alive. He appeared to them over a period of forty days and spoke about the kingdom of God. On one occasion, while he was eating with them, he gave them this command: "Do not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift my Father promised, which you have heard me speak about. For John baptized with water, but in a few days you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit."

Then they gathered around him and asked him, "Lord, are you at this time going to restore the kingdom to Israel?"

He said to them: "It is not for you to know the times or dates the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth."

After he said this, he was taken up before their very eyes, and a cloud hid him from their sight.

They were looking intently up into the sky as he was going, when suddenly two men dressed in white stood beside them. They Said:

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

Let us wait upon the Lord  
**In whose word is our hope**

### **Gospel Acclamation**

*All stand*

Choir:

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Halle, halle, hallelujah!*

*Hallelujah! Hallelujah!*

*Verse sung by the Choir*

All:

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

All:

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Halle, halle, hallelujah!**

**Hallelujah! Hallelujah!**

### **Gospel**

**Luke 24. 50-52**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

**Glory to you O Lord.**

Then Jesus led the disciples out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven.

And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy.

This is the gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you O Christ.**

### **Reflection**

*All sit*

## Hymn

*All stand*

1. Give me joy in my heart, keep  
me praising,  
give me joy in my heart, I pray;  
give me joy in my heart, keep  
me praising,  
keep me praising till the break  
of day:

*Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King of kings!  
Sing hosanna, sing hosanna,  
sing hosanna to the King!*

2. Give me peace in my heart, keep me  
loving,  
give me peace in my heart, I pray;  
give me peace in my heart, keep me  
loving,  
keep me loving till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna...*

3 Give me love in my heart, keep me  
serving,  
give me love in my heart, I pray;  
give me love in my heart, keep me serving,  
keep me serving till the break of day:

*Sing hosanna...*

## Affirmation of Faith

We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.  
We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.  
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.  
We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.



## Prayers

*All sit*

### *Concluding with the Lord's Prayer*

We pray together the words that Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours  
now and for ever.  
Amen.**

## Anthem

*The choir sing the anthem, 'Glory to The Lamb'*

**1. Come, let us join our cheerful  
songs with angels round the  
throne; ten thousand thousand are  
their tongues, but all their joys are  
one.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the  
Lamb**

**2. 'Worthy the Lamb that died,'  
they cry, 'to be exalted thus'; and  
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,  
'for he was slain for us.'**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the  
Lamb**

**3. Let all that dwell above the sky, and in  
the earth and seas, combine to lift your  
glories high, and sing your endless  
praise.**

**4. Let all creation join in one to bless the  
sacred name of him that sits upon the  
throne, and to adore the Lamb.**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Glory to the Lamb**

**Glory to the Lamb**



## Notices

### Hymn

*All stand*

1. Mine eyes have seen the glory of  
the coming of the Lord;  
He is trampling out the vintage  
where the grapes of wrath are  
stored;  
He hath loosed the fateful lightning  
of his terrible swift sword;  
His truth is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah!*  
*His truth is marching on.*

2. I have seen him in the watchfires  
of a hundred circling camps.  
They have gilded him an altar in the  
evening dews and damps.  
I can read his righteous sentence by  
the dim and flaring lamps.  
His day is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! ... .*

3. He has sounded forth the trumpet  
that shall never sound retreat.  
He is sifting out all human hearts  
before his judgement seat.  
O, be swift my soul to answer Him, be  
jubilant my feet!  
Our God is marching on.

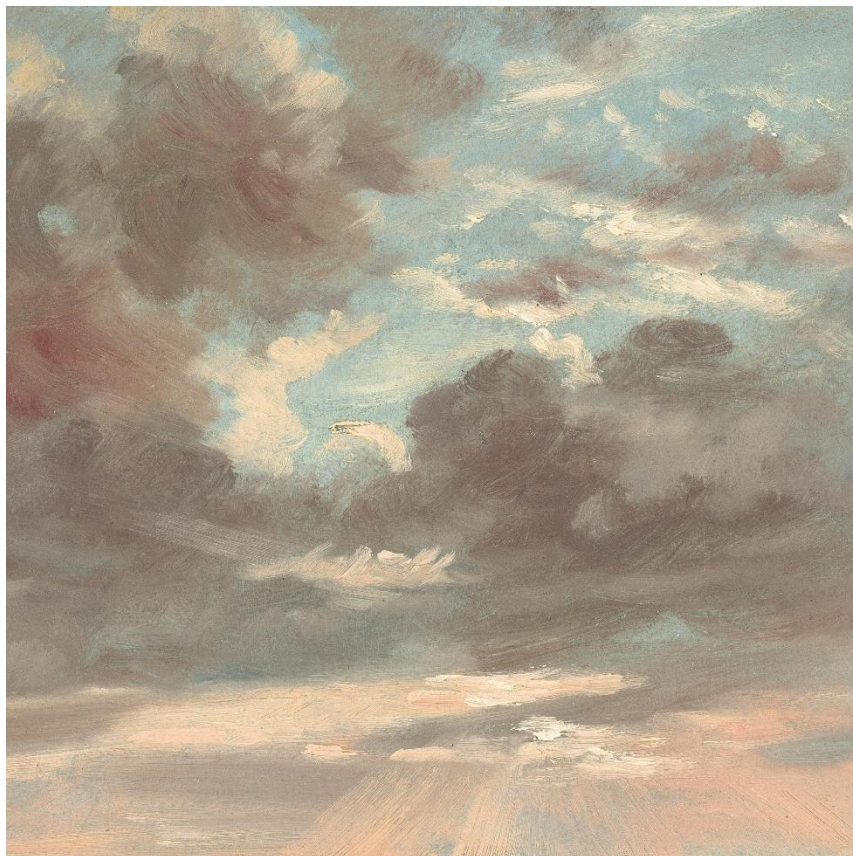
*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! ... .*

4. In the beauty of the lilies Christ  
was born across the sea,  
with a glory in his bosom that  
transfigures you and me.  
As he died to make us holy, let us live  
that all be free,  
whilst God is marching on.

*Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! ... .*

## Blessing and Dismissal

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



*Cloud Study: Stormy Sunset* (1821-1822)  
John Constable

“Men of Galilee, why do you stand here looking into the sky? This same Jesus, who has been taken from you into heaven, will come back in the same way you have seen him go into heaven.”

*The Acts of the Apostles, Chapter 1, verse 11*

**What shapes and pictures can you see in the clouds?**

**What things can you see through the window?**

**Where do you feel that God is with you?**

**What can you see that reminds you of God?**

