SUNDAY 12 SEPTEMBER 2021
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10.00 am

Revd Kelvin Price President & Preacher
Revd Wayne Davies Deacon

Michael Oakley Director of Music
Richard Walker Organist
The Choir of St Laurence’s

Please do not leave this sheet in Church after the service
and take it home with you. Thank you.
Welcome

We warmly welcome you to St Laurence’s. We ask that you continue to wear a mask in consideration of others. If you choose not to wear one please sit in the South Aisle.

There are hand sanitisers available for your use when entering and leaving the building.

Because of difficulty in being able to cleanse the space after use, we ask that you please avoid using the toilet if at all possible.

Please note the following changes that have been made to the service:

• There will be no servers, acolytes or crucifer. These items will be set up before the service.

• The service will include two hymns but we ask you to remain masked whilst singing please.

• We will not share the peace but will still say it. Only bread will be taken at Holy Communion.

• There will be no collection taken during the service; donations will be taken on exit by dropping cash into the alms boxes, or even better by using the contactless pad. Your contribution to support the work of this church is greatly appreciated.

You can also donate by txt, by sending STLL22 (add amount) to 70070, eg to donate £5, text STLL22£5 to 70070.

Thank you for your support

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St Laurence’s is an inclusive church in which all are welcome

Picture on front cover: Christ Carrying the Cross by Hieronymus Bosch c.1450-1516
El Escorial, Madrid
THE GATHERING

**Please stand**

INTROIT

*The Choir sings:*

Lord, for thy tender mercy's sake, lay not our sins to our charge, but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives. To decline from sin and incline to virtue, that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee, now and evermore.

Amen

Richard Farrant  c.1525 - 1580

THE GREETING

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.

HYMN

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:
Refrain

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

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

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

Michael Saward 1932 – 2015

QUITING POWER
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.

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

Jesus said: Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled. As brothers and sisters in God’s family, we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

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

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.
Please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Organ Introduction

Please stand as the celebrant says

Let us pray

COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Please sit
A reading from the Letter of James

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits. How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue - a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 116 Dilexi, quoniam

   verses 1-8

1. I am well pleased: that the Lord hath heard the voice of my prayer.
2. That he hath inclined his ear unto me: therefore will I call upon him as long as I live.
3. The snares of death compassed me round about and the pains of hell gat hold upon me.
4. I shall find trouble and heaviness, and I will call upon the Name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul.
5. Gracious is the Lord, and righteous: yea, our God is merciful
6. The Lord preserveth the simple: I was in misery, and he helped me.
7. Turn again then unto thy rest, O my soul: for the Lord hath rewarded thee.
8. And why? thou hast delivered my soul from death: mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling.
Alleluia, alleluia.
Speak, Lord for your servant is listening.
You have the words of eternal life.

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Good News of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, ‘Who do people say that I am?’ And they answered him, ‘John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.’ He asked them, ‘But who do you say that I am?’ Peter answered him, ‘You are the Messiah.’ And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, ‘Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.’

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, ‘If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Please sit
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.
PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Lord in your mercy or Lord hear us
Hear our prayer Lord graciously hear us
And at the end
Merciful Father
accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace.
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.
We meet in his name and share his peace.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE
TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Pour upon the poverty of our love,
and the weakness of our praise,
the transforming fire of your presence. Amen.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
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.
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.

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

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

Mass of St Laurence

Steve Dunachie b. 1951
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.

Jesus Christ is Lord: 
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.**
**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 St Laurence 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. Amen.

Silence is kept

THE LORD’S PRAYER

Being made one by the power of the Spirit,  
let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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

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.
The first phrase is sung twice

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.
Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.
Amen.

The people receive communion.
To the words of distribution the communicant replies Amen.

Communicant members of any Christian Church are welcome to receive communion here. All others are invited to come for a blessing, holding this service sheet.
The choir sings

Jesu, joy of man's desiring,
Holy wisdom, love most bright,
Drawn by thee, our souls aspiring
Soar to uncreated light.
Word of God our flesh that fashioned
With the fire of life impassioned,
Striving still to truth unknown,
Soaring, dying round thy throne.

Johann Sebastian Bach 1685-1750

Please remain seated

Silence is kept

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

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

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.

THE DISMISSAL

Go in the peace of Christ.
Thanks be to God.
RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

4. And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

6. And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

5. O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman 1801–1890

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon de Westminster

Louis Vierne 1870-1937

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it should NOT be left in Church.
Thank you.