

THE PARISH CHURCH OF ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2024

SECOND SUNDAY BEFORE ADVENT

PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

Rt Revd Richard Jackson President & Preacher Revd Preb Kelvin Price

Michael Oakley Director of Music Robert Green Organist The Choir of St Laurence's

Welcome

We warmly welcome you to St Laurence's, especially if you are a visitor or newcomer to our congregation. Please be aware that this service will be livestreamed and the recording will be available on YouTube afterwards.

During communion all are welcome to come forward to receive if you have been baptised in any Christian church, all others are invited to come forward for a blessing. Please note communion will be offered in both kinds. Intinction by individuals is not permitted, following the hygiene guidance issued by the Church of England.

St Laurence's is an inclusive church, and everyone is welcome. If you need any assistance accessing our services, please ask one of the stewards.

Children are always welcome in St Laurence's and there is a children's area in the North aisle with toys, games and art materials available for use at any time.

A toilet, including facilities for people with disabilities, is in the North aisle of the Church.

No Photography or Recording is allowed during this service.

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Picture on front cover: Stones from temple buildings in Tyropoeon Valley in Jerusalem, from AD 70 destruction.

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Zion, city of our God; he whose word cannot be broken formed thee for his own abode. On the Rock of ages founded, what can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.

2. See, the streams of living waters, springing from eternal love, well supply thy sons and daughters, and all fear of want remove.Who can faint while such a river ever flows their thirst to assuage: grace which, like the Lord the giver, never fails from age to age?

3. Round each habitation hovering, see the cloud and fire appear for a glory and a covering, showing that the Lord is near. Thus they march, the pillar leading, light by night and shade by day; daily on the manna feeding which he gives them when they pray.

4. Saviour, if of Zion's city
I through grace a member am,
let the world deride or pity,
I will glory in thy name.
Fading is the worldling's pleasure,
all his boasted pomp and show;
solid joys and lasting treasure,
none but Zion's children know.

John Newton 1725-1807

Abbots Leigh

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.

Please sit

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life. Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with 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

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.**

If you are able, please stand

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS





Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne b 1950

COLLECT

Heavenly Lord, you long for the world's salvation: stir us from apathy, restrain us from excess and revive in us new hope that all creation will one day be healed in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING Daniel 12.1-3

A reading from the book of Daniel

'At that time Michael, the great prince, the protector of your people, shall arise. There shall be a time of anguish, such as has never occurred since nations first came into existence. But at that time your people shall be delivered, everyone who is found written in the book. Many of those who sleep in the dust of the earth shall awake, some to everlasting life, and some to shame and everlasting contempt. Those who are wise shall shine like the brightness of the sky, and those who lead many to righteousness, like the stars for ever and ever

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

PSALM 16 Conserva me, Domine

Preserve me, O God: for in thee have I put my trust.

2. O my soul, thou hast said unto the Lord: Thou art my God, my goods are nothing unto thee.

3. All my delight is upon the saints, that are in the earth: and upon such as excel in virtue.

4. But they that run after another god: shall have great trouble.

5. Their drink-offerings of blood will I not offer: neither make mention of their names within my lips.

6. The Lord himself is the portion of mine inheritance, and of my cup: thou shalt maintain my lot.

7. The lot is fallen unto me in a fair ground: yea, I have a goodly heritage.

8. I will thank the Lord for giving me warning: my reins also chasten me in the night-season.

9. I have set God always before me: for he is on my right hand, therefore I shall not fall.

10. Wherefore my heart was glad, and my glory rejoiced: my flesh also shall rest in hope.

II. For why? thou shalt not leave my soul in hell: neither shalt thou suffer thy Holy One to see corruption.

12. Thou shalt shew me the path of life; in thy presence is the fulness of joy: and at thy right hand there is pleasure for evermore.

NEW TESTAMENT READING Hebrews 10.11-14, 19-25

A reading from the epistle to the Hebrews

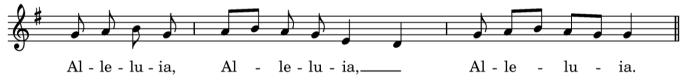
And every priest stands day after day at his service, offering again and again the same sacrifices that can never take away sins. But when Christ had offered for all time a single sacrifice for sins, 'he sat down at the right hand of God', and since then has been waiting 'until his enemies would be made a footstool for his feet.' For by a single offering he has perfected for all time those who are sanctified. Therefore, my friends, since we have confidence to enter the sanctuary by the blood of Jesus, by the new and living way that he opened for us through the curtain (that is, through his flesh), and since we have a great priest over the house of God, let us approach with a true heart in full assurance of faith, with our hearts sprinkled clean from an evil conscience and our bodies washed with pure water. Let us hold fast to the confession of our hope without wavering, for he who has promised is faithful. And let us consider how to provoke one another to love and good deeds, not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day approaching.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

If you are able, please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Ist time Choir 2nd time Choir & Congregation



Choir

I am the living bread that came down from heaven, says the Lord. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever.

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL READING Mark 13.1-8

The Lord be with you and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark



As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, 'Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!' Then Jesus asked him, 'Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down.'

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, 'Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?' Then Jesus began to say to them, 'Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, "I am he!" and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumours of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Please sit

A Silence is kept

If you are able, please stand

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.

THE CREED

SERMON

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.

Please sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response after each bidding

Hear our prayer		Lord graciously hear us
Lord in your mercy	or	Lord 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

If you are able, please stand

THE PEACE

'Where two or three are gathered together in my name,' says the Lord, 'there am I in the midst of them.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you**.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word, be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

3. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:be thou mine inheritance now and always;be thou and thou only the first in my heart;O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

5. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun, O grant me its joys after victory is won; great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

tr. Mary Byrne 1880-1931

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Be present, be present Lord Jesus Christ, Our risen high priest; Make yourself known in the breaking of bread. **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy that we should always sing of your glory, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For you are the hope of the nations, the builder of the city that is to come. Your love made visible in Jesus Christ brings home the lost, restores the sinner and gives dignity to the despised. In his face your light shines out, flooding lives with goodness and truth, gathering into one in your kingdom a divided and broken humanity. Therefore with all who can give voice in your creation we glorify your name, for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne b 1950

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. 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 [N and] 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.

Please sit

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.

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.**

AGNUS DEI



Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne *b* 1950

GIVING OF COMMUNION

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 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

Ave, verum corpus natum de Maria Virgine: vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine:

cuius latus perforatum fluxit aqua et sanguine: esto nobis praegustatum, in mortis examine. O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie, O Jesu Fili Mariae.. Hail the true body, born of the Virgin Mary: You who truly suffered and were sacrificed on the cross for the sake of man. From whose pierced flank flowed water and blood: Be a foretaste for us in the trial of death. O sweet Jesus, O merciful Jesus, O Jesus, Son of Mary.

Ave Verum Corpus

Alexandre Guilmant 1837-1911

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 BLESSING OF THE SCULPTURE

All praise and thanks are yours, Lord our God,

maker of the universe and Father of us all.

We praise you and thank you

for letting artists appreciate the beauty of your creation and share it with us through works of art.

Bless this sculpture which has been fashioned to your glory. May it be an inspiration to us and an aid to our sincere and devoted prayer.

Amen

If you are able, please stand when directed

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you and also with you.

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing and for God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

DISMISSAL

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Oft in danger, oft in woe, onward, Christians, onward go; bear the toil, maintain the strife, strengthened with the bread of life.

2. Onward, Christians, onward go, join the war, and face the foe; will ye flee in danger's hour? Know ye not your Captain's power?

3. Let not sorrow dim your eye;soon shall every tear be dry:let not fears your course impede;great your strength, if great your need.

4. Let your drooping hearts be glad; march in heavenly armour clad; fight, nor think the battle long: soon shall victory wake your song.

5. Onward then in battle move; more than conquerors ye shall prove: though opposed by many a foe, Christian soldiers, onward go.

Henry Kirke White 1785-1806

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

'Introduction and Passacaglia'

Roy Massey b. 1934

Please join us for coffee after the service

Choral Matins today at 11.45am

Responses:ReadingPsalm: 95Canticles:Ireland in FAnthem:'Almighty and everlasting God' - Gibbons

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6pm Celtic Prayer

Advent and Christmas Services 2024

Sunday I December	7pm	Advent Carol Service
Tuesday 10 December	6 pm	Living Nativity (Market Square)
Wednesday 18 December	7pm	Service of Light for the Bereaved
Sunday 22 December	7pm	Carols in the Castle
Monday 23 December	7pm	Nine Lessons and Carols
Tuesday 24 December	4pm	Christingle
-	II.I5pm	Midnight Mass
Wednesday 25 December	8.15am	Holy Communion (BCP)
-	10.30am	Family Christmas Service



An inclusive church welcoming everyone



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