



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 19 JANUARY 2025

SECOND SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

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*President
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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 live-streamed and the recording will be available on YouTube afterwards.

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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.

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Picture on front cover: *The Marriage Feast at Cana*, Juan de Flandes c.1460 - 1519
The Metropolitan Museum of Art, New York

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Songs of thankfulness and praise,
Jesu, Lord, to you we raise,
manifested by the star
to the sages from afar;
branch of royal David's stem,
in your birth at Bethlehem:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream,
Prophet, Priest, and King supreme;
and at Cana, wedding guest
in thy Godhead manifest;
manifest in power divine,
changing water into wine:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.

4. Sun and moon shall darkened be,
stars shall fall, the heavens shall flee.
Christ will then like lightning shine;
all will see his glorious sign;
all will then the trumpet hear,
all will see the judge appear:
thou by all wilt be confessed,
God in Man made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole
palsied limbs and fainting soul;
manifest in valiant fight;
quelling all the devil's might;
manifest in gracious will,
ever bringing good from ill:
anthems be to thee addressed,
God in Man made manifest.

5. Grant us grace to see thee, Lord,
mirrored in thy holy word;
may we imitate thee now,
and be pure, as pure art thou;
that we like to thee may be
at thy great Epiphany;
and may praise the, ever blest,
God in Man made manifest.

Christopher Wordsworth 1807 – 1885

ST GEORGE'S WINDSOR

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.

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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own.
Let us confess our sins.

**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

[Organ] ***ff*** Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
high - est. ***f*** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we... praise you for your glo - ry.
[ff] Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
f Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
mf Lord, Je - sus Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther. Lord God,
Lamb of God, you take... a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us;
You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
prayer. ***f*** Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
high - est. ***f*** high - est. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One, you a - lone are the
Lord, you a - lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ,
with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.
ff Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
ff Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Let us pray

COLLECT

Almighty God, in Christ you make all things new: transform the poverty of our nature by the riches of your grace, and in the renewal of our lives make known your heavenly glory; 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

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 62.1-5

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent,
and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest,
until her vindication shines out like the dawn,
and her salvation like a burning torch.
The nations shall see your vindication,
and all the kings your glory;
and you shall be called by a new name
that the mouth of the Lord will give.
You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord,
and a royal diadem in the hand of your God.
You shall no more be termed Forsaken,
and your land shall no more be termed Desolate;
but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her,
and your land Married;
for the Lord delights in you,
and your land shall be married.
For as a young man marries a young woman,
so shall your builder marry you,
and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride,
so shall your God rejoice over you.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

5. Thy mercy, O Lord, reacheth unto the heavens: and thy faithfulness unto the clouds.
6. Thy righteousness standeth like the strong mountains: thy judgements are like the great deep.
7. Thou, Lord, shalt save both man and beast; How excellent is thy mercy, O God: and the children of men shall put their trust under the shadow of thy wings.
8. They shall be satisfied with the plenteousness of thy house: and thou shalt give them drink of thy pleasures, as out of the river.
9. For with thee is the well of life: and in thy light shall we see light.
10. O continue forth thy loving-kindness unto them that know thee: and thy righteousness unto them that are true of heart.

NEW TESTAMENT READING
I Corinthians 12.1-11

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

Now concerning spiritual gifts, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. You know that when you were pagans, you were enticed and led astray to idols that could not speak. Therefore I want you to understand that no one speaking by the Spirit of God ever says 'Let Jesus be cursed!' and no one can say 'Jesus is Lord' except by the Holy Spirit.

Now there are varieties of gifts, but the same Spirit; and there are varieties of services, but the same Lord; and there are varieties of activities, but it is the same God who activates all of them in everyone. To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good. To one is given through the Spirit the utterance of wisdom, and to another the utterance of knowledge according to the same Spirit, to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by the one Spirit, to another the working of miracles, to another prophecy, to another the discernment of spirits, to another various kinds of tongues, to another the interpretation of tongues. All these are activated by one and the same Spirit, who allots to each one individually just as the Spirit chooses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

If you are able, please stand

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time Choir

2nd time Choir & Congregation



Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia, — Al - le - lu - ia.

Choir

We have seen his star at its rising and have come to pay him homage.

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL READING John 2.1-11

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



Glo - ry to you, — O Lord.

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit

Silence is kept

If you are able, please stand

SERMON

THE 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.**

Please sit

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

The response after each bidding
Lord in your mercy or
Hear our prayer

Lord hear us
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

If you are able, please stand

THE PEACE

Christ is our peace. If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.
The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

At Cana's wedding, long ago,
they knew his presence by this sign,
a virtue none but Christ could show,
to turn their water into wine:
and still on us his blessing be
as in the days of Galilee.

2. What if the way be far to go
and life at times a weary load?
Yet may our hearts within us glow
as their on that Emmaus road:
the risen Christ become our guest,
with him to walk, in him to rest.

3. O Lord of all our life below,
O risen Lord of realms above,
eternal joy be theirs to know,
united in the bond of love:
one in the faith, with one accord,
one with each other and the Lord.

Timothy Dudley-Smith 1926-2024

STELLA

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Gracious God, accept the offering of your Church, the hearts of your people joined in praise and thanksgiving, in the name of Jesus Christ the Lord.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E

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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere,
mighty creator, ever-living God,
through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord:
for at this time we celebrate your glory
made present in our midst.

In the coming of the magi
the King of all the world was revealed to the nations.

In the waters of baptism
 Jesus was revealed as the Christ,
 the Saviour sent to redeem us.
 In the water made wine
 the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast.
 Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy.
 Therefore with all the angels of heaven
 we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name
 and sing our joyful hymn of praise:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The musical score is written for voice and organ. It consists of two systems. The first system has three staves: the top staff is the vocal line starting with a *mf* dynamic, the middle staff is the organ accompaniment, and the bottom staff is the vocal line continuing from the first. The second system also has three staves: the top staff is the vocal line starting with a *mf* dynamic, the middle staff is the organ accompaniment, and the bottom staff is the vocal line continuing from the first. The lyrics are: "Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est." The organ part includes a *[Organ]* marking and various dynamics like *f* and *ff*.

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne *b* 1950

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
 through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
 and as we obey his command,
 send your Holy Spirit,
 that broken bread and wine outpoured
 may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends
 and, taking bread, he praised you.
 He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
 Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
 do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.
So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed
our death, rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with [*N and*] all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving 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.**

AGNUS DEI

The image shows a musical score for the Agnus Dei section of a Mass of St Thomas. It consists of six staves of music. The first staff is labeled "[Organ]" and begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 3/4 time signature. The music is marked "mp" (mezzo-piano). The lyrics "Lamb of God, you" are written below the staff. The second staff continues the vocal line, marked "mf" (mezzo-forte), with the lyrics "take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us." The third staff is a vocal line with a rest in the first measure, then continues with "Lamb of God, you take a-way the". The fourth staff continues the vocal line with "sin of the world, have mer-cy on us." The fifth staff is a vocal line with a rest in the first measure, then continues with "Lamb of God, Lamb of". The sixth staff is a vocal line with a rest in the first measure, then continues with "Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world, grant us peace." The music is marked "non rall." (non-ritardando) and "p" (piano). The score ends with a double bar line and a "2" indicating a second ending.

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.

ANTHEM

The Choir sings

Listen sweet dove unto my song
And spread thy golden wings in me;
Hatching my tender heart so long
Till it get wing and flie away with thee.

Such glorious gifts thou didst bestow
That the earth did like a heaven appear,
The starres were coming down to know
If they might mend their wages and serve here.

The sunne which once did shine alone,
Hung down his head and wisht for night
When he beheld twelve sunnes for one
Going about the world and giving light.

Lord though we change thou art the same,
The same sweet God of love and light;
Restore this day for thy great name,
Unto his ancient and miraculous right.

Words: George Herbert 1593-1633

Music: Grayston Ives b.1948

Silence is kept

**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.**

If you are able, please stand when directed

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing ☩ of 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

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
most blessèd, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.

2. Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
thy justice like mountains high soaring above
thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.

3. To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;
we blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
and wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.

4. Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
all laud we would render: O help us to see
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W Chalmers Smith 1824-1908

ST DENIO

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young 1919 - 1998

Please join us for coffee after the service

Today at 11.30am

Choral Matins

Responses: Clucas

Canticles: Ireland in F

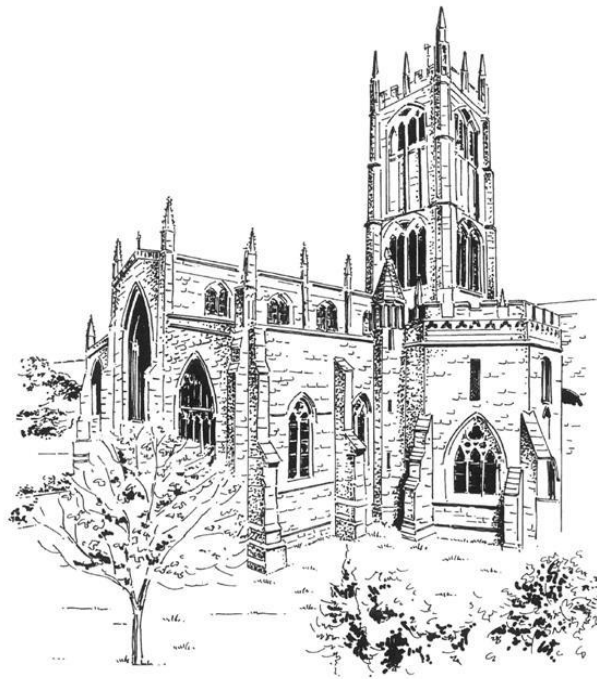
Anthem: O Taste and See - Vaughan Williams

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Communion

6pm Celtic Prayer



An inclusive church welcoming everyone



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