



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 20 APRIL 2025

EASTER DAY

CHORAL EUCHARIST 10am

With the Baptism of Angela Jones, Isabella Bradley-
Davis and Laurie Morgan-Clare

Revd Preb Kelvin Price *President & Preacher*
Pfr Jörg Gunsenheimer

Michael Oakley *Director of Music*
Dr Andrew Padmore BEM *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 live-streamed 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.

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Picture on front cover: *Christ Appearing to Mary Magdalene as a Gardener*
Cornelisz van Oostanen c. 1472 – 1533
Staaliche Museen, Kassel

THE GATHERING

The Clergy and Choir gather at the west door.

As the Choir sing the Clergy process to the nave dais and the congregation is invited to stand.

INTROIT

This joyful Eastertide,
Away with sin and sorrow!
My Love, the Crucified,
Hath sprung to life this morrow.

*Had Christ, that once was slain,
Ne'er burst his three-day prison,
Our faith had been in vain:
But now hath Christ arisen.*

2. My flesh in hope shall rest,
And for a season slumber:
Till trump from east to west
Shall wake the dead in number.

Refrain

3. Death's flood hath lost his chill,
Since Jesus crossed the river
Lover of souls, from ill
My passing soul deliver.

Refrain

George R. Woodward 1848–1934

Charles Wood 1886–1926

THE GREETING

In the name of the Father, ✠ and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

Christ yesterday and today,
The beginning and the end,

Alpha and Omega,
All time belongs to him and all ages;
**To him be glory and power,
Through every age and for ever. Amen.**

The Easter candle is lit

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The President says

This is the day when our Lord Jesus Christ was raised gloriously from the dead, crushing the power of sin and destroying the sting of death. Today, throughout the world, Christians celebrate the mighty power of God. As Christ calls us out of darkness to share in his marvellous light, may we, and all Christ's people, shine as lights in the world to the glory of God the Father.

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

A fanfare is sounded from the organ as an introduction to the hymn, during which the Choir processes to the Choir stalls.

OPENING HYMN

Jesus Christ is risen today, Alleluia!
our triumphant holy day, Alleluia!
who did once upon the cross, Alleluia!
suffer to redeem our loss. Alleluia!

2. Hymns of praise then let us sing, Alleluia!
unto Christ, our heavenly King, Alleluia!
who endured the cross and grave, Alleluia!
sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia!

3. But the pains which he endured, Alleluia!
our salvation have procured, Alleluia!
now above the sky he's King, Alleluia!
where the angels ever sing. Alleluia!

Compleat Psalmodist, 1749

EASTER HYMN

The light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:

he has given us new life and hope

by raising Jesus from the dead.

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The congregation remains standing as the Choir sings

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Glory be to God on high,
And in earth peace, good will toward men.
We praise Thee, we bless Thee,
we worship Thee, we glorify Thee,
we give thanks to Thee for Thy great glory,
O Lord God, Heavenly King,
God the Father almighty.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesu Christ,
O Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that taketh away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us.
Thou that sittest at the right hand of God the Father
have mercy upon us.
For Thou only art holy;
Thou only art the Lord;
Thou only, O Christ, with the Holy Ghost,
art most High in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Communion service in F Major

Harold Darke 1888-1976

The congregation remains standing in silence.

THE COLLECT

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; for a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Acts 10.34–43

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

Then Peter began to speak to them: 'I truly understand that God shows no partiality, but in every nation anyone who fears him and does what is right is acceptable to him. You know the message he sent to the people of Israel, preaching peace by Jesus Christ - he is Lord of all. That message spread throughout Judea, beginning in Galilee after the baptism that John announced: how God anointed Jesus of Nazareth with the Holy Spirit and with power; how he went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with him. We are witnesses to all that he did both in Judea and in Jerusalem. They put him to death by hanging him on a tree; but God raised him on the third day and allowed him to appear, not to all the people but to us who were chosen by God as witnesses, and who ate and drank with him after he rose from the dead. He commanded us to preach to the people and to testify that he is the one ordained by God as judge of the living and the dead. All the prophets testify about him that everyone who believes in him receives forgiveness of sins through his name.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

The Choir sings

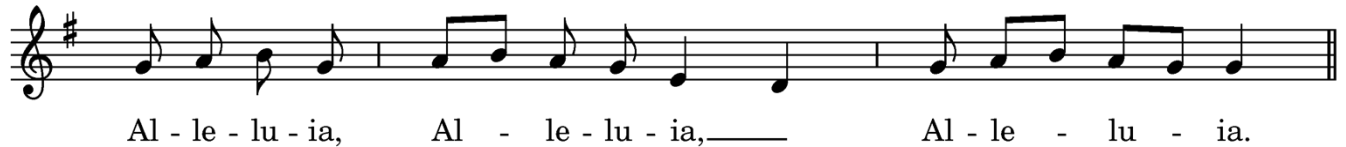
EASTER ANTHEMS

1. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us:
therefore let us keep the feast;
2. Not with the old leaven, nor with the leaven of malice and wickedness: but
with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth.
3. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more:
death hath no more dominion over him.
4. For in that he died, he died unto sin once:
but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God.
5. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin:
but alive unto God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.
6. Christ is risen from the dead: and become the first fruits of them that slept.
7. For since by man came death:
by man came also the resurrection of the dead.
8. For as in Adam all die:
even so in Christ shall all be made alive.

If you are able, please stand

1st time Choir

2nd time Choir & Congregation



Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL READING
John 20.1–18

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



Early on the first day of the week, while it was still dark, Mary Magdalene came to the tomb and saw that the stone had been removed from the tomb. So she ran and went to Simon Peter and the other disciple, the one whom Jesus loved, and said to them, ‘They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we do not know where they have laid him.’ Then Peter and the other disciple set out and went towards the tomb. The two were running together, but the other disciple outran Peter and reached the tomb first. He bent down to look in and saw the linen wrappings lying there, but he did not go in. Then Simon Peter came, following him, and went into the tomb. He saw the linen wrappings lying there, and the cloth that had been on Jesus’ head, not lying with the linen wrappings but rolled up in a place by itself. Then the other disciple, who reached the tomb first, also went in, and he saw and believed; for as yet they did not understand the scripture, that he must rise from the dead. Then the disciples returned to their homes.

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' She said to them, 'They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him.' When she had said this, she turned round and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, 'Woman, why are you weeping? For whom are you looking?' Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, 'Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.' Jesus said to her, 'Mary!' She turned and said to him in Hebrew, 'Rabbouni!' (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, 'Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, "I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God."' Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, 'I have seen the Lord'; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

This is the Gospel of the Lord



Please sit

SERMON

Silence is kept

THE LITURGY OF THE BAPTISM

If you are able, please stand and face the west door as the Clergy and the Candidates and their supporters process to the font

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATES

The President addresses the whole congregation

Faith is the gift of God to his people. In baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome Angie, Izzy and Laurie and uphold them in their lives in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

THE DECISION AND RENEWAL OF BAPTISM VOWS

The President addresses the candidates and the whole congregation

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light.
To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?
I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?
I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?
I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?
I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?
I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?
I come to Christ.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The President makes the sign of the cross each candidate's forehead, saying

Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.
Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

After all the candidates have received the sign of the cross everyone says together

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ
against sin, the world and the devil,
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you
the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.
Amen.

PRAYER OVER THE WATER

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

We praise you, loving Father,
for the gift of your Son Jesus.
He was baptized in the River Jordan,
where your Spirit came upon him
and revealed him as the Son you love.
He sent his followers to baptize all who turn to him.
Now, Father, we ask you to bless this water,
that those who are baptized in it
may be cleansed in the water of life,
and, filled with your Spirit,
may know that they are loved as your children,
safe in Christ for ever.

Amen.

PROFESSION OF FAITH

The President addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Angie, Izzy and Laurie
and their families the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the
one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died
for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people
of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

The President pours water on each candidate, saying

[Name], I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The President says

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church,
pour upon you the riches of his grace,
that within the company of Christ's pilgrim people
you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit,
and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

When each candidate has received a candle the President says

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness
and has given us a place with the saints in light.
You have received the light of Christ;
walk in this light all the days of your life.

Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.

WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Angie, Izzy and Laurie, by
one Spirit we are all baptised into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children
of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

The congregation may greet Angie, Izzy and Laurie with applause

*Angie, Izzy and Laurie and their supporters follow the Clergy down the nave as the
congregation is sprinkled with holy water and return to their seats*

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.

That our risen Saviour may fill us with the joy
of his glorious and life-giving resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good news of Easter
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility to be subject to one another in Christian love
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food,
work or shelter we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the sick, especially.....
the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises,
all who have died in the faith of the resurrection, especially.....
may be raised on the last day
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people,
so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,
we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father,
you have delivered us from the power of darkness
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:
grant that, as his death has recalled us to life,
so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy;
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

If you are able, please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Now the green blade riseth, from the buried grain,
wheat that in dark earth many days has lain;
love lives again, that with the dead has been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

2. In the grave they laid Him, Love whom men had slain,
thinking that never he would awake again,
laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

3. Forth he came at Easter, like the risen grain,
he that for three days in the grave had lain,
quick from the dead my risen Lord is seen:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

4. When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,
thy touch can call us back to life again,
fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:
Love is come again, like wheat that springeth green.

J M C Crum 1872-1958

NOEL NOUVELET

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Lord of life, with unbounded joy we offer you our sacrifice of praise.
As we are fed with the bread of heaven may we know your resurrection
power; through Christ our risen Lord. **Amen.**

THE 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,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
almighty and eternal Father, and in these days of Easter
to celebrate with joyful hearts
the memory of your wonderful works.
For by the mystery of his passion
Jesus Christ, your risen Son,
has conquered the powers of death and hell
and restored in men and women the image of your glory.
He has placed them once more in paradise
and opened to them the gate of life eternal.
And so, in the joy of this Passover,
earth and heaven resound with gladness,
while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation
sing for ever the hymn of your glory.

SANCTUS

The Choir sings

Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of hosts,
Heaven and earth are full of Thy glory,
Glory be to Thee, O Lord most high. Amen

Communion service in F Major

Harold Darke 1888-1976

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.

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

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 The Blessed Virgin Mary,
St. Laurence, 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.

Silence is kept

Please sit

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in God's new creation,
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**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

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats this bread will live for ever.
Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always.

GIVING OF COMMUNION

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Choir sings

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,
Grant us Thy peace.

Communion service in F Major

Harold Darke 1888-1976

The people receive communion.

Those who receive the bread and wine of Holy Communion in any Christian church are welcome to receive the sacrament here. All others are invited to come for a blessing: please come to the altar carrying this booklet if you are asking for a blessing

*After receiving communion or a blessing, each person says **Amen.***

ANTHEM

The Choir sings:

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth: for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea.

And I John saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband.

And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, Behold, the tabernacle of God is with men, and he will dwell with them, and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them, and be their God.

And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes; and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow, nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain: for the former things are passed away.

Edgar Leslie Bainton 1880-1956

**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

The congregation is invited to stand, the tower bells ring out proclaiming the good news of our Lord's resurrection, and the Choir sing the 'Hallelujah Chorus' from Handel's great Oratorio 'Messiah'.

ANTHEM

Hallelujah: for the Lord God Omnipotent reigneth. (Revelation 19:6)
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord, and of His
Christ; and He shall reign for ever and ever. (Revelation 11:15)
King of Kings, and Lord of Lords. (Revelation 19:16)
Hallelujah!

THE BLESSING

Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

God the Father, by whose love Christ was raised from the dead,
open to you who believe the gates of everlasting life.
Amen.

God the Son,
who in bursting from the grave has won a glorious victory,
give you joy as you share the Easter faith.
Amen.

God the Holy Spirit,
who filled the disciples with the life of the risen Lord,
empower you and fill you with Christ's peace.
Amen.

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

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the Name of Christ. Amen. Alleluia. alleluia.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

2. Lo, Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly he greets us, scatters fear and gloom;
let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for her Lord now liveth, death hath lost its sting:

3. No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life;
life is naught without thee: aid us in our strife;
make us more than conquerors through thy deathless love;
bring us safe through Jordan to thy home above:

Edmond Budry 1854–1932
tr. Richard Hoyle 1875–1939

MACCABÆUS

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

FINAL (6th Movement from Symphony No 1. Op. 14).

Louis Vierne 1850-1937

Please join us for refreshments after the service

Today at 12.15pm

Choral Matins

Responses: Ayleward
Canticles: Stanford in B flat
Anthem: 'The strife is o'er' – Vulpius arr Ley

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

6pm Celtic Prayer

An inclusive church welcoming everyone



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