



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



1 JUNE 2025

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

CHORAL EUCHARIST 10am

Revd John Perry *President & Preacher*

Michael Oakley *Director of Music*

Richard Walker *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.

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Los Angeles County Museum of Art

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Hail the day that sees him rise, *Alleluia*,
to his throne above the skies; *Alleluia*,
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia*,
enters now the highest heaven. *Alleluia!*

2. There for him high triumph waits;
lift your heads, eternal gates.
He hath conquered death and sin;
take the King of Glory in.

3. Lo, the heaven its Lord receives,
yet he loves the earth he leaves;
though returning to his throne,
still he calls mankind his own.

4. See, he lifts his hands above;
see, he shews the prints of love;
hark, his gracious lips bestow
blessings on his church below.

5. Still for us he intercedes,
his prevailing death he pleads;
near himself prepares our place,
he the first-fruits of our race.

6. Lord, though parted from our sight,
far above the starry height,
grant our hearts may thither rise,
seeking thee above the skies.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788

Thomas Cotterill 1779-1823 and others

LLANFAIR

THE GREETING

God has gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

In the name of the ☩ Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

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 Spirit of the Lord fills the world and knows our every word and deed.
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord and confess our sins in penitence
and faith.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God. 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

The Choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Glory to God in the highest
 Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis
and peace to his people on earth.
 Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
 Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
 Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
 Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
 Domine fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
 Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius patris.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
 Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis
 Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostrum.
 Qui sedes ad dexteram patris miserere nobis.
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us
You take away the sin of the world: receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us
 Quoniam tu solus sanctus
 Tu solus Dominus
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
 Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
 Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father. Amen

Mass No 2 in G Major D167

Franz Schubert 1797-1842

Let us pray

COLLECT

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven:
we beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before,
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

FIRST READING

Acts 16.16-34

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

One day, as we were going to the place of prayer, we met a slave-girl who had a spirit of divination and brought her owners a great deal of money by fortune-telling. While she followed Paul and us, she would cry out, 'These men are slaves of the Most High God, who proclaim to you a way of salvation.' She kept doing this for many days. But Paul, very much annoyed, turned and said to the spirit, 'I order you in the name of Jesus Christ to come out of her.' And it came out that very hour.

But when her owners saw that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place before the authorities. When they had brought them before the magistrates, they said, 'These men are disturbing our city; they are Jews and are advocating customs that are not lawful for us as Romans to adopt or observe.' The crowd joined in attacking them, and the magistrates had them stripped of their clothing and ordered them to be beaten with rods. After they had given them a severe flogging, they threw them into prison and ordered the jailer to keep them securely. Following these instructions, he put them in the innermost cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was an earthquake, so violent that the foundations of the prison were shaken; and immediately all the doors were opened and everyone's chains were unfastened. When the jailer woke up and saw the prison doors wide open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself, since he supposed that the prisoners had escaped. But Paul shouted in a loud voice, 'Do not harm yourself, for we are all here.' The jailer called for lights, and rushing in, he fell down trembling before Paul and Silas. Then he brought them outside and said, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?' They answered, 'Believe on the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household.' They spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all who were in his house. At the same hour of the night he took them and washed their wounds; then he and his entire family were baptized without delay. He brought them up into the house and set food before them; and he and his entire household rejoiced that he had become a believer in God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

PSALM 97 *Dominus regnavit*

The Lord is King, the earth may be glad thereof: yea, the multitude of the isles may be glad thereof.

2. Clouds and darkness are round about him: righteousness and judgement are the habitation of his seat.

3. There shall go a fire before him: and burn up his enemies on every side.

4. His lightnings gave shine unto the world: the earth saw it, and was afraid.

5. The hills melted like wax at the presence of the Lord: at the presence of the Lord of the whole earth.

6. The heavens have declared his righteousness: and all the people have seen his glory.

7. Confounded be all they that worship carved images, and that delight in vain gods: worship him, all ye gods.

8. Sion heard of it, and rejoiced: and the daughters of Judah were glad, because of thy judgements, O Lord.

9. For thou, Lord, art higher than all that are in the earth: thou art exalted far above all gods.

10. O ye that love the Lord, see that ye hate the thing which is evil: the Lord preserveth the souls of his saints; he shall deliver them from the hand of the ungodly.

11. There is sprung up a light for the righteous: and the joyful gladness for such as are true-hearted.

12. Rejoice in the Lord, ye righteous: and give thanks for a remembrance of his holiness.

SECOND READING
Revelation 22.12-14, 16, 17, 20-end

A reading from the book of Revelation

‘See, I am coming soon; my reward is with me, to repay according to everyone’s work. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the first and the last, the beginning and the end.’

Blessed are those who wash their robes, so that they will have the right to the tree of life and may enter the city by the gates.

‘It is I, Jesus, who sent my angel to you with this testimony for the churches. I am the root and the descendant of David, the bright morning star.’

The Spirit and the bride say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who hears say, ‘Come.’

And let everyone who is thirsty come.

Let anyone who wishes take the water of life as a gift.

The one who testifies to these things says, ‘Surely I am coming soon.’

Amen. Come, Lord Jesus!

The grace of the Lord Jesus be with all the saints. Amen.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

If you are able, please stand

1st time Choir

2nd time Choir & Congregation



Go and make disciples of all nations, says the Lord.
Remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL READING
John 17.20-end

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John



‘I ask not only on behalf of these, but also on behalf of those who will believe in me through their word, that they may all be one. As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us, so that the world may believe that you have sent me. The glory that you have given me I have given them, so that they may be one, as we are one, I in them and you in me, that they may become completely one, so that the world may know that you have sent me and have loved them even as you have loved me. Father, I desire that those also, whom you have given me, may be with me where I am, to see my glory, which you have given me because you loved me before the foundation of the world.

‘Righteous Father, the world does not know you, but I know you; and these know that you have sent me. I made your name known to them, and I will make it known, so that the love with which you have loved me may be in them, and I in them.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit

SERMON

Silence is kept

If you are able, please stand

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

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. 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, my tongue, the mystery telling
of the glorious body sing,
and the blood, all price excelling,
which the Gentiles' Lord and King,
in a Virgin's womb once dwelling,
shed for this world's ransoming.

2. Therefore we, before him bending,
this great sacrament revere:
types and shadows have their ending,
for the newer rite is here;
faith, our outward sense befriending,
makes our inward vision clear.

3. Glory let us give and blessing
to the Father and the Son,
honour, might, and praise addressing,
while eternal ages run;
ever too his love confessing,
who, from both, with both is One. Amen.

St Thomas Aquinas 1227-1274

tr. J M Neale, Edward Caswell and others

PANGE LINGUA

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Lord of all and source of our joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Lord, we died with you on the cross.
Now we are raised to new life.
We were buried in your tomb.
Now we share in your resurrection.
Live in us, that we may live in you.

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.
He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

SANCTUS

The Choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

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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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

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**

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.**

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 Choir sings

AGNUS DEI

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

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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

How beautiful upon the mountains
are the feet of him that bringeth good tidings,
that publisheth peace; that publisheth salvation;
that saith unto Zion, Thy God reigneth!

Sir John Stainer 1840-1901

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**

If you are able, please stand when directed

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;

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. Alleluia, alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

RECESSIONAL 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:

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

Michael Saward 1932-2015

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

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

GUITING POWER

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

'Transports de Joie' (from 'l'Ascension')

Olivier Messiaen 1908-1992

Please join us for coffee after the service

Today at 3.30pm

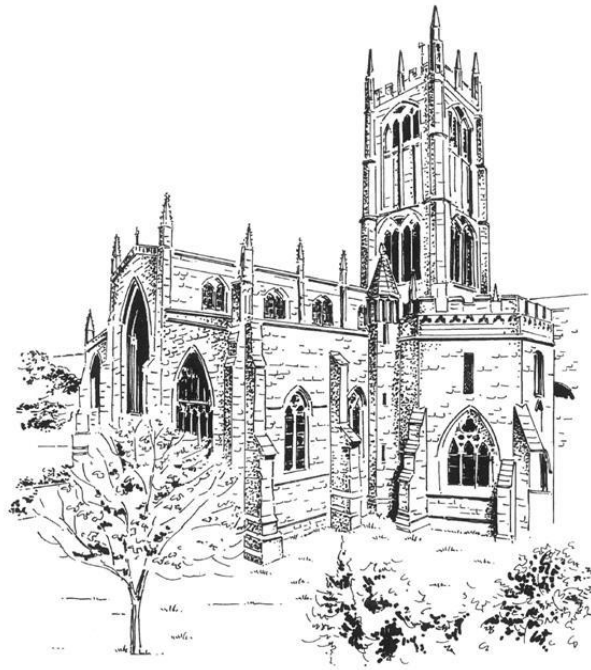
Choral Evensong

Responses:	Clucas
Canticles:	'Collegium Regale' - Howells
Motet:	'Ave Maria' - Elgar

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist



An inclusive church welcoming everyone



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