



THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 19 APRIL 2026  
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

The Very Revd Michael Tavinor  
*President & Preacher*

Michael Oakley *Director of Music*  
Dr Andrew Padmore BEM FRSCM *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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Picture on front cover: *The Road to Emmaus* – JACQUES DE LÉTIN (TROYES 1597-1661)

# THE GATHERING

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

We have a gospel to proclaim,  
good news for all throughout the earth;  
the gospel of a Saviour's name:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

2. Tell of his birth at Bethlehem,  
not in a royal house or hall  
but in a stable dark and dim:  
the Word made flesh, a light for all.

3. Tell of his death at Calvary,  
hated by those he came to save;  
in lonely suffering on the cross  
for all he loved, his life he gave.

4. Tell of that glorious Easter morn:  
empty the tomb, for he was free;  
he broke the power of death and hell  
that we might share his victory.

5. Tell of his reign at God's right hand  
by all creation glorified.  
He sends his Spirit on his church  
to live for him, the Lamb who died.

6. Now we rejoice to name him King:  
Jesus is Lord of all the earth;  
this gospel-message we proclaim:  
we sing his glory, tell his worth.

Edward J Burns b. 1938

FULDA

## 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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.


**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



Glo-ry to God in the highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth Lord God



hea-ven-ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa-ther. We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your



glo - ry. Glo-ry to God in the highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord Je-sus Christ



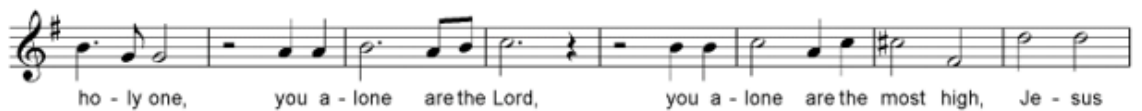
on - ly son of the Fa-ther, Lord God Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have



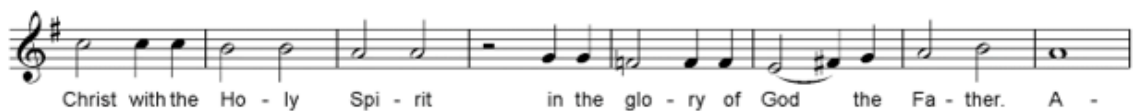
me-rcy on us. You are seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa-ther re ceive our prayer



Glo-ry to God in the highest and peace to his peo-ple on earth. 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. A -



men Glo - ry to God in the highest and



peace to his peo - ple on earth. A - - - men.

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

## THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING

Acts 2.14a, 36-41

A reading from the book of the Acts of the Apostles

But Peter, standing with the eleven, raised his voice and addressed them: ‘Men of Judea and all who live in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and listen to what I say.

Now when they heard this, they were cut to the heart and said to Peter and to the other apostles, ‘Brothers, what should we do?’ Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized every one of you in the name of Jesus Christ so that your sins may be forgiven; and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit. For the promise is for you, for your children, and for all who are far away, everyone whom the Lord our God calls to him.’ And he testified with many other arguments and exhorted them, saying, ‘Save yourselves from this corrupt generation.’ So those who welcomed his message were baptized, and that day about three thousand persons were added.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings*

PSALM 116 1-3.10-end *Dilexi, quoniam*

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.

10. I believed, and therefore will I speak; but I was sore troubled: I said in my haste, All men are liars.

11. What reward shall I give unto the Lord: for all the benefits that he hath done unto me?

12. I will receive the cup of salvation: and call upon the Name of the Lord.

13. I will pay my vows now in the presence of all his people: right dear in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

14. Behold, O Lord, how that I am thy servant: I am thy servant, and the son of thine handmaid; thou hast broken my bonds in sunder.

15. I will offer to thee the sacrifice of thanksgiving: and will call upon the Name of the Lord.

16. I will pay my vows unto the Lord, in the sight of all his people: in the courts of the Lord's house, even in the midst of thee, O Jerusalem. Praise the Lord.

**SECOND READING**  
**I Peter 1.17-23**

A reading from the first letter of Peter

If you invoke as Father the one who judges all people impartially according to their deeds, live in reverent fear during the time of your exile. You know that you were ransomed from the futile ways inherited from your ancestors, not with perishable things like silver or gold, but with the precious blood of Christ, like that of a lamb without defect or blemish. He was destined before the foundation of the world, but was revealed at the end of the ages for your sake. Through him you have come to trust in God, who raised him from the dead and gave him glory, so that your faith and hope are set on God.

Now that you have purified your souls by your obedience to the truth so that you have genuine mutual love, love one another deeply from the heart. You have been born anew, not of perishable but of imperishable seed, through the living and enduring word of God.


This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**GOSPEL ACCLAMATION**

*If you are able, please stand*

*1st time Choir, 2nd time Choir & congregation*



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

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;  
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore

*Repeat Alleluia*

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

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke



Now on that same day two of them were going to a village called Emmaus, about seven miles from Jerusalem, and talking with each other about all these things that had happened. While they were talking and discussing, Jesus himself came near and went with them, but their eyes were kept from recognizing him. And he said to them, ‘What are you discussing with each other while you walk along?’ They stood still, looking sad. Then one of them, whose name was Cleopas, answered him, ‘Are you the only stranger in Jerusalem who does not know the things that have taken place there in these days?’ He asked them, ‘What things?’ They replied, ‘The things about Jesus of Nazareth, who was a prophet mighty in deed and word before God and all the people, and how our chief priests and leaders handed him over to be condemned to death and crucified him. But we had hoped that he was the one to redeem Israel. Yes, and besides all this, it is now the third day since these things took place. Moreover, some women of our group astounded us. They were at the tomb early this morning, and when they did not find his body there, they came back and told us that they had indeed seen a vision of angels who said that he was alive. Some of those who were with us went to the tomb and found it just as the women had said; but they did not see him.’ Then he said to them, ‘Oh, how foolish you are, and how slow of heart to believe all that the prophets have declared! Was it not necessary that the Messiah should suffer these things and then enter into his glory?’ Then beginning with Moses and all the prophets, he interpreted to them the things about himself in all the scriptures.

As they came near the village to which they were going, he walked ahead as if he were going on. But they urged him strongly, saying, ‘Stay with us, because it is almost evening and the day is now nearly over.’ So he went in to stay with them. When he was at the table with them, he took bread, blessed and broke it, and gave it to them. Then their eyes were opened, and they recognized him; and he vanished from their sight. They said to each other, ‘Were not our hearts burning within us while he was talking to us on the road, while he was opening the scriptures to us?’ That same hour they got up and returned to

Jerusalem; and they found the eleven and their companions gathered together. They were saying, 'The Lord has risen indeed, and he has appeared to Simon!' Then they told what had happened on the road, and how he had been made known to them in the breaking of the bread.

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

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

Let all mortal flesh keep silence  
and with fear and trembling stand;  
ponder nothing earthly-minded,  
for with blessing in his hand  
Christ our God to earth descendeth,  
our full homage to demand.

2. King of kings, yet born of Mary,  
as of old on earth he stood,  
Lord of lords, in human vesture —  
in the body and the blood —  
he will give to all the faithful  
his own self for heavenly food.

*tr.* Gerard Moultrie 1829-1885

3. Rank on rank the host of heaven  
spreads its vanguard on the way,  
as the Light of light descendeth  
from the realms of endless day,  
that the powers of hell may vanish  
as the darkness clears away.

4. At his feet the six-winged seraph;  
cherubim with sleepless eye  
veil their faces to the Presence,  
as with ceaseless voice they cry,  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
alleluia, Lord most high.

PICARDY

## 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.**

## EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER ONE

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.

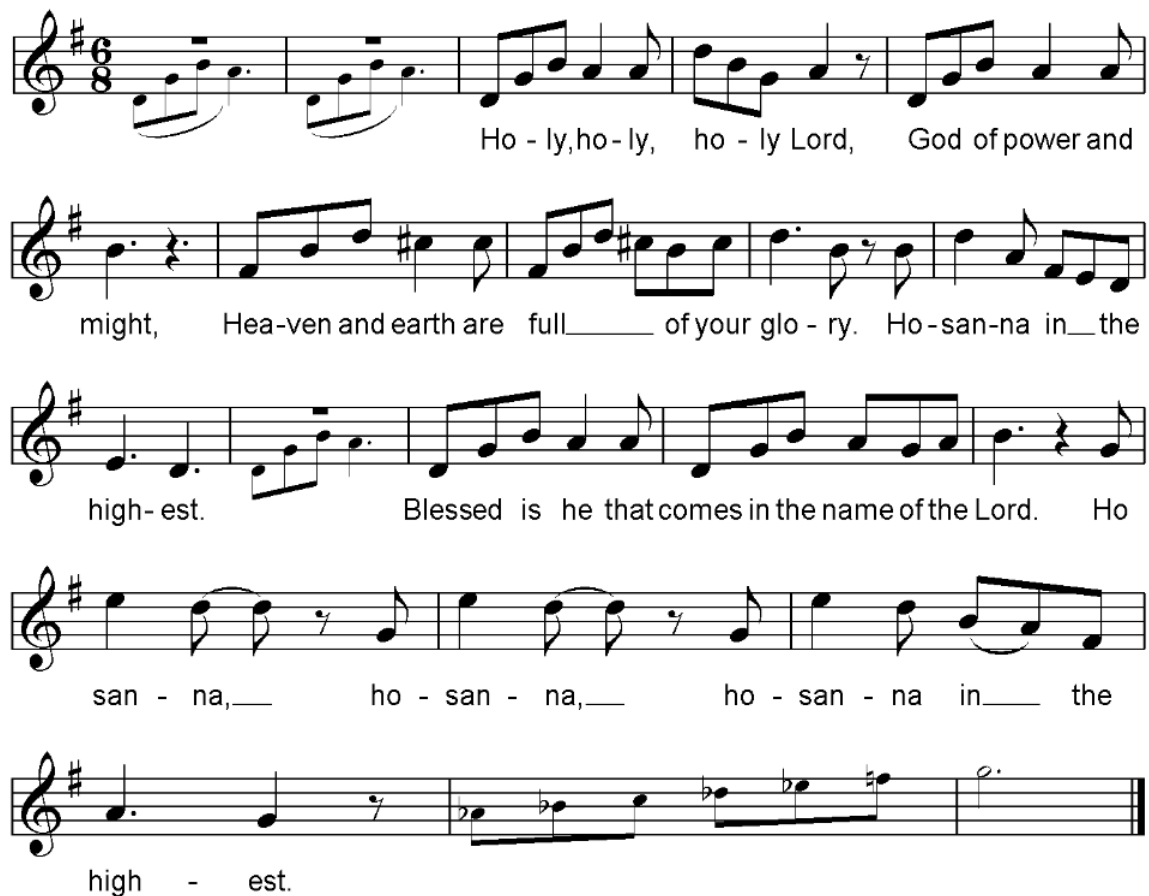
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is always right to give you thanks,  
God our Creator, loving and faithful, holy and strong.  
You made us and the whole universe,  
and filled your world with life.

You sent your Son to live among us,  
Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.  
He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

You send your Spirit to bring new life to the world,  
 and clothe us with power from on high.  
 And so we join the angels to celebrate and sing:

## SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
 might, Hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the  
 high - est. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Ho  
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the  
 high - est.

Trinity Mass

Peter Dyke

Father, on the night before he died,  
 Jesus shared a meal with his friends.  
 He took the bread, and thanked you.  
 He broke it, and gave it to them, saying:  
 Take and eat; this is my body, given for you.  
 Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of wine.  
 He thanked you, and gave it to them, saying:  
 Drink this, all of you.  
 This is my blood,  
 the new promise of God's unfailing love.  
 Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit, that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you, Father,  
with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God, 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.  
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

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

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

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

Trinity Mass

Peter Dyke

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

**Jesus Christ is holy,  
Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

*The people receive communion.*

*To the words of distribution the communicant replies **Amen.***

*Everyone is very welcome to come forward to either receive communion or a blessing – if you wish to receive a blessing it would help if you came forward holding this service sheet.*

The strife is o'er, the battle done;  
Now is the Victor's triumph won;  
Now let the song of praise be sung  
'Alleluia!'

The powers of death have done their worst  
But Christ their legions hath dispersed;  
Let shouts of holy joy outburst  
'Alleluia!'

The three sad days have quickly sped;  
He rises glorious from the dead;  
All glory to our risen Head!  
'Alleluia!'

He brake the age-bound chains of hell;  
The bars from heaven's high portals fell;  
Let hymns of praise His triumph tell  
'Alleluia!'

Lord, by the stripes which wounded Thee  
From death's dread sting Thy servants free  
That we may live, and sing to Thee  
'Alleluia!'

The Strife is O'er

Melchior Vulpus 1570-1615

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Living God,  
your Son made himself known to his disciples  
in the breaking of bread:  
open the eyes of our faith,  
that we may see him in all his redeeming work;  
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen**

**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*

## THE DISMISSAL

### THE BLESSING

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem,  
your sweetest notes employ,  
the Paschal victory to hymn  
in strains of holy joy.

2. For Judah's Lion burst his chains,  
and crushed the serpent's head;  
and brought with him, from death's domains,  
the long-imprisoned dead.

3. Devouring depths of hell their prey  
at his command restore;  
his ransomed hosts pursue their way  
where Jesus goes before.

4. Triumphant in his glory now  
to him all power is given;  
to him in one communion bow  
all saints in earth and heaven

5. While we his soldiers praise our King,  
his mercy we implore,  
within his palace bright to bring  
and keep us evermore.

6. All glory to the Father be,  
all glory to the Son,  
all glory, Holy Ghost, to thee,  
while endless ages run.

Alleluia. Amen

St Fulbert of Chartres d 1028  
tr R Campbell 1814-1868

ST FULBERT

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Litanies

Jehan Alain 1911-1940

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*Please join us for coffee after the service*

## **Today at 3.30pm**

### **Choral Evensong**

Responses - Sumsion

Psalm: 48

Canticles - Murrill in E

Anthem - Lord for thy tender mercies sake - Farrant

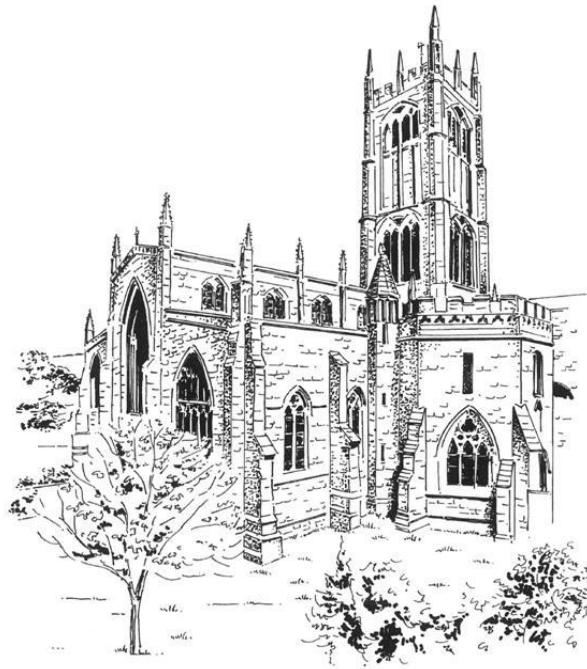
## **Next Sunday's Services**

**8.15am      Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am        Parish Eucharist**

**6pm         Celtic Prayer**





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