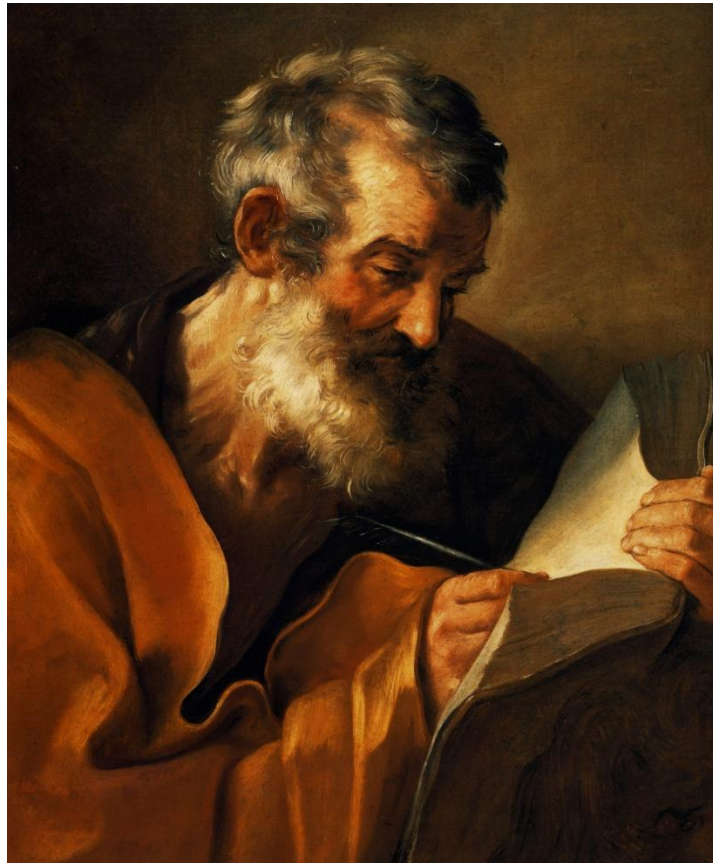




THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 26 APRIL 2026

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

Revd Prebendary Ashley Buck  
*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.

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# THE GATHERING

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

At the Lamb's high feast we sing  
praise to our victorious King,  
who hath washed us in the tide  
flowing from his pierced side;  
praise we him, whose love divine  
gives his sacred blood for wine,  
gives his body for the feast,  
Christ the victim, Christ the priest.

2. Where the Paschal blood is poured,  
death's dark angel sheathes his sword;  
Israel's hosts triumphant go  
through the wave that drowns the foe.  
Praise we Christ, whose blood was shed,  
Paschal victim, Paschal bread;  
with sincerity and love  
eat we manna from above.

3. Mighty victim from the sky,  
hell's fierce powers beneath thee lie;  
thou hast conquered in the fight,  
thou hast brought us life and light.  
Now no more can death appal,  
now no more the grave enthrall:  
thou hast opened paradise,  
and in thee thy saints shall rise.

4. Easter triumph, Easter joy,  
sin alone can this destroy;  
from sin's power do thou set free  
souls new-born, O Lord, in thee.  
Hymns of glory and of praise,  
risen Lord, to thee we raise;  
holy Father, praise to thee,  
with the Spirit, ever be.

## 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.**

Alleluia, Christ is Risen  
**He is Risen indeed! Alleluia!**

*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

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

**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.**

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.

Trinity Mass

Peter Dyke

**COLLECT**

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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 2.42- end**

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles

They devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers.

Awe came upon everyone, because many wonders and signs were being done by the apostles. All who believed were together and had all things in common; they would sell their possessions and goods and distribute the proceeds to all, as any had need. Day by day, as they spent much time together in the temple, they broke bread at home and ate their food with glad and generous hearts, praising God and having the goodwill of all the people. And day by day the Lord added to their number those who were being saved.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings*

**PSALM 23 *Dominus regit me.***

The Lord is my shepherd: therefore can I lack nothing.

2. He shall feed me in a green pasture: and lead me forth beside the waters of comfort.

3. He shall convert my soul: and bring me forth in the paths of righteousness, for his Name's sake.

4. Yea, thou I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil: for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff comfort me.

5. Thou shalt prepare a table before me against them that trouble me: thou hast anointed my head with oil, and my cup shall be full.

6. But thy loving-kindness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life: and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

**SECOND READING**

**I Peter 2.19-end**

A reading from the first letter of Peter

For it is to your credit if, being aware of God, you endure pain while suffering unjustly. If you endure when you are beaten for doing wrong, where is the credit in that? But if you endure when you do right and suffer for it, you have God's approval. For to this you have been called, because Christ also suffered for you, leaving you an example, so that you should follow in his steps.

'He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.'

When he was abused, he did not return abuse; when he suffered, he did not threaten; but he entrusted himself to the one who judges justly. He himself bore our sins in his body on the cross, so that, free from sins, we might live for righteousness; by his wounds you have been healed. For you were going astray like sheep, but now you have returned to the shepherd and guardian of your souls.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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*

GOSPEL READING  
John 10. 1-10

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.

‘Very truly, I tell you, anyone who does not enter the sheepfold by the gate but climbs in by another way is a thief and a bandit. The one who enters by the gate is the shepherd of the sheep. The gatekeeper opens the gate for him, and the sheep hear his voice. He calls his own sheep by name and leads them out. When he has brought out all his own, he goes ahead of them, and the sheep follow him because they know his voice. They will not follow a stranger, but they will run from him because they do not know the voice of strangers.’ Jesus used this figure of speech with them, but they did not understand what he was saying to them.

So again Jesus said to them, ‘Very truly, I tell you, I am the gate for the sheep. All who came before me are thieves and bandits; but the sheep did not listen to them. I am the gate. Whoever enters by me will be saved, and will come in and go out and find pasture. The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy. I came that they may have life, and have it abundantly.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Praise to you, — O Christ.

*Please sit*

SERMON

*A 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

How sweet the name of Jesus sounds  
in a believer's ear!  
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,  
and drives away his fear.

2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,  
and calms the troubled breast;  
'tis manna to the hungry soul,  
and to the weary rest.

3. Dear name! the rock on which I build,  
my shield and hiding-place,  
my never-failing treasury filled  
with boundless stores of grace.

4. Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,  
my Prophet, Priest, and King,  
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,  
accept the praise I bring.

5. Weak is the effort of my heart,  
and cold my warmest thought;  
but when I see thee as thou art,  
I'll praise thee as I ought.

6. Till then I would thy love proclaim  
with every fleeting breath;  
and may the music of thy name  
refresh my soul in death.

John Newton 1725-1807

ST PETER

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE  
TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed be God,  
who feeds the hungry,  
who raises the poor,  
who fills our praise.  
**Blessed be God for ever**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER B

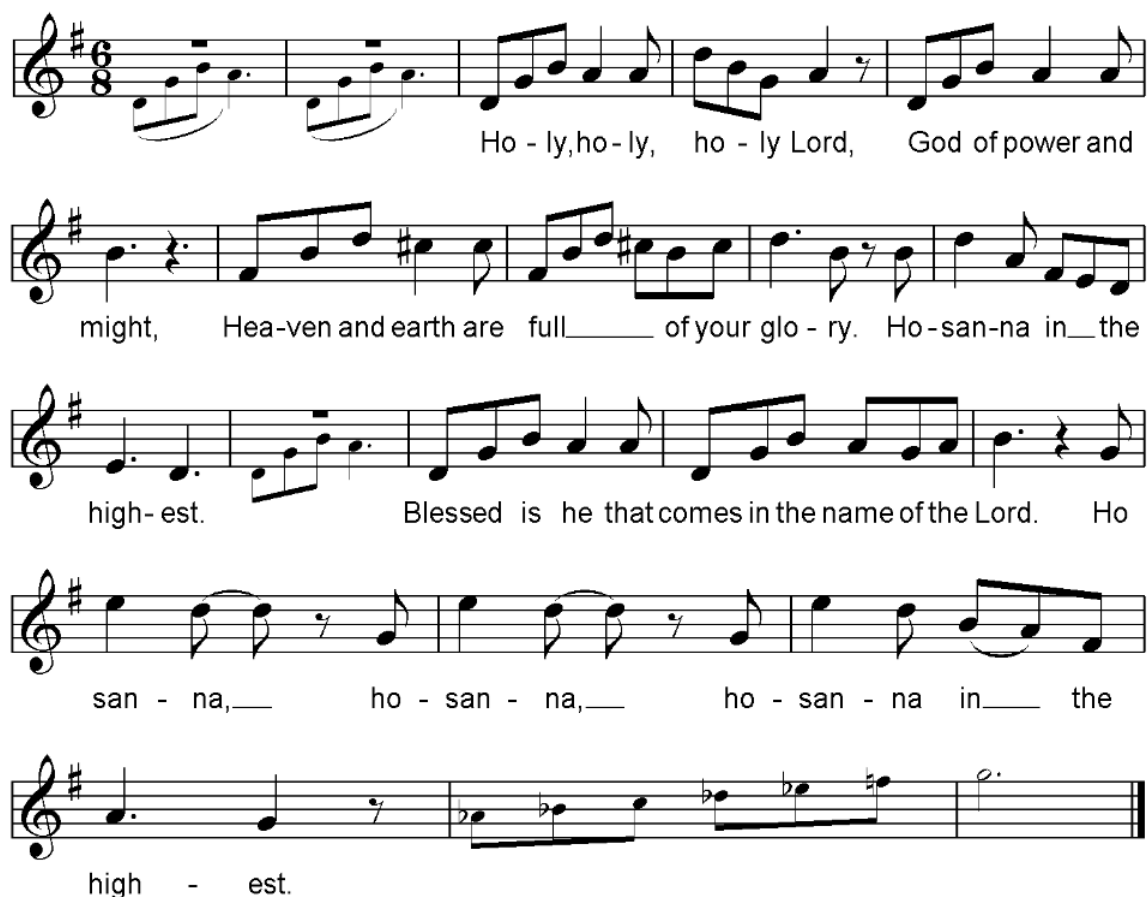
The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

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 & 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

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 [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.**

## BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death  
until he comes.**

*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**.*

*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*

## ANTHEM

My shepherd is the living Lord,  
nothing therefore I need;  
in pastures fair, with waters calm  
he sets me for to feed.

He did convert and glad my soul  
and brought my mind in frame  
to walk in paths of righteousness  
for his most holy name.

Through all my life thy favour is  
so frankly shew'd to me  
that in thy house for evermore  
my dwelling place shall be.

Amen

'My shepherd is the living Lord'

Thomas Tomkins

*Silence is kept*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Merciful Father,  
you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd,  
and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again:  
keep us always under his protection,  
and give us grace to follow in his steps;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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

The King of love my shepherd is,  
whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
and he is mine for ever.

2. Where streams of living water flow  
my ransomed soul he leadeth,  
and where the verdant pastures grow  
with food celestial feedeth.

3. Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
but yet in love he sought me,  
and on his shoulder gently laid,  
and home rejoicing brought me.

4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
with thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
thy cross before to guide me.

5. Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
thy unction grace bestoweth;  
and O what transport of delight  
from thy pure chalice floweth!

6. And so through all the length of days  
thy goodness faileth never:  
good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
within thy house for ever.

H W Baker 1825-1877

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Festive Trumpet Tune

David German b.1954

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*Please join us for coffee after the service*

**Today at 6pm**

**Celtic Prayer**

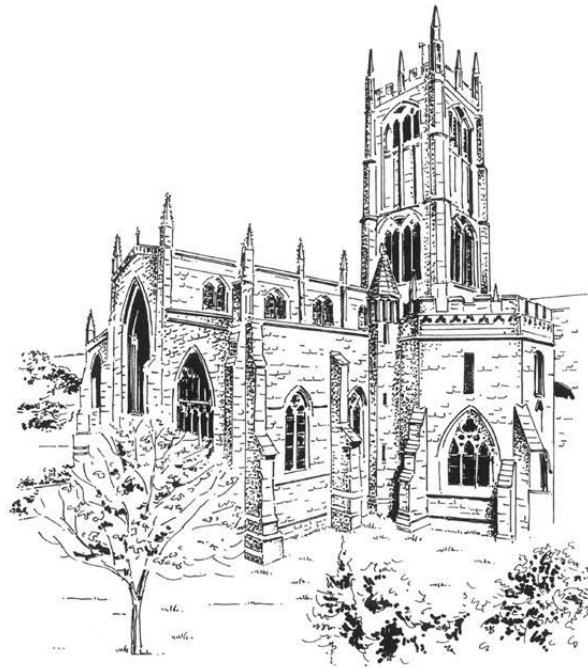
**Next Sunday's Services**

**8.15am      Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am        Choral Eucharist**

**11.30am    May Fair Service (at the Dodgems)**





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