



THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



**SUNDAY 7 JUNE 2026**  
FIRST SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
**CHORAL EUCHARIST 10am**  
Revd Prebendary Dr John Daniels  
*President & Preacher*

*Michael Oakley Director of Music*  
*Robert Green 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.

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*Budapest Museum of Fine Arts, Budapest, Hungary*

# THE GATHERING

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

New every morning is the love  
our wakening and uprising prove;  
through sleep and darkness safely brought,  
restored to life and power and thought.

2. New mercies, each returning day,  
hover around us while we pray;  
new perils past, new sins forgiven,  
new thoughts of God, new hopes of heaven.

3. If on our daily course our mind  
be set to hallow all we find,  
new treasures still, of countless price,  
God will provide for sacrifice.

4. The trivial round, the common task,  
will furnish all we ought to ask,  
room to deny ourselves, a road  
to bring us daily nearer God.

5. Only, O Lord, in thy dear love,  
fit us for perfect rest above;  
and help us, this and every day,  
to live more nearly as we pray.

John Keble 1792-1866

MELCOMBE

## 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.**

Let us pray

*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

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all.

**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

*The Choir sings:*

Gloria in excelsis Deo  
et in terra pax hominibus bonae  
voluntatis,  
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.  
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.  
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam  
gloriam tuam.  
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus  
Pater omnipotens.  
Domine fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.

Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius  
patris.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere  
nobis.  
Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe  
deprecationem nostram.  
Qui sedes ad dexteram patris  
miserere nobis.  
Quoniam tu solus sanctus. Tu solus  
Dominus.  
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.  
Cum Sancto Spiritu in gloria Dei  
Patris. Amen.

Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis De Deo  
Little Organ Mass

*Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.*

*We worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.*

*Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God  
and Father,*

*O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus  
Christ,*

*Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the  
Father,*

*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.*

*For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,*

*you alone are the Most High, Jesus  
Christ, with the Holy Spirit,*

*in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Joseph Haydn 1732–1809

O God,  
 the strength of all those who put their trust in you,  
 mercifully accept our prayers  
 and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature  
 we can do no good thing without you,  
 grant us the help of your grace,  
 that in the keeping of your commandments  
 we may please you both in will and deed;  
 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  
 Hosea 5.15-6.6

A reading from the book of Hosea

I will return again to my place  
 until they acknowledge their guilt and seek my face.  
 In their distress they will beg my favour:

‘Come, let us return to the Lord;  
 for it is he who has torn, and he will heal us;  
 he has struck down, and he will bind us up.

After two days he will revive us;  
 on the third day he will raise us up,  
 that we may live before him.

Let us know, let us press on to know the Lord;  
 his appearing is as sure as the dawn;  
 he will come to us like the showers,  
 like the spring rains that water the earth.’

What shall I do with you, O Ephraim?

What shall I do with you, O Judah?

Your love is like a morning cloud,

like the dew that goes away early.

Therefore I have hewn them by the prophets,

I have killed them by the words of my mouth,  
and my judgement goes forth as the light.  
For I desire steadfast love and not sacrifice,  
the knowledge of God rather than burnt-offerings.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**PSALM 50.7-15 Deus deorum**

7. Hear, O my people, and I will speak: I myself will testify against thee, O Israel; for I am God, even thy God.

8. I will not reprove thee because of thy sacrifices, or for thy burnt-offerings: because they were not alway before me.

9. I will take no bullock out of thine house: nor he-goat out of thy folds.

10. For all the beasts of the forest are mine: and so are the cattle upon a thousand hills.

11. I know all the fowls upon the mountains: and the wild beasts of the field are in my sight.

12. If I be hungry, I will not tell thee: for the whole world is mine, and all that is therein.

13. Thinkest thou that I will eat bulls' flesh: and drink the blood of goats?

14. Offer unto God thanksgiving: and pay thy vows unto the most Highest.

15. And call upon me in the time of trouble: so will I hear thee, and thou shalt praise me.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Romans 4.13-end**

A reading from Paul's Letter to the Romans

For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation.

For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Hoping against hope, he believed that he would become ‘the father of many nations’, according to what was said, ‘So numerous shall your descendants be.’ He did not weaken in faith when he considered his own body, which was already as good as dead (for he was about a hundred years old), or when he considered the barrenness of Sarah’s womb. No distrust made him waver concerning the promise of God, but he grew strong in his faith as he gave glory to God, being fully convinced that God was able to do what he had promised. Therefore his faith ‘was reckoned to him as righteousness.’ Now the words, ‘it was reckoned to him’, were written not for his sake alone, but for ours also. It will be reckoned to us who believe in him who raised Jesus our Lord from the dead, who was handed over to death for our trespasses and was raised for our justification.

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.

Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.  
 You have the words of eternal life.

*Repeat Alleluia*

**THE GOSPEL READING**  
**Matthew 9.9-13, 18-26**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

Glo - ry to you, O Lord.

As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, ‘Follow me.’ And he got up and followed him.

And as he sat at dinner in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting with him and his disciples. When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

While he was saying these things to them, suddenly a leader of the synagogue came in and knelt before him, saying, 'My daughter has just died; but come and lay your hand on her, and she will live.' And Jesus got up and followed him, with his disciples. Then suddenly a woman who had been suffering from haemorrhages for twelve years came up behind him and touched the fringe of his cloak, for she said to herself, 'If I only touch his cloak, I will be made well.' Jesus turned, and seeing her he said, 'Take heart, daughter; your faith has made you well.' And instantly the woman was made well. When Jesus came to the leader's house and saw the flute-players and the crowd making a commotion, he said, 'Go away; for the girl is not dead but sleeping.' And they laughed at him. But when the crowd had been put outside, he went in and took her by the hand, and the girl got up. And the report of this spread throughout that district.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please sit*

**SERMON**

*Silence is kept*

*If you are able, please stand*

**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.  
He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.  
We meet in his name and share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Author of life divine  
who hast a table spread,  
furnished with mystic wine  
and everlasting bread,  
preserve the life thyself hast given,  
preserve the life thyself hast given,  
and feed and train us up for heaven.

2. Our needy souls sustain  
with fresh supplies of love,  
till all thy life we gain,  
and all thy fullness prove,  
and strengthened by thy perfect grace,  
and strengthened by thy perfect grace,  
behold without a veil thy face.

Charles Wesley 1707-1785

RHOSYMEDRE

## PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

### TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,  
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;  
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

**All things come from you,  
and of your own do we give you.**

## EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise  
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;  
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.  
By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and singing:

*The Choir sings*

## SANCTUS

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus  
Deus Sabaoth.

Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua.  
Hosanna in excelsis.

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and  
might.*

*Heaven and earth are full of your  
glory. Hosanna in the highest.*

Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis De Deo  
Little Organ Mass

Joseph Haydn 1732–1809

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.**

**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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.**

## AGNUS DEI

*The Choir sings*

Agnus dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,  
miserere nobis.

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

*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.*

Missa Brevis Sancti Joannis De Deo  
Little Organ Mass

Joseph Haydn 1732–1809

## GIVING OF COMMUNION

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*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*

Ave, verum corpus natum  
de Maria Virgine:  
vere passum, immolatum  
in cruce pro homine:  
cuius latus perforatum  
fluxit aqua et sanguine:  
esto nobis praegustatum,  
in mortis examine.  
O Jesu dulcis, O Jesu pie,  
O Jesu Fili Mariae.  
Miserere mei. Amen.

*Hail the true body, born  
of the Virgin Mary:  
You who truly suffered and were sacrificed  
on the cross for the sake of man.  
From whose pierced flank  
flowed water and blood:  
Be a foretaste for us  
in the trial of death.  
O sweet, O merciful,  
O Jesus, Son of Mary.  
Have mercy on me. Amen.*

William Byrd 1540-1623

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal Father,  
we thank you for nourishing us  
with these heavenly gifts:  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love;  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

## 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 to do so*

# THE DISMISSAL

## THE BLESSING

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead, strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life; 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.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## RECESSIONAL HYMN

Will you come and follow me,  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown  
in you, and you in me?

2. Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer  
in you and you in me?

3. Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?

4. Will you love the "you" you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell that fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?

5. Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go,  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.

John Bell b. 1949  
and Graham Maule 1958-2019

KELVINGROVE

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**

Fugue in E flat BWV 552

J S Bach 1685-1750

*Please join us for coffee after the service*

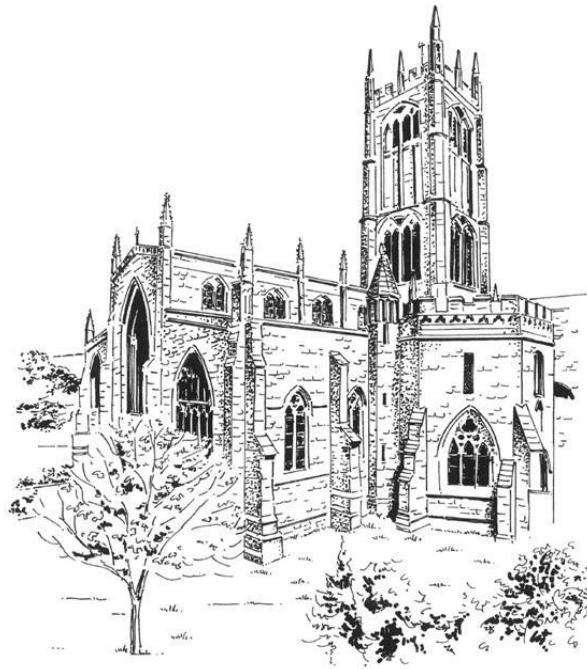
**Today**

**3.30pm Choral Evensong**

**Next Sunday's Services**

**8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)**

**10am Parish Eucharist**



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