



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 21 JUNE 2026

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY

PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

with the Baptism of Loveday Hibbert-Hingston

Revd Prebendary Ashley Buck *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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Picture on front cover: *The Birth of John the Baptist*
Painting by John Cranach the elder

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Fight the good fight with all thy might;
Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
lay hold on life, and it shall be
thy joy and crown eternally.

2. Run the straight race through God's good grace,
lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

3. Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
his boundless mercy will provide;
trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

4. Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
he changeth not, and thou art dear;
only believe, and thou shalt see
that Christ is all in all to thee.

J S B Monsell 1811-1875

DUKE STREET

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

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

**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

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Organ Introduction *f*

Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and

7
Peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God, heav-en-ly King, Al - migh-ty God and

12
Fa-ther, We wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your

16
glo-ry. Lord Je-sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther, Lord God,

22
Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us;

27 *p*
You are sea-ted at the right hand of the Fa-ther: re - ceive our prayer.

34 *f*
For you a - lone are the Ho-ly One, You a - lone are the Lord,

39
You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi-rit, in the

44 *molto rit* *ff*
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men

Mass of St Laurence

Steve Dunachie b.1951

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 forever. **Amen**

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 6.1b-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound? By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised from the dead by the glory of the Father, so we too might walk in newness of life.

For if we have been united with him in a death like his, we will certainly be united with him in a resurrection like his. We know that our old self was crucified with him so that the body of sin might be destroyed, and we might no longer be enslaved to sin. For whoever has died is freed from sin. But if we have died with Christ, we believe that we will also live with him. We know that Christ, being raised from the dead, will never die again; death no longer has dominion over him. The death he died, he died to sin, once for all; but the life he lives, he lives to God. So you also must consider yourselves dead to sin and alive to God in Christ Jesus.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time Choir

2nd time Choir & Congregation



Choir

We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL READING Matthew 10.24-39

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



A disciple is not above the teacher, nor a slave above the master; it is enough for the disciple to be like the teacher, and the slave like the master. If they have called the master of the house Beelzebul, how much more will they malign those of his household!

‘So have no fear of them; for nothing is covered up that will not be uncovered, and nothing secret that will not become known. What I say to you in the dark, tell in the light; and what you hear whispered, proclaim from the housetops. Do not fear those who kill the body but cannot kill the soul; rather fear him who can destroy both soul and body in hell. Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows. ‘Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

‘Do not think that I have come to bring peace to the earth; I have not come to bring peace, but a sword.

For I have come to set a man against his father,
and a daughter against her mother,
and a daughter-in-law against her mother-in-law;
and one’s foes will be members of one’s own household.

Whoever loves father or mother more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever loves son or daughter more than me is not worthy of me; and whoever does not take up the cross and follow me is not worthy of me. Those who find their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit

SERMON

A silence is kept

If you are able, please stand

During the singing of the hymn the minister, Loveday, her family, godparents and supporters process to and gather around the baptismal font.

HYMN

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
be all else but naught to me, save that thou art;
be thou my best thought in the day and the night,
both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my breastplate, my sword for the fight;
be thou my whole armour, be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter, be thou my strong tower:
O raise thou me heavenward, great Power of my power.

Irish 8th century, tr. Mary Byrne 1880-1931

SLANE

The congregation turns to face the font.

PRESENTATION OF THE CANDIDATE

The minister 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 Loveday and uphold her in her life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The minister then says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives Loveday with joy.

Today we are trusting God for her growth in faith.

Will you pray for her, draw her by your example into the community of faith and walk with her in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism Loveday begins her journey in faith. You speak for her today.

Will you care for her and help her to take her place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

SIGNING WITH THE CROSS

The minister makes the sign of the cross on Loveday'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 Loveday has 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 minister addresses the congregation

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with Loveday and her family 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 minister pours water on Loveday, saying

Loveday Dorothea, I baptize you
in the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

The minister 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.

WELCOME

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: Loveday, by one Spirit we
are all baptized 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 Loveday with applause

*During the singing of the final two verses of the hymn, the baptismal party follow the
minister down the nave and return to their seats*

HYMN

3. Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise:
be thou mine inheritance now and always;
be thou and thou only the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven, my treasure thou art.

4. High King of heaven, thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.

Irish 8th century, *tr.* Mary Byrne 1880-1931

SLANE

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Father, we thank you that by baptism you have raised your beloved child, Loveday, with Christ to new life in the Spirit. Guide and protect her with your grace, that she may follow you all her days and grow in knowledge and love of you.

Father, by the victory of your Son,
Give light to the world.

May Christ who conquered sin and death keep his whole Church faithful to his gospel. Help us always to hold fast to truth and to walk in the way of life.

Father, by the victory of your Son,
Give light to the world.

May the Holy Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all nations to unite the world in peace and love. By your healing power restore all that is broken and unite us with you, our God and Father.

Father, by the victory of your Son,
Give light to the world.

May your loving presence be with all those who are sick or suffering and in need this day. In particular we pray for...

We pray for those who have died and ask you to comfort all those who are bereaved. We remember today...

Father, by the victory of your Son,
Give light to the world.

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

Lead, kindly light, amid the encircling gloom,
lead thou me on;
the night is dark, and I am far from home;
lead thou me on.

Keep thou my feet; I do not ask to see
the distant scene; one step enough for me.

2. I was not ever thus, nor prayed that thou
shouldst lead me on;

I loved to choose and see my path; but now
lead thou me on.

I loved the garish day, and, spite of fears,
pride ruled my will: remember not past years.

3. So long thy power hath blest me, sure it still
will lead me on,

o'er moor and fen, o'er crag and torrent, till
the night is gone,

and with the morn those angel faces smile,
which I have loved long since, and lost awhile.

John Henry Newman 1801-1890

SANDON

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Wise and gracious God,
you spread a table before us;
nourish your people with the word of life
and the bread of heaven.

Amen.

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER D

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.
In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one flat (B-flat) and a time signature of 3/2. It begins with a tempo marking of 'Maestoso' and a metronome marking of quarter note = 56. The score is divided into four systems, each with a measure number (1, 7, 11, 14) at the start. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first system starts with a fermata over the first two measures, followed by the lyrics 'Ho ly Ho ly Ho ly Lord God of power and might'. The second system starts with a fermata over the first two measures, followed by the lyrics 'Heav'n and earth are full of your glo ry Ho sa nna in the high est'. The third system starts with a fermata over the first two measures, followed by the lyrics 'Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho'. The fourth system starts with a fermata over the first two measures, followed by the lyrics 'sa nna in the high est'. The score ends with a double bar line.

$\text{♩} = 56$ **Maestoso**

Ho ly Ho ly Ho ly Lord God of power and might

7 Heav'n and earth are full of your glo ry Ho sa nna in the high est

11 Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho

14 sa nna in the high est

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Father of all, we give you thanks
for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light.
With signs of faith and words of hope
he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son,
yet at the end they turned on him.
On the night he was betrayed
he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said:
This is my body, given for you all.
Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all
for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross
on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again
and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

**This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.
May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours 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

$\text{♩} = 105$ **Espressivo**

Lamb of God you
take away the sins of the world Have mercy on us
Lamb of God you take away the sins of the world
Grant us 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.

The Choir sings

ANTHEM

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 Jesus, O merciful Jesus,
O Jesus, Son of Mary.
Have mercy on me. Amen.*

Ave Verum Corpus

Peter Phillips 1561- 1628

POST COMMUNION COLLECT

O God, whose beauty is beyond our imagining and whose power we cannot comprehend: show us your glory as far as we can grasp it, and shield us from knowing more than we can bear until we may look upon you without fear; through Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen

GIVING OF A LIGHTED CANDLE

When a member of Loveday's family has received a candle, the minister 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.

If you are able, please stand

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

God who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with Peter and Paul and all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city; And the blessing ☩ of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

2. O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.

3. O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against the foe,
should strive and should prevail;

4. And that a higher gift than grace
should flesh and blood refine,
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.

5. O generous love! that he, who smote
in Man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo;

6. And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.

7. Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise:
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways.

John Henry Newman 1804-1900

GERONTIUS

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Litanies

Jehan Alain 1911-1940

Litanies was written in 1937. The composer wrote: "*When the Christian soul no longer finds new words in its distress to implore God's mercy, it repeats ceaselessly and with a vehement faith the same invocation. Reason has reached its limit. Alone, faith continues its ascent*".

Please join us for refreshments after the service

Today at 11.30am

Choral Matins

Responses: Leighton

Venite & Ps: 46

Canticles: Stanford in B flat

Anthem: 'O thou the central orb' - Wood

Hymns: 590 / 159

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Mayor's Civic Eucharist

6pm Celtic Prayer

An inclusive church welcoming everyone



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