



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 28 JUNE 2026
THIRD SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
THE MAYOR'S CIVIC SERVICE

PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

Revd Prebendary Mark Daborn
President & Preacher

Michael Oakley *Director of Music*
Robert Green *Organist*
The Choir of St Laurence's

WELCOME

Welcome to St Laurence's for the Mayor's Civic Service. It is a great pleasure to welcome Councillor Diane Lyle, the Mayor of Ludlow. I am also delighted to welcome the mayors and other civic dignitaries from different parts of our region, as well as Unitary Authority Councillors who represent our community on Shropshire Council.

Please ensure that all mobile telephones and watch alarms have been silenced before the service begins. A toilet, including facilities for people with disabilities, is at the north-west corner of the church: the stewards will be happy to give you directions.

THE MAYOR OF LUDLOW

Councillor Diane Lyle Mayor of Ludlow. Having moved to Shropshire from Greater London in 2007, I quickly became immersed in Ludlow Life and moved into the town itself in 2011. Since then I have been delighted, and indeed privileged, to be involved across a wide spectrum of groups and organisations which have made, and still do make, Ludlow 'tick'.

I was a town councillor from 2012 until 2023, representing the Rockspring Ward, as I am again following the May elections, and am proud to be back on board, with a strong team of councillors, and staff, who I know will support me in my role as Mayor and as a representative of this wonderful town and its people for the coming year.

THE MAYOR'S CHARITIES

At the end of this service there will be a retiring collection which will be shared between St Laurence's Church and the Mayor's Charities, Working Together Ludlow and St Michael's Hospice.

GIFT AID

If you are a United Kingdom taxpayer, the value of your donation will be significantly enhanced if you put your offering into one of the Gift Aid envelopes and then supply the information requested. This is most conveniently done before the service begins.

*The Mayor welcomes her invited guests to join her
for refreshments after this service*



If you use a hearing aid please switch to the 'T' position and you will be tuned into the induction loop system.

*St Laurence's is an inclusive church in which all are
welcome*

Order of Procession

The Crucifer
The Choir
The Director of Music
The Mace Bearer
The Mayor of Ludlow
The Clerk to the Town Council
Members of the Town Council and
Representatives on Shropshire Council
Caroline Culley - Licensed Lay Minister
Churchwardens of St Laurence's Church
The Revd Prebendary Mark Daborn
The Deputy Lord Lieutenant

THE GATHERING

If you are able, please stand as the procession enters at the West Door and remain standing as the Choir sings the introit

INTROIT

Cantate Domino canticum novum
Laus ejus in ecclesia sanctorum
Lætetur Israel in eo qui fecit eum
Et filii Sion exultent in rege suo

*Sing to the Lord a new song
Let his praise be in the church of the saints
Let Israel rejoice in him who made him
but they are in peace.*

Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni 1657-1743

During the singing of the next hymn the Choir process to the choir stalls and the Procession to their seats

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;

2. Under the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.

3. Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.

4. A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the night
before the rising sun.

5. Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.

6. O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles last,
and our eternal home

Isaac Watts 1674-1748

ST ANNE

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

THE BIDDING PRAYER

We have come here today to give thanks to Almighty God for the town of Ludlow and for the rich heritage which is ours. We give thanks especially for this parish church, set in the heart of our town; for all who have cared for it in past generations, and all who do so today. As we give thanks for the past we also look to the future. We commend to God those who shape the life of this town, especially the Mayor and Town Councillors, and ask that together they may play their part in building a community of which many can be proud.

We also commend to God the work of those who continue to represent Ludlow on Shropshire Council. Ludlow is well known as a town set on a hill; and the Scriptures too speak of a city set on a hill which cannot be hidden but shines out for all to see. May this town, through its enterprise, through its culture as well through its concern for the poor and vulnerable, shine out as an example of community life to all who live and work here, and to all those many people who come to us as tourists.

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

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

Let us pray

COLLECT

O God, the protector of all who trust in you,
without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy:
increase and multiply upon us your mercy;
that with you as our ruler and guide
we may so pass through things temporal
that we lose not our hold on things eternal;
grant this, heavenly Father,
for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake,
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

READING

Romans 6.12-end

Read by Councillor Diane Lyle – Mayor of Ludlow

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans.

Therefore, do not let sin exercise dominion in your mortal bodies, to make you obey their passions. No longer present your members to sin as instruments of wickedness, but present yourselves to God as those who have been brought from death to life, and present your members to God as instruments of righteousness. For sin will have no dominion over you, since you are not under law but under grace.

What then? Should we sin because we are not under law but under grace? By no means! Do you not know that if you present yourselves to anyone as obedient slaves, you are slaves of the one whom you obey, either of sin, which leads to death, or of obedience, which leads to righteousness? But thanks be to God that you, having once been slaves of sin, have become obedient from the heart to the form of teaching to which you were entrusted, and that you, having been set free from sin, have become slaves of righteousness. I am speaking in human terms because of your natural limitations. For just as you once presented your members as slaves to impurity and to greater and greater iniquity, so now present your members as slaves to righteousness for sanctification.

When you were slaves of sin, you were free in regard to righteousness. So what advantage did you then get from the things of which you now are ashamed? The end of those things is death. But now that you have been freed from sin and enslaved to God, the advantage you get is sanctification. The end is eternal life. For the wages of sin is death, but the free gift of God is eternal life in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

If you are able, please stand and turn to face where the Gospel is read

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

1st time choir

2nd time choir & congregation

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

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

Repeat Alleluia

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



‘Whoever welcomes you welcomes me, and whoever welcomes me welcomes the one who sent me. Whoever welcomes a prophet in the name of a prophet will receive a prophet’s reward; and whoever welcomes a righteous person in the name of a righteous person will receive the reward of the righteous; and whoever gives even a cup of cold water to one of these little ones in the name of a disciple—truly I tell you, none of these will lose their reward.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



Please sit

SERMON

A silence is kept

If you are able, please stand

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

Let us affirm, our common faith in Jesus Christ.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

All 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?

All 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?

All I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of *the Church*.

All This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

The congregation sits while the Mayor and Councillors gather to stand in front of the dais

ACT OF DEDICATION

The President addresses the Shropshire Councillors

In the year to come, you will continue to represent this town on Shropshire Council; and in that capacity you will help to shape the affairs of our whole county. Will you under God seek wisdom to know what is right for the good of the whole and courage to do it? Will you in your service as councillor never lead this county wrongly through love of power or unworthy ideals but always love righteousness and truth?

The Shropshire Councillors reply

With the help of God, we will

The President addresses the Town Councillors

In the year to come, you will continue to serve as Councillors for this town. Will you seek vision to look deeply into the issues which face us; will you be courageous to uphold what you believe to be right; will you act with integrity in your words and deeds; will you ensure to the best of your ability that your service of this town will promote its welfare and peace?

The Town Councillors reply

With the help of God, we will.

The President addresses the Mayor

Diane, do you pledge, as first citizen of Ludlow in the coming year, to serve this town and its people faithfully and to chair with integrity and impartiality the meetings of the Ludlow Town Council?

The Mayor replies

With the help of God, I will.

Able members of the congregation now stand and the President addresses them

People of Ludlow, you have heard the Mayor and Councillors commit themselves to faithful service of you and of your interests. Will you offer them your support and encouragement in all that they do to fulfil the commitment they have made?

All say

With the help of God, we will.

The President says

Lord God of righteousness and truth, grant to all who bear authority in our town and who represent it within our wider county the guidance of your Spirit. May their ways be ways of justice, truth and peace; so in this Town may your Kingdom come and your name be hallowed; through Jesus Christ Our Lord. **Amen.**

The congregation sits and the Mayor and Councillors return to their seats

Let us pray

PRAYERS FOR THE TOWN OF LUDLOW

Father, we give you thanks for our town of Ludlow. We give you thanks for its beauty, its rich cultural and commercial life, and its rich heritage from past centuries. We give you thanks especially for this parish church of St Laurence and pray for all who work to conserve this Church so that future generations may have the opportunity to treasure this building and have the wonders of God revealed to them through its beauty.

Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for all who build up the life of our town. We pray for all who own businesses here, all who are involved in commerce, and all who trade in the market place. We pray for all who cater for the tourists who come to savour the beauty and heritage of this place. We pray for all who care for the people of Ludlow, particularly those who work in and through the medical practices of our town and in our community hospital; and for the work of the League of Friends in supporting it. We pray for all who teach and learn in our schools and college.

Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

Father, we pray today for our Mayor. May she through her office help our town to be a place of common purpose and endeavour, in which there is mutual respect, care and love. We pray for the work of the Town Council, for its Councillors, its officers and all who work for it, that through their service they may help to enrich the life of our town. We pray for the work of Shropshire Council and all who represent Ludlow.

Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

Father, we pray for all for whom life in our town is not easy. We pray for all who live in poverty, all who are anxious about being able to provide for their family, all who feel isolated, and all who are dependent on others for the quality of their life. May our town be a place in which the lonely can be befriended, the poor sustained and the despairing comforted. We give thanks for all who support the needy in practical ways.

Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

Father, we give you thanks for those who in past generations have bequeathed to us a town so full of beauty and wonder. We pray especially with thanksgiving for all those who have served this town as Mayor.

We commend them and all who have died to your safe keeping and ask that we in our generation may be inspired to follow their good example.

Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

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 is love
and those who live in love live in God
and God lives in them.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

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.

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

Blessed be God,
by whose grace creation is renewed,
by whose love heaven is opened,
by whose mercy we offer our sacrifice of praise.
Blessed be God for ever.

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.

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you,
with saints and angels praising you, and singing:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

$\text{♩} = 56$ **Maestoso**

The musical score is written on a single treble clef staff in a key signature of one flat (B-flat). It begins with a tempo marking of 'Maestoso' and a quarter note equal to 56 beats. The music is in 2/2 time. The lyrics are: 'Ho ly Ho ly Ho ly Lord God of power and might Heav'n and earth are full of your glo ry Ho sa nna in the high est Bless'd is he who comes in the name of the Lord Ho sa nna in the high est'. The score includes dynamic markings such as 'f' (forte) and 'p' (piano), and various musical notations like slurs, ties, and rests.

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

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

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

sa nna in the high est

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:
**Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.**

AGNUS DEI

$\text{♩} = 105$ **Espressivo**

Lamb of God you

take a way the sins of the world Have mercy on us

Lamb of God you take a way the sins of the world

Grant us grant us peace

Mass of St Laurence

Steve Dunachie b.1951

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.

During the distribution, the Choir sings

ANTHEM

Justorum animae in manu Dei sunt,
et non tanget illos tormentum
mortis.

Visi sunt oculis insipientium mori,
illi autem sunt in pace.

*The souls of the just are in the hand of God,
and the torment of death shall not touch
them.*

*In the sight of the unwise they seemed to die;
but they are in peace.*

Sir Charles Villiers Stanford 1852-1924

Silence is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Eternal God,
comfort of the afflicted and healer of the broken,
you have fed us at the table of life and hope:
teach us the ways of gentleness and peace,
that all the world may acknowledge
the kingdom of your Son 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

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Go forth into the world in peace.
Be of good courage.
Hold fast that which is good.
Render to no one evil for evil.
Strengthen the fainthearted.
Support the weak.
Help the afflicted.
Show love to everyone.
Love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of almighty God,
the Father, the  Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

During the singing of this hymn the Procession moves and exits through the West Door.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,
pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but thou art mighty;
hold me with thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven,
feed me now and evermore.

2. Open now the crystal fountain
whence the healing stream doth flow;
let the fiery cloudy pillar
lead me all my journey through:
strong deliverer,
be thou still my strength and shield.

3. When I tread the verge of Jordan,
bid my anxious fears subside;
death of death, and hell's destruction,
land me safe on Canaan's side:
songs and praises
I will ever give to thee.

William Williams 1717-1791

CWM RHONDA

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ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Imperial March, Op.32

Sir Edward Elgar 1857-1934

Today at 6pm Celtic Prayer

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am **Holy Communion (BCP)**

10am **Choral Eucharist**

3.30pm **Choral Evensong**

An inclusive church welcoming everyone



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