



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 12 JULY 2026
SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

Revd John Perry *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.

Children are always welcome in St Laurence's and there is a children's area in the North aisle with toys, games and art materials available for use at any time.

A toilet, including facilities for people with disabilities, is in the North aisle of the Church.

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Picture on front cover: *The Parable of the Sower*
Pieter Brueghel the Elder (1557), Timken Museum of Art, San Diego

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.

2. Jesu, thou art all compassion,
pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation,
enter every trembling heart.

3. Come, almighty to deliver,
let us all thy grace receive;
suddenly return, and never,
never more thy temples leave..

Charles Wesley 1707–1788

4. Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

5. Finish then thy new creation:
pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee;

6. Changed from glory into glory
till in heaven we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before thee,
lost in wonder, love, and praise

LOVE DIVINE

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

**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.**

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

PRAYERS OF PENITENCE

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love
revealed in Word and Sacrament
let us call to mind our sins.

**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] ***ff*** Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
high - est. ***f*** Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to his peo - ple on
earth. Lord God, Heav'n - ly King, al - migh - ty God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

[ff] Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
f Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est. 

mf 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 mer - cy on us;

You are sea - ted at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
prayer. ***f*** Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the
high - est.

f high - est. 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.

ff Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.
Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the high - est.

Merciful God, who hast prepared for them that love you such good things as pass man's understanding: Pour into our hearts such love toward you, that we, loving you above all things, may obtain thy promises, which exceed all that we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 55.10-13

A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven,
and do not return there until they have watered the earth,
making it bring forth and sprout,
giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;
it shall not return to me empty,
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
For you shall go out in joy,
and be led back in peace;
the mountains and the hills before you
shall burst into song,
and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress;
instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
and it shall be to the Lord for a memorial,
for an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

PSALM 65 *Te decet hymnus*

Thou, O God, art praised in Sion: and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.

2. Thou that hearest the prayer: unto thee shall all flesh come.

3. My misdeeds prevail against me: O be thou merciful unto our sins.

4. Blessed is the man whom thou choolest, and receivest unto thee: he shall dwell in thy court, and shall be satisfied with the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple.
5. Thou shalt shew us wonderful things in thy righteousness, O God of our salvation: thou that art the hope of all the ends of the earth, and of them that remain in the broad sea.
6. Who in his strength setteth fast the mountains: and is girded about with power.
7. Who stilleth the raging of the sea: and the noise of his waves, and the madness of the people.
8. They also that dwell in the uttermost parts of the earth shall be afraid at thy tokens: thou that makest the outgoings of the morning and evening to praise thee.
9. Thou visitest the earth, and blessest it: thou makest it very plenteous.
10. The river of God is full of water: thou preparest their corn, for so thou providest for the earth.
11. Thou waterest her furrows, thou sendest rain into the little valleys thereof: thou makest it soft with the drops of rain, and blessest the increase of it.
12. Thou crownest the year with thy goodness: and thy clouds drop fatness.
13. They shall drop upon the dwellings of the wilderness: and the little hills shall rejoice on every side.
14. The folds shall be full of sheep: the valleys also shall stand so thick with corn, that they shall laugh and sing.

NEW TESTAMENT READING
Romans 8.1-11

A reading from the letter of Paul to the Romans

There is therefore now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. For the law of the Spirit of life in Christ Jesus has set you free from the law of sin and of death. For God has done what the law, weakened by the flesh, could not do: by sending his own Son in the likeness of sinful flesh, and to deal with sin, he condemned sin in the flesh, so that the just requirement of the law might be fulfilled in us, who walk not according to the flesh but according to the Spirit. For those who live according to the flesh set their minds on the things of the flesh, but those who live according to the Spirit set their minds on the things of the Spirit. To set the mind on the flesh is death, but to set the mind on the Spirit is life and peace. For this reason the mind that is set on the flesh is hostile to God; it does not submit to God's law—indeed it cannot, and those who are in the flesh cannot please God.

But you are not in the flesh; you are in the Spirit, since the Spirit of God dwells in you. Anyone who does not have the Spirit of Christ does not belong to him. But if Christ is in you, though the body is dead because of sin, the Spirit is life because of righteousness. If the Spirit of him who raised Jesus from the dead dwells in you, he who raised Christ from the dead will give life to your mortal bodies also through his Spirit that dwells in you.

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



Choir

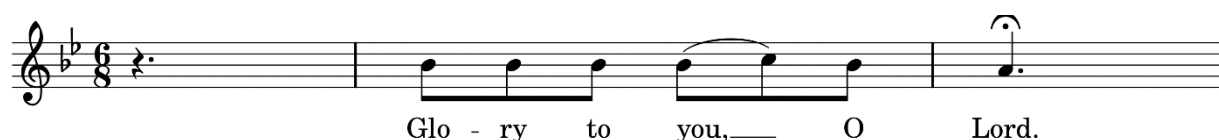
We do not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL READING Matthew 13.1-9, 18-23

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the lake. Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: 'Listen! A sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. Let anyone

with ears listen!’

Hear then the parable of the sower. When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.’

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
And at the end

Lord hear us
Lord graciously hear us

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

Since we are justified by faith,
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,
who has given us access to his grace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Dearest Jesu, we are here,
at thy call, thy presence owning;
pleading now in holy fear
that great sacrifice atoning:
Word incarnate, much in wonder
on this mystery deep we ponder.

2. Jesu, strong to save — the same
yesterday, today, for ever —
make us fear and love thy name,
serving thee with best endeavour:
in this life, O ne'er forsake us,
but to bliss hereafter take us

G R Woodward 1848–1934

LIEBSTER JESU

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.**

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER E

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.

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our salvation,
 always and everywhere to give you thanks and praise,
 holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
 through Jesus Christ our great high priest.
 He offered himself to you as the Lamb without blemish,
 the acceptable gift that gives you perfect praise.
 At the Last Supper, seated with his apostles,
 he left this memorial of his passion
 to bring us its saving power until the end of time.
 In this great sacrament you feed your people
 and strengthen them in holiness,
 so that throughout the world the human family
 may be enlightened by one faith
 and drawn together in one communion of love.
 We come to this foretaste of your heavenly banquet
 to be transformed by your grace
 and restored in the image and likeness of the risen Christ.
 Therefore earth unites with heaven
 to sing a new song of praise;
 we too join with angels and archangels
 as they proclaim your glory without end:

SANCTUS & BENEDICTUS

[Organ] *mf* Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
 might, hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *f* Ho - san - na,
 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.
mf Bles - sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. *f* Ho -
 - san - na, *ff* Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne b 1950

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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,
until you 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 St Laurence, St John, St Giles 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

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

AGNUS DEI

[Organ] *mp* Lamb of God, you
mf take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
mf Lamb of God, you take a - way the
sin of the world, have mer - cy on us.
mf Lamb of God, *non rall.* Lamb of
mp Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
God. *p* world, grant us peace. **2**

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne b 1950

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

Laudate Dominum omnes gentes
Laudate eum, omnes populi
Quoniam confirmata est
Super nos misericordia eius,
Et veritas Domini manet in aeternum.

Gloria Patri et Filio et Spiritui Sancto.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et
semper.
Et in saecula saeculorum.
Amen.

Praise the Lord, all nations;
Praise Him, all people.
For He has bestowed
His mercy upon us,
And the truth of the Lord endures
forever.

Glory to the Father and to the Son and
to the Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now, and
forever,
and for generations of generations.
Amen.

Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart 1756-1791

Silence is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us
as we go forward on our journey,
in the name 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

THE DISMISSAL

THE BLESSING

Christ, who has nourished us with himself the living bread, make you one in faith and love, and raise you up at the last day; 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 peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

How shall I sing that majesty
which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
thy throne, O God most high;
ten thousand times ten thousand sound
thy praise; but who am I?

2. Thy brightness unto them appears,
whilst I thy footsteps trace;
a sound of God comes to my ears,
but they behold thy face:
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
with all my fire and light;
yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

3. Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
in flame it with love's fire;
then shall I sing and bear a part
with that celestial choir.
They sing, because thou art their sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
for where heaven is but once begun
there alleluias be.

4. How great a being, Lord, is thine,
which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
to sound so vast a deep:
thou art a sea without a shore,
a sun without a sphere;
thy time is now and evermore,
thy place is everywhere.

John Mason 1646-1694

COE FEN

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Paeon (A Song of Triumph (Fanfare))

Oliphant Chuckerbutty 1884–1960

Soojo Alexander William Langobard Oliphant Chuckerbutty BMus, FRCO was for almost 40 years organist at Holy Trinity Church, Paddington, alongside being pianist at the Café Royal and the Ritz, also a Cinema Organist.

Please join us for coffee after the service

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist

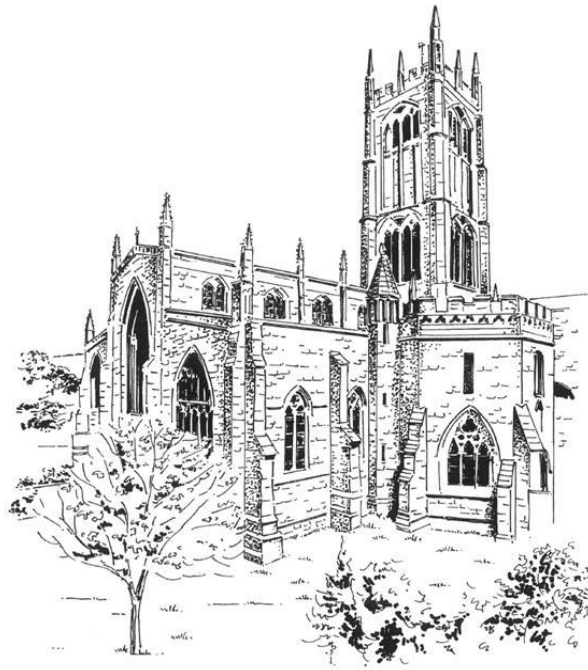
11.30am Choral Matins

Responses: Leighton Venite & Psalm: 67

Canticles: 'Te Deum' - Ireland / 'Jubilate' - Boyce

Anthem: 'Teach me, O Lord' - Attwood

Hymns: 188 - O Holy Spirit / 377 Angel voices



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