



THE PARISH CHURCH OF
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 26 JULY 2026
EIGHTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY
PARISH 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.

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: *St James the Apostle – Peter Paul Rubens 1612-1613
Museo del Prado, Madrid, Spain*

THE GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope nor Saviour
if we have not hope in thee.

2. All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

3. All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.

4. All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

5. All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the church's song must be,
till, at last, we all are gathered
one in love and one in thee.

W J Sparrow-Simpson 1859-1952

ALL FOR JESUS

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



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

f prayer. 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.

Mass of St Thomas

David Thorne b 1950

COLLECT

Almighty Lord and everlasting God, we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern both our hearts and bodies in the ways of your laws and the works of your commandments; that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever, we may be preserved in body and soul; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, 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 I Kings 3.5-12

A reading from the First Book of Kings

At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 119. 129-136 *Mirabilia*

The Choir sings

Thy testimonies are wonderful: therefore doth my soul keep them.

130. When thy word goeth forth: it giveth light and understanding unto the simple.

131. I opened my mouth, and drew in my breath: for my delight was in thy commandments.

132. O look thou upon me, and be merciful unto me: as thou usest to do unto those that love thy Name.

133. Order my steps in thy word: and so shall no wickedness have dominion over me.

134. O deliver me from the wrongful dealings of men: and so shall I keep thy commandments.

135. Shew the light of thy countenance upon thy servant: and teach me thy statutes.

136. Mine eyes gush out with water : because men keep not thy law.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

Romans 8.26-end

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God. We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

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 13.31-33, 44-52

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



Jesus put before them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened.'

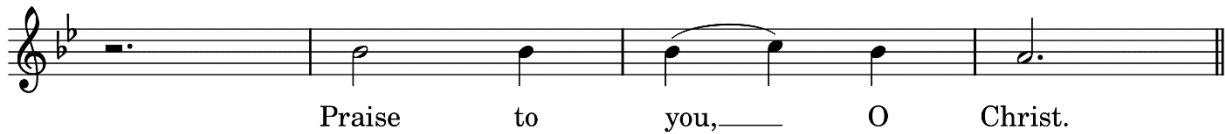
'The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

‘Have you understood all this?’ They answered, ‘Yes.’ And he said to them, ‘Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



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

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

Lord, thy word abideth,
and our footsteps guideth;
who its truth believeth
light and joy receiveth.

2. When our foes are near us,
then thy word doth cheer us,
word of consolation,
message of salvation.

3. When the storms are o'er us,
and dark clouds before us,
then its light directeth,
and our way protecteth.

4. Who can tell the pleasure,
who recount the treasure
by thy word imparted
to the simple-hearted?

5. Word of mercy, giving
succour to the living;
word of life, supplying
comfort to the dying.

6. O that we discerning
its most holy learning,
Lord, may love and fear thee,
evermore be near thee!

H W Baker 1821-1877

RAVENSHAW

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, *f* hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. 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 -
ff - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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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 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

The musical score is for the Agnus Dei, featuring a single melodic line in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The lyrics are written below the notes. The score includes dynamic markings: *mp* (mezzo-piano) at the beginning, *mf* (mezzo-forte) for several phrases, and *p* (piano) for the final phrase. It also includes performance instructions: *[Organ]* for the first measure, *non rall.* (non-ritardando) for the final phrase, and a repeat sign with a '2' for the final measure. The lyrics are: "Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world, grant us peace."

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.

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

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.
In all the lands resounds the word.
Never unperceived, ever understood,
ever, ever, ever understood.

The heavens are telling the glory of God,
The wonder of His work,
The wonder of His work displays the firmament.

From 'The Creation'

Joseph Haydn 1732-1809

Silence is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Strengthen for service, Lord,
the hands that have taken holy things;
may the ears which have heard your word
be deaf to clamour and dispute;
may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit;
may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love
shine with the light of hope;
and may the bodies which have been fed with your body
be refreshed with the fullness of your life;
glory to you for ever. **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

- O praise ye the Lord! Praise him in the height;
rejoice in his word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore him by whom ye were made,
and worship before him, in brightness arrayed.
2. O praise ye the Lord! Praise him upon earth,
in tuneful accord, ye sons of new birth;
praise him who hath brought you his grace from above,
praise him who hath taught you to sing of his love.
3. O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, his glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what he hath done.

4. O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to him be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!
Amen, amen.

H W Baker 1821-1877

LAUDATE DOMINUM

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

La Rejouissance

G F Handel 1685-1759

Celebrating the end of the Choir Term, celebrating originally the Peace of Aix-la-Chapelle with the Royal Fireworks. The rehearsal is said to have been so well attended that it caused one of London's first traffic jams, about three hours on London Bridge.

Please join us for coffee after the service

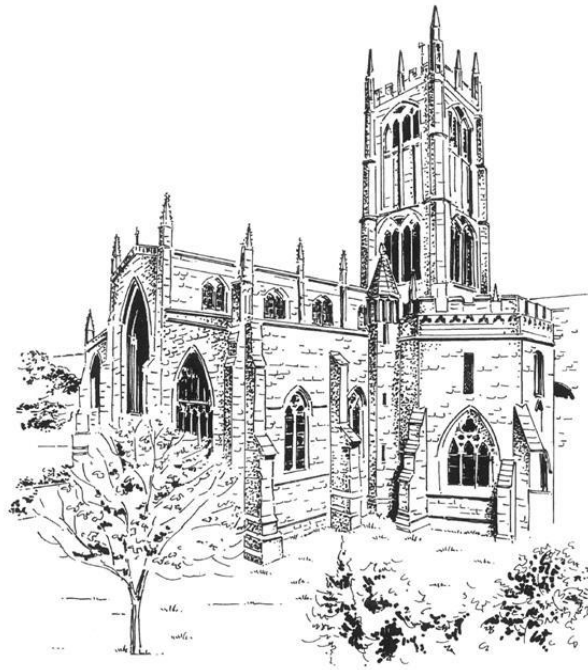
Today at 6pm

Celtic Prayer

Next Sunday's Services

8.15am Holy Communion (BCP)

10am Parish Eucharist



An inclusive church welcoming everyone



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