



THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 13 SEPTEMBER 2026  
FIFTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY  
PARISH EUCHARIST 10am

Revd John Perry *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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Picture on front cover: Parable of the Unforgiving Servant, Claude Vignon 1629

# THE GATHERING

## PROCESSIONAL HYMN

All creatures of our God and King,  
lift up your voice and with us sing,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou burning sun with golden beam,  
thou silver moon with softer gleam:

*Refrain:*

O praise him, O praise him,  
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

2. Thou rushing wind that art so strong,  
ye clouds that sail in heaven along,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice;  
ye lights of evening, find a voice: [*Refrain*]

3. Thou flowing water, pure and clear,  
make music for thy Lord to hear,  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Thou fire, so masterful and bright,  
that givest us both warmth and light: [*Refrain*]

4. Dear mother earth, who day by day  
unfoldest blessings on our way,  
O praise him, alleluia!  
The flowers and fruits that in thee grow,  
let them his glory also show: [*Refrain*]

5. Let all things their creator bless,  
and worship him in humbleness;  
O praise him, alleluia!  
Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son,  
and praise the Spirit, Three in One: [*Refrain*]

William Henry Draper 1855–1933

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

## 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.

## 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.

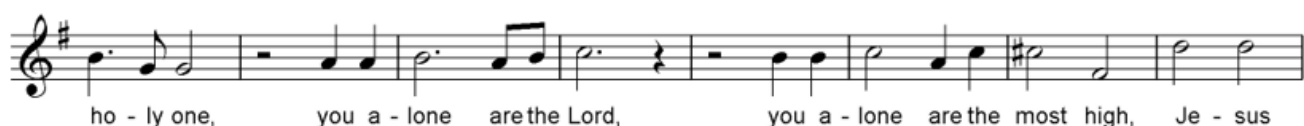
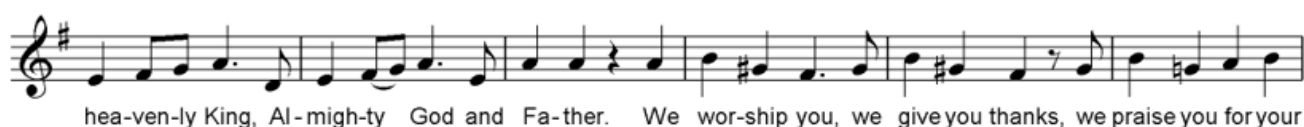
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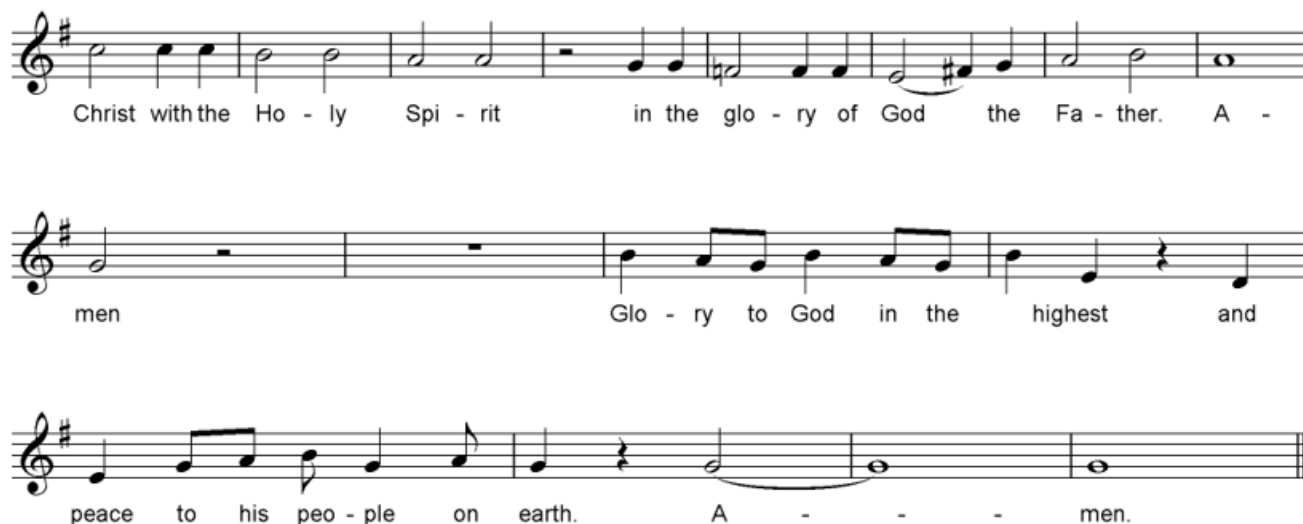
**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you  
and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry  
and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
who died 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.**

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





Trinity Mass

Peter Dyke

## COLLECT

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 Genesis 50.15–21

A reading from the book of Genesis

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, "Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you." Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. Then his brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? Even though you intended to do harm to me,

God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*The Choir sings*

**PSALM 103.1-13 *Benedic, anima mea***

- Praise the Lord, O my soul: and all that is within me praise his holy Name.
2. Praise the Lord, O my soul: and forget not all his benefits;
  3. Who forgiveth all thy sin: and healeth all thine infirmities;
  4. Who saveth thy life from destruction: and crowneth thee with mercy and loving-kindness;
  5. Who satisfieth thy mouth with good things: making thee young and lusty as an eagle.
  6. The Lord executeth righteousness and judgement: for all them that are oppressed with wrong.
  7. He shewed his ways unto Moses: his works unto the children of Israel.
  8. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy: long-suffering, and of great goodness.
  9. He will not alway be chiding: neither keepeth he his anger for ever.
  10. He hath not dealt with us after our sins: nor rewarded us according to our wickednesses.
  11. For look how high the heaven is in comparison of the earth: so great is his mercy also toward them that fear him.
  12. Look how wide also the east is from the west: so far hath he set our sins from us.
  13. Yea, like as a father pitieth his own children: even so is the Lord merciful unto them that fear him.

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

**Romans 14.1-12**

A reading from Paul's letter to the Romans

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me,  
and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*If you are able, please stand*

## GOSPEL ALLELUIA

*1st time Choir*

*2nd time Choir & Congregation*



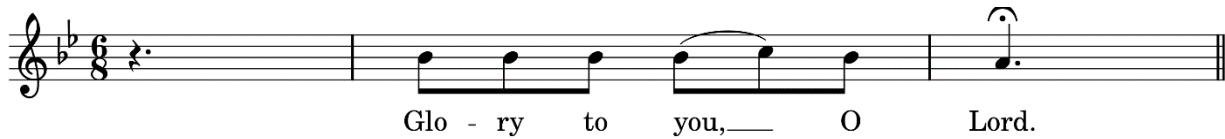
*Choir*

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

*Repeat Alleluia*

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



*Please sit*

*Silence is kept*

SERMON

*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

‘Where two or three are gathered together in my name,’ says the Lord, ‘there am I in the midst of them.’

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

### OFFERTORY HYMN

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
o'er the world's tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
for we have no help but thee;  
yet possessing every blessing,  
if our God our Father be.

2. Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us:  
all our weakness thou dost know;  
thou didst tread this earth before us,  
thou didst feel its keenest woe;  
lone and dreary, faint and weary,  
through the desert thou didst go.

James Edmeston 1791-1867

3. Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with heavenly joy,  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cloy:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

MANNHEIM

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 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



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and  
might, Hea-ven and earth are full\_\_\_\_\_ of your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in\_\_ the  
high-est. Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord. Ho  
san - na,\_\_\_ ho - san - na,\_\_\_ ho - san - na 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.

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 [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

*The Choir sings*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world,  
Grant us Thy 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

Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness,  
and forgive me all my sin.  
For I acknowledge my faults,  
and my sin is ever before me.

Samuel Sebastian Wesley 1810-1876

*Silence is kept*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy;  
and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall,  
keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful,  
and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation;  
through 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

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; 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

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven,  
to his feet thy tribute bring;  
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise the everlasting King.

2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
to our fathers in distress;  
praise him still the same for ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like, he tends and spares us,  
well our feeble frame he knows;  
in his hands he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;  
ye behold him face to face;  
sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space:  
Alleluia, alleluia,  
praise with us the God of grace.

Gavotte

Samuel Wesley 1766-1837.

*Samuel Wesley, sometimes known as 'The English Mozart', was the nephew of John Wesley, the founder of the Methodist Church and the father of Samuel Sebastian Wesley, the composer of this morning's anthem, whose second Christian name was chosen in honour of Johann Sebastian Bach.*

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*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: - Smith of Durham (+Stone 'Our Father')

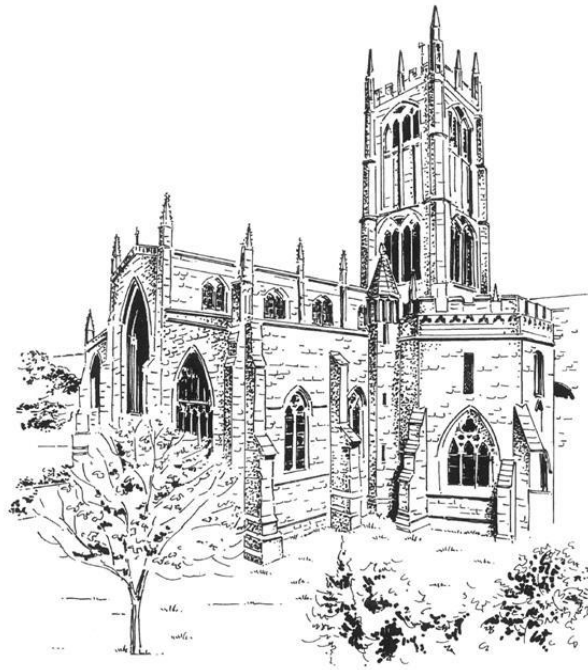
Venite & Psalm: - 119: 113-136

Canticles: - Stanford in B flat

Anthem: - 'Hide not thou thy face from us' - Farrant







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