THE PARISH CHURCH OF

ST LAURENCE LUDLOW



SUNDAY 1 NOVEMBER 2026

ALL SAINTS' DAY

CHORAL EUCHARIST 10am

Revd Mark Inglis *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.

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.

No Photography or Recording is allowed during this service.

A donation to support the work of this church including gift aid envelopes can be placed in the basket either before the service begins or as you leave; donations made before the service will be presented at the appropriate point; your contribution is greatly appreciated. You can also donate by text, by sending STLL22 (add amount) to 70070, eg to donate £5, text STLL22£5 to 70070. A contactless donation point is also available

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Picture on front cover: *The Forerunners of Christ with Saints and Martyrs*
Fiesole San Dominico Altarpiece
Fra Angelico *c* 1395 - 1455

THE GATHERING

If you are able, please stand

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest. Alleluia.

2. Thou wast their rock, their fortress, and their might;
thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
thou, in the darkness drear their one true Light. Alleluia.

3. O may thy soldiers, faithful, true, and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold. Alleluia.

4. O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine;
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine. Alleluia.

5. And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong. Alleluia.

6. The golden evening brightens in the west;
soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest:
sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest. Alleluia.

7. But lo, there breaks a yet more glorious day;
the saints triumphant rise in bright array:
the King of Glory passes on his way. Alleluia.

8. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia.

W. Walsham How 1823-1897 SINE NOMINE

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

Christ calls us to share the heavenly banquet of his love with all the saints in earth and heaven. Knowing our unworthiness and sin, let us ask from him both mercy and forgiveness.

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

The Choir sings

Gloria in excelsis Deo,
Glory to God in the highest
Et in terra pax hominibus bonae voluntatis
and peace to his people on earth.
Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.
Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.
We worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father
Domine fili unigenite, Jesu Christe.
Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Filius patris.
O Lord, the only begotten Son, Jesus Christ,
Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father,
Qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis
Qui tollis peccata mundi suscipe deprecationem nostrum.
Qui sedes ad dexteram patris miserere nobis.
You take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us
You take away the sin of the world: receive our prayer
You are seated at the right hand of the Father: have mercy on us
Quoniam tu solus sanctus
Tu solus Dominus
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord
Tu solus Altissimus, Jesu Christe.
Cum Sancto Spiritu in Gloria Dei Patris. Amen.
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ
with the Holy Spirit,
in the Glory of God the Father. Amen

Mass No 2 in G Major D167 — Franz Schubert 1797-1842

Let us pray

COLLECT

God of holiness,
your glory is proclaimed in every age:
as we rejoice in the faith of your saints,
inspire us to follow their example
with boldness and joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING
Revelation 7.9-17

A reading from the book of Revelation

After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

> 'Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!'

And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces before the throne and worshipped God, singing,

> 'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
> and thanksgiving and honour
> and power and might
> be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

Then one of the elders addressed me, saying, 'Who are these, robed in white, and where have they come from?' I said to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.' Then he said to me, 'These are they who have come out of the great ordeal; they have washed their robes and made them white in the blood of the Lamb.

> For this reason they are before the throne of God,
> and worship him day and night within his temple,
> and the one who is seated on the throne will shelter them.
> They will hunger no more, and thirst no more;
> the sun will not strike them,
> nor any scorching heat;
> for the Lamb at the centre of the throne will be their shepherd,
> and he will guide them to springs of the water of life,
> and God will wipe away every tear from their eyes.'

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

The Choir sings

PSALM 34. 1-10 *Benedicam Domino*

I will alway give thanks unto the Lord: his praise shall ever be in my mouth.
2. My soul shall make her boast in the Lord: the humble shall hear thereof, and be glad.
3. O praise the Lord with me: and let us magnify his Name together.
4. I sought the Lord, and he heard me: yea, he delivered me out of all my fear.
5. They had an eye unto him, and were lightened: and their faces were not ashamed.
6. Lo, the poor crieth, and the Lord heareth him: yea, and saveth him out of all his troubles.

7. The angel of the Lord tarrieth round about them that fear him: and delivereth them.
8. O taste, and see, how gracious the Lord is: blessed is the man that trusteth in him.
9. O fear the Lord, ye that are his saints: for they that fear him lack nothing.
10. The lions do lack, and suffer hunger: but they who seek the Lord shall want no manner of thing that is good.

SECOND READING
1 John 3.1-3

A reading from the first book of John

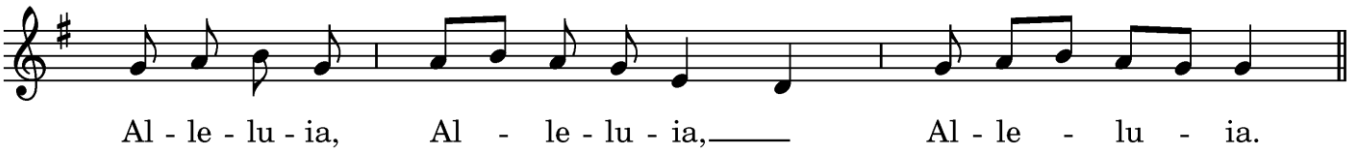
See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

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



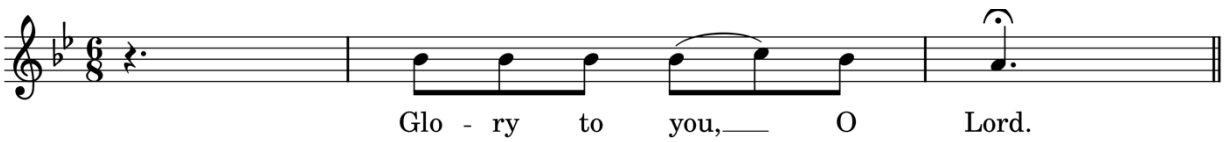
You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, called out of darkness into his marvellous light.

Repeat Alleluia

GOSPEL READING
Matthew 5.1-12

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew



When Jesus saw the crowds, he went up the mountain; and after he sat down, his disciples came to him. Then he began to speak, and taught them, saying:

‘Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

‘Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

‘Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

‘Blessed are the merciful, for they will receive mercy.
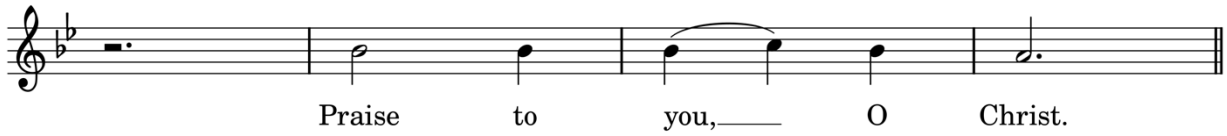
‘Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

‘Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

‘Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness’ sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

‘Blessed are you when people revile you and persecute you and utter all kinds of evil against you falsely on my account. Rejoice and be glad, for your reward is great in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.

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
Hear our prayer

or

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

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN

Let saints on earth in concert sing
with those whose work is done;
for all the servants of our King
in heaven and earth are one.

2. One family, we dwell in him,
one church, above, beneath;
though now divided by the stream,
the narrow stream of death.

3. One army of the living God,
to his command we bow:
part of the host have crossed the flood,
and part are crossing now.

4. E'en now to their eternal home
there pass some spirits blest;
while others to the margin come,
waiting their call to rest.

5. Jesu, be thou our constant guide;
then, when the word is given,
bid Jordan's narrow stream divide,
and bring us safe to heaven.

Charles Wesley 1707-1788 and others

DUNDEE

PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

TAKING OF THE BREAD AND WINE

As the grain once scattered in the fields and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside are now reunited on this table in bread and wine, so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together from the corners of the earth into your kingdom. **Amen.**

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER B

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.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.
The glorious company of apostles praise you.
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.

We, your holy Church, acclaim you.
In communion with angels and archangels,
and with all who served you on earth
and worship you now in heaven,
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,
for ever praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

The Choir sings

Sanctus, Sanctus, Sanctus, Dominus Deus Sabaoth.
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might.
Pleni sunt caeli et terra glória tua. Hosanna in excelsis.
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

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Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.

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

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty 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 Choir sings

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: grant us peace.

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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.

The Choir sings

ANTHEM

O quam gloriosum est regnum,
in quo cum Christo gaudent omnes Sancti!
Amicti stolis albis,
sequuntur Agnum, quocumque ierit.

O how glorious is the kingdom
in which all the saints rejoice with Christ,
clad in robes of white
they follow the Lamb wherever he goes.

Tomas Luis da Victoria 1548 – 1611

Silence is kept

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God, the source of all holiness and giver of all good things:
may we who have shared at this table
as strangers and pilgrims here on earth
be welcomed with all your saints
to the heavenly feast on the day of your kingdom;
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

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

God, who has prepared for us a city with eternal foundations, give you grace to share the inheritance of the saints in glory; ✠ 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 the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

RECESSIONAL HYMN

The church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy Bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.

2. Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.

3. Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore oppress,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest;
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
And soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.

4. 'Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious
shall be the church at rest.

5. Yet she on earth hath union
with God the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won:
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them, the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.

S J Stone 1839-1900 AURELIA

ORGAN VOLUNTARY

Carillon de Westminster - Vierne 1870-1937

This originated as an improvisation by Vierne in Westminster Cathedral in 1924 and subsequently was included in his 3rd book of Pièces de Fantaisie in 1927. The work is very obviously based on the chimes of Big Ben first heard as long ago as 1858. Observant listeners will notice a 'wrong' note. It is believed that Vierne learnt the tune by listening to Henry Willis hum it to him. But either he mis-heard, or Willis got it wrong.

Please join us for coffee after the service

Today at 3.30pm

Choral Evensong

Responses: Ayleward Psalm 148
Canticles: 'Collegium Regale' - Howells
Anthem: 'Ave Maria' Elgar

Tomorrow at 7pm

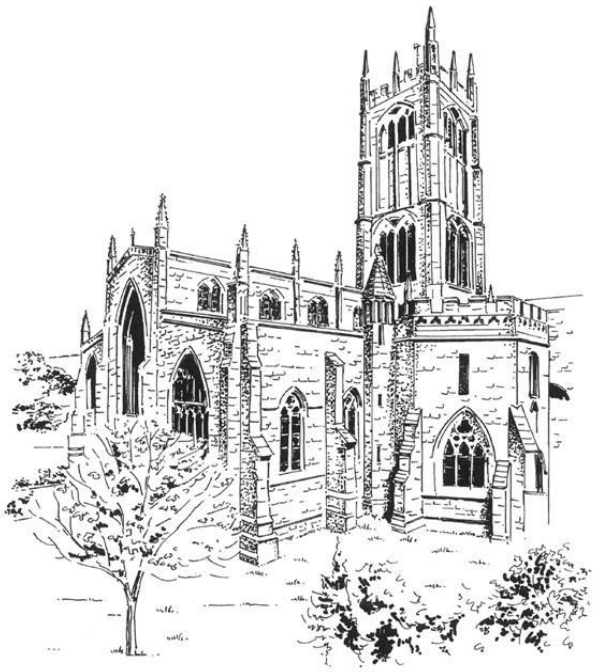
Solemn Choral Eucharist – Commemoration of the Faithful Departed

Next Sunday's Services

9am Holy Communion (BCP)

10.50am Remembrance Service (At the Peace Memorial)

11.15am Civic Remembrance Service



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