

We join together, both those at St Luke's, and those at home using the internet or telephone

If you are at home, find somewhere comfortable, light a candle, and connect to our service via Zoom on the internet (<https://zoom.us/j/7210725462>) or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the Parish Office for the password. Follow the order of service below.

### *Gathering as God's people*

#### *Hymn: Be thou my vision*

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;  
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –  
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,  
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Be Thou my true word;  
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;  
Thou my great Father, thy child let me be;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Be Thou my armour, my sword for the **fight**,  
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;  
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower:  
raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,  
thou my inheritance, now and always:  
thou and thou only the **first** in my heart;  
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

**High King of heaven, after victory won,**  
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!  
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
**still be my vision, I ruler of all.**

*Gaelic c.8th cent.  
tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne  
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The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

In Christ, God was reconciling the world to himself,  
not counting their trespasses against them, and  
entrusting the message of reconciliation to us.

2 Corinthians 5.19

### *The Ministry of the Word*

#### *Prayer for the day*

Almighty God, without you we are unable to please  
you: mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all

things direct and rule our hearts; through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.

#### *Children's ministry*

#### *Prayer before the reading of scripture*

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us  
and showing the way of salvation  
through faith in your Son.

We ask you now to teach and encourage us  
through your word,  
so that we may be ready to serve you;  
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

*First Reading: 1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*

#### *Hymn: Spirit of the living God*

Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me;  
break me, melt me,  
mould me, **fill** me;  
Spirit of the living God,  
fall afresh on me.

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*Gospel reading: Mark 4.26-34*

#### *Sermon*

#### *Music for reflection:*

### *The Apostles Creed*

I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the virgin Mary,

**suffered under Pontius Pilate,**  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;  
from there he will come to judge  
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
**the resurrection of the body,**  
**and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### *The Ministry of Prayer*

*We pray for the church and the world.*

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who taught us to pray,

Our Father in heaven,  
hallowed be your name,  
your kingdom come,  
your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

**Save us from the time of trial**  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.

### *Confession of sin*

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,  
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's  
table.

*A pause for reflection*

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with a  
sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you

in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to  
him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

### *The Greeting of peace*

We are the body of Christ.  
His Spirit is with us.

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

*Please say hello to everyone!*

### *The Offertory*

*Hymn: Our eyes have seen the glory*

Our eyes have seen the glory  
of our Saviour, Christ the Lord;  
He is seated at His Father's side  
in love and full accord;  
from there upon the sons of men  
His Spirit is out-poured,  
all hail ascended King!J

*Glory, glory, hallelujah,  
glory, glory, hallelujah,  
glory, glory, hallelujah,  
all hail, ascended King!*

He came to earth at Christmas  
and was made a man like us;  
He taught, He healed, He suffered  
and they nailed Him to the cross;  
He rose again on Easter Day –  
our Lord victorious,  
all hail, ascended King!

*Glory, glory, hallelujah.....*

The good news of His kingdom  
must be preached to every shore,  
The news of peace and pardon,  
and the end of strife and war;  
the secret of His kingdom  
is to serve Him evermore,  
all hail, ascended King!

*Glory, glory, hallelujah.....*

His kingdom is a family  
of men of every race,  
they live their lives in harmony,  
enabled by His grace;

they follow His example  
**till they see Him face to face,**  
all hail, ascended King!  
*Glory, glory, hallelujah.....*

*Roland Meredith*

### **Thanksgiving for offered gifts**

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.  
Through your goodness we have these gifts to  
share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory  
and for the service of your kingdom.  
Blessed be God for ever

### *The Great Thanksgiving*

The Lord be with you.  
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Loving God,  
we thank you for this world of wonder and delight.  
You have given it to us to care for,  
so that all your creatures may enjoy its bounty.

Lord our God,  
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that when we turned away from  
you,  
you sent Jesus to live and work as one of us,  
and bring us back to you.  
He showed us how to love you  
and set us free to love and serve one another.

Lord our God,  
we give you thanks and praise.

We thank you that on the cross  
Jesus took away our sin,  
all that keeps us from each other and from you.  
He frees us from hate and fear,  
from all that destroys love and trust.

Lord our God,  
we give you thanks and praise.

And so with everyone who believes in you,  
with all the saints and angels,  
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.

...and to remember all he has done for us:

Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power  
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

### *The Breaking of bread and the Communion*

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.  
We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.

Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us your peace.

*Communion is shared*

### *Post Communion Prayer*

Almighty and eternal God,  
may we who have received this sacrament  
of your Son's body and blood  
worship you in all we do,  
proclaim your word to all the world,  
and live in the power of your spirit

Most loving God,  
you send us into the world you love.  
Give us grace to go thankfully and with courage  
in the power of your Spirit.

### *The sending out of God's people*

#### **Notices**

#### *Hymn: One more step along the world I go*

One more step along the world I go,  
one more step along the world I go;  
from the old things to the new,  
keep me travelling along with You.

*And it's from the old I travel to the new;  
keep me travelling along with You.*

Round the corners of the world I turn,  
more and more about the world I learn;  
all the new things that I see  
You'll be looking at along with me.

As I travel through the bad and good,  
keep me travelling the way I should;  
where I see no way to go.  
You'll be telling me the way, I know:

Give me courage when the world is rough,  
keep me loving though the world is tough;  
leap and sing in all I do,  
keep me travelling along with You:

You are older than the world can be,  
You are younger than the life in me;  
ever old and ever new,  
keep me travelling along with You..

*Sydney Carter*  
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### *Blessing*

The peace of God which passes all understanding  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and  
love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the  
Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain  
with you always. Amen

### *Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
In the name of Christ. Amen