

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

Five minutes before the service a bell will be rung and the sentence read:

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

John 3.16

Silence will be kept until the allotted hour when the bell will be rung again

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Hymn: The kingdom of God is justice and joy

The kingdom of God is justice and joy
for Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know
and here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
the captives are freed, the sinners find place,
the outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
and hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to His cross,
our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
in Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
the heirs of the kingdom shall answer His call,
and all things cry, 'Glory!' to God all-in-all!

*Bryn Rees
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always ready to forgive: grant us grace to renounce all evil and to cling to Christ, that in every way we may prove to be your loving children; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. 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: Genesis 12:1-4a

Hymn: Eternal light, shine in my heart

Eternal light, shine in my heart,
eternal hope, lift up my eyes;
eternal power, be my support,
eternal wisdom, make me wise..

Eternal life, raise me from death,
eternal brightness, make me see;
eternal Spirit, give me breath,
eternal Saviour, come to me:

Until by your most costly grace,
invited by your holy word,
at last I come before your face
to know you, my eternal God.

*Christopher Idle from a prayer of Alcuin
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Gospel reading: John 3:1-17

The Sermon

Music for reflection:

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

God of mercy, you are full of tenderness and compassion, slow to anger, rich in mercy, and

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

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our
God, though we have rebelled and wandered far off.

A pause for reflection

Let us then ask for mercy, confessing our sins in
penitence and faith.

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: Jesus Christ is waiting

Jesus Christ is waiting,
waiting in the streets;
no-one is his neighbour,
all alone he eats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am lonely too.
Make me, friend or stranger,
fit to wait on you.

Jesus Christ is raging,
raging in the streets,
Where injustice spirals
And real hope retreats.

Listen, Lord Jesus,
I am angry too.
In the Kingdom's causes
Let me rage with you.

Jesus Christ is healing,
Healing in the streets;
Curing those who suffer,
Touching those he greets.

Listen, Lord Jesus,
I have pity too.
Let my care be active,
Healing just like you.

Jesus Christ is dancing,
Dancing in the streets,
Where each sign of hatred
He, with love, defeats.
Listen, Lord Jesus,
I should triumph too.
Where good conquers evil
Let me dance with you.

Jesus Christ is calling
calling in the streets,
'Who will join my journey?
I will guide their feet.'
Listen, Lord Jesus,
let my fears be few,
Walk one step before me;
I will follow you.

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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.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Loving God...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that when we turned away...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that on the cross...

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.

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.

The gifts of God for the people of God...

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

God of mercy, may we who have shared in this
holy meal know your forgiveness in our lives,
bring your reconciliation to others, and be a sign of
your wholeness in this broken world.

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

Blessing

The good and gracious God deliver you from all that
is evil, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness;
and the blessing

Amen

Dismissal

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