

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: God has spoken to His people

*God has spoken to His people, hallelujah!
and His words are words of wisdom,
hallelujah!*

Open your ears, O Christian people,
open your ears and hear good news;
open your hearts, O royal priesthood,
God has come to you, God has come to you.

God has spoken to His people.....

They who have ears to hear His message,
they who have ears, then let them hear;
they who would learn the way of wisdom,
let them hear God's word, let them hear God's
word.

God has spoken to His people.....

Israel comes to greet the Saviour,
Judah is glad to see His day;
from east and west the peoples travel,
He will show the way, He will show the way.

God has spoken to His people.....

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Christ is risen Alleluia.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

'I am the way, and the truth, and the life,' says the
Lord. 'No one comes to the Father except through
me.'

John 14.6

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

Everliving God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way,
the truth, and the life: give us grace to love one

another, to follow in the way of his
commandments, and to share his risen life; who
lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one
God, now and for 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: Acts 7:55-60

Hymn: Safe in the shadow

Safe in the shadow of the Lord,
beneath His hand and power,
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,
my fortress and my tower.

From fears and phantoms of the night,
from foes about my way,
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,
by darkness as by day.

Strong in the everlasting name,
and in my Father's care,
I trust in Him, I trust in Him,
who hears and answers prayer.

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Gospel reading: John 14:1-14

The 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

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: I am the bread of life

I am the bread of life.
Those who come to me shall not hunger;
those who believe in me shall not thirst.
No one can come to me unless the
Father draws them."
*And I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up,
and I will raise them up at the last day.*

The bread that I will give
is my **flesh** for the life of the world,
and those who eat this bread
they shall live for ever,
they shall live for ever
And I will raise them up....

Unless you eat of the **flesh** of the son of Man
and drink of his blood, and drink of his blood,
you shall not have life with in you
And I will raise them up....

I am the Resurrection, I am the life,
those who believe in me,
even though they die they shall live for ever.
And I will raise them up....

Yes, Lord, I believe
that you are the Christ,
the Son of God,
who have come into the world.
And I will raise them up....

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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.

...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

As this broken bread was once many grains,
which have been gathered together and made one
bread:
so may your Church be gathered from the ends of
the earth into your kingdom.

Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.
Come, let us celebrate the feast.

Draw near with faith, to feed on Christ in your
hearts with thanksgiving.

Communion is shared

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: We've a story to tell to the nations

We've a story to tell to the nations
We've a story to tell to the nations,
that shall turn their hearts to the right;
a story of truth and sweetness,
a story of peace and light,
a story of peace and light:

*For the darkness shall turn to dawning,
and the dawning to noon-day bright,
and Christ's great kingdom shall come on
earth,
the kingdom of love and light.*

We've a song to be sung to the nations,
that shall lift their hearts to the Lord;
a song that shall conquer evil,

**and shatter the spear and sword,
and shatter the spear and sword:**

For the darkness shall turn to dawning...

We've a message to give to the nations,
that the Lord who reigneth above
hath sent us His Son to save us,
and show us that God is love,
and show us that God is love:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning...

We've a Saviour to show to the nations,
who the path of sorrow hath trod,
that all of the world's great peoples,
might come to the truth of God,
might come to the truth of God:

For the darkness shall turn to dawning...

Colin Sterne

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the everlasting covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you what is pleasing in his sight;
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