

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: Because He lives

God sent his Son, they called Him Jesus;
He came to love, heal and forgive;
He lived and died to buy my pardon,
an empty grave is there to prove my Saviour lives.

*Because He lives I can face tomorrow;
because He lives all fear is gone;
because I know He holds the future,
and life is worth the living just because He lives*

How sweet to hold a new-born baby,
and feel the pride and joy he gives;
but greater still the calm assurance,
this child can face uncertain days because He
lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

And then one day I'll cross the river;
I'll **fight** life's **final** war with pain;
and then as death gives way to victory,
I'll see the lights of glory and I'll know He Lives.

Because He lives I can face tomorrow

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

'Those who love me will keep my word,' Jesus
promises, 'and my Father will love them, and we
will come to them and make our home with them.'

John 14.23

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

O God, you have prepared for those who love you
joys beyond our understanding: pour into our

hearts such love for you, that, loving you above all
else, we may obtain your promises that exceed all
we can desire; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who
is alive 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: Acts 17:22-31

Hymn: Morning has broken

Morning has broken like the **first** morning;
blackbird has spoken like the **first** bird.
Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning!
Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven,
like the **first** dewfall on the **first** grass.
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden,
sprung in completeness where His feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning
born of the one light Eden saw play!

**Praise with elation, praise every morning,
God's re-creation of the new day!**

Eleanor Farjeon

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Gospel reading: John 14:15-21

The Sermon

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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: Bless the Lord, O my soul

*Bless the Lord, O my soul;
O my soul, worship His holy name.
Sing like never before, O my soul.
I'll worship Your holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning;
it's time to sing Your song again.
Whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,
let me be singing when the evening comes.

Bless the Lord, O my soul

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,
Your name is great and Your heart is kind.
For all Your goodness, I will keep on singing;
ten thousand reasons for my heart to find.

Bless the Lord, O my soul

And on that day when my strength is failing,
**the end draws near and my time has come,
still my soul will sing Your praise unending:**
ten thousand years and then for evermore!

Bless the Lord, O my soul

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

We thank you that you gave us back the Risen One...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that in baptism...

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.

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: Teach me to dance

*Teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart,
teach me to move in the power of Your Spirit,
teach me to walk in the light of Your presence,
teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.*

*Teach me to love with Your heart of compassion,
teach me to trust in the word of Your promise,
teach me to hope in the day of Your coming,
teach me to dance to the beat of Your heart.*

You wrote the rhythm of life,
created Heaven and earth;
in You is joy without measure.
So like a child in Your sight,
I dance to see Your delight
for I was made for Your pleasure, pleasure.

Teach me to dance ...

Let all my movements express
a heart that loves to say 'yes',
a will that leaps to obey You.
Let all my energy blaze
to see the joy in Your face,
let my whole being praise You, praise You.

Teach me to dance ...

Graham Kendrick
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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