

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 still for the presence of the Lord

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before Him now
with reverence and fear:
in Him no sin is found –
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
He burns with holy fire,
with splendour He is crowned:
how awesome is the sight –
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
He comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister His grace –
no work too hard for Him.
In faith receive from Him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

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

This is eternal life, that we may know you, the only
true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent.

John 17.3

The Ministry of the Word

Prayers for the day

God of majesty, you led the Messiah through
suffering into the risen life, and took him up into
the glory of heaven: clothe us with the power
promised from on high, and send us forth to the
ends of the earth as heralds of repentance and
witnesses of Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the
dead, who lives with you now and always. Amen

O God, whose Son, Jesus, prayed for his disciples,
and sent them into the world to proclaim the
coming of your kingdom: by your Holy Spirit, hold
the Church in unity, and keep it faithful to your
word, so that, breaking bread together, we may be
one with Christ in faith and love and service, 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 1:1-14

Hymn: Jesus, name above all names

Jesus, name above all names,
beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord;
Emmanuel, God is with us,
blessed Redeemer, living Word.

Gospel reading: Luke 24:44-53

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

Christ has entered heaven itself, there to appear
before God on our behalf..

A pause for reflection

Let us therefore draw near in full assurance of
faith, and confess our sins to the God of grace.

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: Will you come and follow me?

Will you come and follow me,
if I but call your name
Will go where you don't know
and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown,
will you let my name be known?
will you let my life be grown
in you and you in me?

Will you leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?

**Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,**
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside

and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.
In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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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

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: At the name of Jesus

At the name of Jesus every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess Him King of glory now.
this the Father's pleasure that we call Him Lord,
who from the beginning was the mighty Word.

Humbled for a season, to receive a name
from the lips of sinners unto whom He came;
Faithfully He bore it spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death He passed.

In your hearts enthrone him,
there let him make new
all that is not holy, all that is not true.
He is God the Saviour, he is Christ the Lord,
ever to be worshipped, trusted and adored.

When this same Lord Jesus shall appear again,
in His Father's glory, there with him to reign,
then may we adore Him, all before Him bow,
as our hearts confess Him King of glory now.

Caroline Maria Noel

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