

Sunday @ 9

2nd Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 7th June 2026

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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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Those who are well have no need of a physician,
but those who are sick. For I have come to call not
the righteous but sinners.

Matthew 9.12–13

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

O God, you have assured the human family of
eternal life through Jesus Christ our Saviour:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to
new life in him, 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: Romans 4:13-25

Hymn: Let there be love shared among us

Let there be love shared among us,
let there be love in our eyes;
may now Your love sweep this nation,
cause us, O Lord, to arise:

give us a fresh understanding
of brotherly love that is real;
let there be love shared among us,
let there be love.

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Gospel reading: Matthew 9:9-13, 18-25

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

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: Lord of creation

Lord of creation, to you be all praise!

Most mighty your working,
most wondrous your ways!
Your glory and might are beyond us to tell,
and yet in the heart of the humble you dwell.

Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom; your service is song;
and, held in your keeping, my weakness is strong.

Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind:
rich truth that surpasses our knowledge to find,
what eye has not seen
and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit
and shines from your word.

Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you for all you impart,
your love to inspire me, your counsel to guide,
your presence to shield me, whatever betide.

Lord of all being, I give you my all;
if ever I leave you I stumble and fall;
but, led in your service your word to obey,
I'll walk in your freedom to the end of the way.

Jack Copley Winslow

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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

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

Giver of life and love,
we thank you that in this heavenly banquet
you invigorate and renew us.
Living in the unity of the spirit,
may we boldly use your gifts
to continue your work in the 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: Lord of the dance

I danced in the morning
when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon
and the stars and the sun;
and I came down from heaven
and I danced on the earth,
at Bethlehem I had my birth:

*Dance then, wherever you may be;
I am the Lord of the dance, said he;
and I'll lead you all wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance
and they wouldn't follow me.

I danced for the fishermen, for James and John,
they came with me and the dance went on:

Dance then, ...

I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame:
the holy people said it was a shame.

They whipped and they stripped
and they hung me high,

and they left me there on a cross to die:

Dance then, ...

I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back.
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone;
but I am the dance and I still go on:

Dance then, ...

They cut me down and I leap up high,
I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you as you live in me:
I am the Lord of the dance said he:

Dance then, ...

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 ...

Amen

Dismissal

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