

Sunday @ 9

8th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 19th July 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 thou my vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art –
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, Be Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee, and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, thy child let me be;
Thou in me dwelling, and I one with Thee.

Be Thou my armour, my sword for the fight,
be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight;
Thou my soul's shelter, and Thou my high tower:
raise Thou me heavenward, O power of my power.

Riches I scorn and the world's empty praise,
thou my inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only the first in my heart;
high King of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, after victory won,
may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, I ruler of all.

*Gaelic c.8th cent. tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne
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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

You, O Lord, are a God merciful and gracious, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love and faithfulness.

Psalm 86.15

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

Saving God, in Jesus Christ you opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, 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: Genesis 28:10-19a

Hymn: Come, bless the Lord

Come, bless the Lord,
all ye servants of the Lord,
who stand by night
in the house of the Lord;
lift up your hands
in the holy place,
come, bless the Lord,
come, bless the Lord.

from Psalm 134

Gospel reading: Matthew 13:24-30,36-43

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: Teach me thy way

Teach me Thy way, O Lord,
teach me Thy way!
Thy gracious aid afford,
teach me Thy way!
Help me to walk aright,
more by faith, less by sight;
Lead me with heavenly light:
teach me Thy way!

When doubts and fears arise,
teach me Thy way!
When storms o'erspread the skies,
teach me Thy way!
Shine through the cloud and rain,
through sorrow, toil, and pain;
make Thou my pathway plain:
teach me Thy way!

Long as my life shall last,
teach me Thy way!
Where'er my lot be cast,
teach me Thy way!

**Until the race is run,
until the journey's done,
until the crown is won,
teach me Thy way!**

*Benjamin Mansell Ramsey
Daniel Schutte, © 1981 OCP Publications*

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

Father of all
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

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 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

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