



2025 - ' Following Jesus in Reconciliation '

Second Sunday Before Lent - God's resources - 23rd February 2025

Please Note! This service is also broadcast live on YouTube at 10:00am.

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Welcome and introduction

Please follow the service in the Green booklet

First Hymn - Indescribable

From the highest of heights to the depths of the sea
Creation's revealing Your majesty
From the colours of Fall to the fragrance of Spring
Ev'ry creature unique in the song that it sings
All exclaiming

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untameable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
As we humbly proclaim
You are amazing God

Who has told ev'ry lightning bolt where it should go
Or seen heavenly storehouses laden with snow
Who imagined the sun and gives source to its light
Yet conceals it to bring us the coolness of night
None can fathom

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
All powerful untameable
Awestruck we fall to our knees
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You are amazing God

You are amazing God

Indescribable uncontainable
You placed the stars in the sky
And You know them by name
You are amazing God
Incomparable unchangeable
You see the depths of my heart
And You love me the same
You are amazing God

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever, **Amen.**

First Reading

Acts 4 : 31—35

³¹ After they prayed, the place where they were meeting was shaken. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and spoke the word of God boldly.

³² All the believers were one in heart and mind. No one claimed that any of their possessions was their own, but they shared everything they had.

³³ With great power the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all ³⁴ that there were no needy persons among them. For from time to time those who owned land or houses sold them, brought the money from the sales ³⁵ and put it at the apostles' feet, and it was distributed to anyone who had need.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace (Repeat)

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Gospel Reading

Luke 21 : 1— 4

Alleluia, alleluia

The word of the Lord endures for ever.
The word of the Lord is the good news
announced to you.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ As Jesus looked up, he saw the rich putting their gifts into the temple treasury. ² He also saw a poor widow put in two very small copper coins. ³ "Truly I tell you," he said, "this poor widow has put in more than all the others. ⁴ All these people gave their gifts out of their wealth; but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you, O Christ.

Hymn during preparation of the Table

Take my life, and let it be

Consecrated, Lord, to thee;
Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands, and let them move
At the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet, and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice, and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips, and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my silver and my gold;
Not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect, and use
Every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will, and make it thine:
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart : it is thine own;
It shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my Lord, I pour
At thy feet its treasure-store.
Take myself, and I will be
Ever, only, all for thee.

We do not pass a collection plate during the Offertory, but if you would like to make a donation to support the work, ministry and maintenance of the Parish, there is provision at the back of church for donations in cash, weekly envelopes, by bank card or mobile phone using the reader at the back of the church. Thank you.

The choir will sing during the distribution of Communion

Final Hymn

All my hope on God is founded;

He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore,
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty Giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from earth to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Organ voluntary :

Third movement (chorale) of the cantata "Gott, der Herr, is Sonn' und Schild" (BWV 79)

- JS Bach (1685-1750), arranged by
Martin Weyer (1938- 2016)

Longridge Band In concert

in St. Paul's Church

Sunday 9th March, 2025 at 2.30pm

Proceeds in support of the St. Lawrence
Lychgate Restoration Appeal.

Tickets on the door £10

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Josephine (Josie) Roberts
Hilda Collis (formerly Marle)
Hilary McCabe
Carole Freeman
Sheila Wignall



The Well -

Prayer for Growth and Renewal

Next meeting Monday 17th March,
7.30-8.30pm.

*"Now the Lord has given us room and
we will flourish in the land."*

Genesis 26:22

Brew Time

Every Wednesday from 8.50am-11am
in St Paul's Centenary Room.
Serving tea, coffee, toast, crumpets and cakes!
There's always a warm and
friendly welcome.
Do join us we would love to see you.
Kath & Jacqui, Bev & John

The Difference Course

This course is part of our
'Following Jesus in Reconciliation'

Vision emphasis this year.

The course will run for five consecutive

**Thursday nights from 6th March to
3rd April at St. Paul's Church.**

For more details, see page 4 of the
February Log, or speak to either
Rev. Mike or Rev. Simon

Welcome Cafe

Meet weekly on Wednesdays during
the school term in St. Paul's Church
Centenary Room 3:00- 5:00pm



St Lawrence
with **St Paul**
Longridge

Next Sunday's Services - March 2nd 2025-(God's Heart) - Next before Lent

10:00am 'Service of Holy Communion' including children's Church
at St. Paul's Church/Live stream

6.30pm 'Service of Evensong at St. Lawrence's Church

Wednesday March 5th 2025- Ash Wednesday Service

7:30pm at St. Paul's church

