



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

A SERVICE OF
HOLY COMMUNION

for

*Mothering
Sunday*

at 10.00am on Sunday 30th March 2025

at St Paul's Church, Longridge

with special thanks to the

Mother's Union

THE WELCOME

OPENING HYMN

All creatures of our God and King,
Lift up your voice and with us sing
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou burning sun with golden beam,
Thou silver moon with softer gleam,
*O praise him, O praise him,
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!*

Thou rushing wind that art so
strong,
Ye clouds that sail in heaven along,
O praise him, alleluia!
Thou rising morn, in praise rejoice,
Ye lights of evening, find a voice;
O praise him...

Thou flowing water, pure and clear,
Make music for thy Lord to hear,
Alleluia, alleluia!
Thou fire so masterful and bright,
That givest man both
warmth and light,
O praise him...

Let all things their Creator bless,
And worship him in humbleness;
O praise him, alleluia!
Praise, praise the Father,
praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One;
O praise him...

THE GATHERING

A minister greets the people with these words:

In the name of the Father, and
of the Son, and of the Holy
Spirit.

All: Amen

The Lord be with you

All: and also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Loving, compassionate Father,
As a mother hen gathers her
chicks, so you draw the whole
human family to yourself.

Bring us together now, Lord,
that we may today and forever
be united under your wing
in all our sorrows and joys.

All: Amen

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Hear the words of comfort our
Saviour Christ says to all who truly
turn to him: Come to me, all who
labour and are heavy laden, and I
will give you rest.

Matthew 11.28

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

Come let us return to the Lord and
say:

*All: Lord our God, in our sin we
have avoided your call. Our
love for you is like a morning
cloud, like the dew that goes
away early. Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and
revive us; in Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen.*

THE ABSOLUTION

The president says

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

THE COLLECT

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **Amen**

The children and leaders go to the Centenary Room for their activities with a prayer.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

NEW TESTAMENT READING

COLOSSIANS 3:12-17

THEREFORE, AS GOD'S chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience. Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you. And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful. Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts. And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HYMN

God is our strength and refuge,
Our present help in trouble;
And we therefore will not fear,
Though the earth should change!
Though mountains shake
and tremble,
Though swirling floods are raging,
God the Lord of hosts
Is with us evermore!

There is a flowing river,
Within God's holy city;
God is in the midst of her -
She shall not be moved!
God's help is swiftly given,
Thrones vanish at His presence -
God the Lord of hosts
Is with us evermore!

Come, see the works of our Maker,
Learn of His deeds all-powerful;
Wars will cease across the world
When He shatters the spear!
Be still and know your Creator,
Uplift Him in the nations -
God the Lord of hosts
Is with us evermore!

THE GOSPEL READING

LUKE 1:46-55

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

AND MARY SAID: "My soul glorifies
the Lord and my spirit rejoices
in God my Savior, for he has been
mindful of the humble state of his
servant.

From now on all generations will
call me blessed, for the Mighty One
has done great things for me— holy is
his name. His mercy extends to those
who fear him, from generation to
generation.

He has performed mighty deeds
with his arm; he has scattered
those who are proud in their inmost
thoughts. He has brought down
rulers from their thrones but has
lifted up the humble.

He has filled the hungry with
good things but has sent the rich
away empty. He has helped his
servant Israel, remembering to
be merciful to Abraham and his
descendants forever, just as he
promised our ancestors."

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

THE SERMON

THE CREED

Let us declare our faith in God.

All: We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Father of mercy and God of all consolation, turn your gaze towards us as we humbly lift our prayers to you saying: Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love.

We praise and glorify you for your steadfast love and the nurture of all your children. Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love.

We thank you for the body of your Church and we pray you will teach us how to console and cherish each other as followers of your beloved Son. Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love

May the voices of all Christians be united as one voice, proclaiming a message of love and hope. Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love

May your Spirit of Truth enrich our Bible reading and prayer with the light of your wisdom. Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love

May the circle of your love close around those whose relationships are broken and in need of your healing. Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love

May the light of Christ shine into the darkness of injustice and suffering. Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love

Teach us to hold pain with the compassion and grace of our Lord Jesus Christ. Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love

As we remember Maureen Clarke, Ellen Halliday and Hilary Hough, may the faithful departed know the fulfilment of their hope as you receive them into your Kingdom to live with you forever and ever. Abide in our hearts

All: Show us your love

May you fill our hearts with the assurance that our prayers will rise up to you as a fragrant offering and be pleasing to you.

Merciful Father,

All: accept these prayers for the sake of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Blessed are the peacemakers:
they shall be called children of
God. We meet in the name of
Christ and share his peace.
May the peace of the Lord be
always with you.

*All: **And also with you.***

Let us offer one another a sign
of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace

*We do not pass a collection plate during
the service, 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 HYMN

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord;
Unnumbered blessings
give my spirit voice;
Tender to me the promise
of His word;
In God my Saviour shall
my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of His name!
Make known His might,
the deeds His arm has done;
His mercy sure, from age to age
the same;
His Holy name - the Lord,
the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of His might!
Powers and dominions
lay their glory by;
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
The hungry fed,
the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul,
the glories of His word!
Firm is His promise,
and His mercy sure:
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
To children's children
and for evermore!

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

*All: **His Spirit is with us.***

Lift up your hearts.

*All: **We lift them to the Lord.***

Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God.

*All: **It is right to give thanks and
praise.***

Almighty God, good Father to us
all, your face is turned towards
your world. In love you gave us
Jesus your Son to rescue us from
sin and death. Your Word goes
out to call us home to the city
where angels sing your praise.
We join with them in heaven's
song:

*All: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God
of power and might, heaven
and earth are full of your
glory. Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.***

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean. This is his story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is his story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

All: **This is our song:
Hosanna in the highest.**

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire. May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All: **Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All: **Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come,
thy will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those who
trespass against us. Lead
us not into temptation but
deliver us from evil. For the
kingdom, the power, and the
glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

The President breaks the consecrated bread

We break this bread to share in
the body of Christ

**All: Though we are many, we
are one body because we all
share in the one bread.**

THE AGNUS DEI

**All: Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, have
mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, have
mercy on us.**

**Lamb of God, you take away
the sins of the world, grant us
peace.**

GIVING OF COMMUNION

The president invites the people to communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy
people.

**All: Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus
Christ is Lord, to the glory of
God the Father.**

*The president and people receive communion
as the stewards direct.*

The Choir will sing during Communion.

PRAYERS AFTER COMMUNION

Silence is kept.

**All: 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 firm in the hope you
have set before us, so we and
all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to
praise your name; through
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The children share what they have been doing.

THE DISMISSAL AND NOTICES

*During the final hymn, daffodils will be
distributed to all the ladies in the congregation.
We are grateful to the Mother's Union for all
their hard work and support throughout the year
and in this instance for sourcing and donating
these flowers. Thank you.*

FINAL HYMN:

Now thank we all our God,
With heart and hands and voices,
Who wondrous things hath done,
In whom his world rejoices;
Who from our mother's arms
Hath blessed us on our way
With countless gifts of love,
And still is ours to-day.

O may this bounteous God
Through all our life be near us,
With ever joyful hearts
And blessed peace to cheer us;
And keep us in his grace,
And guide us when perplexed,
And free us from all ills
In this world and the next.

All praise and thanks to God
The Father now be given,
The Son, and him who reigns
With them in highest heaven,
The one eternal God,
Whom earth and heaven adore,
For thus it was, is now,
And shall be evermore.

M. RINKART (1586 - 1649) Tr. Catherine Winkworth (1829 - 78)

THE BLESSING

Great God, you are one God,
and you bring together what
is scattered and mend what is
broken.

**All: Unite us with the scattered
peoples of the earth that we
may be one family of your
children.**

**Bind up all our wounds and
heal us in spirit, that we may
be renewed as disciples of
Jesus Christ, our Master and
Saviour.**

And the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit, be among
you and remain with you
always.

All: Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

*An organ voluntary: Scherzoso from Sonata
No. 8 - JG Rheinberger (1839 - 1901) will be
played by Paul Warren.*

*After the service, tea and coffee will be served
in the Centenary Room, all are welcome to stay
for a brew and a chat.*

Lent and Easter

at St Lawrence with St Paul's



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Sun 6 April, 10am (St Paul's Church)

Holy Communion with Passion readings from Mark's Gospel

Sun 13 April, 10am (St Paul's Church)

All Together Palm Sunday Service

Sun 13 April, 6:30pm (St Wilfrid's Church)

Churches Together Palm Sunday Service

Mon 14 April, 7:30pm (St Paul's Church)

Monday Compline

Tues 15 April, 7:30pm (St Paul's Church)

Tuesday Compline

Weds 16 April, 7:30pm (St Paul's Church)

Tenebrae Service (Shadows)

Thurs 17 April, 7:30pm (St Paul's Church)

Maundy Thursday Service followed by 'The Watch'.

Compline then follows afterwards

Fri 18 April, 10am (St Paul's Church)

All Together Good Friday Service

Fri 18 April, 1.45pm

Good Friday Walk. Followed by meal at St Paul's Church

Sun 20 April, 8am (St Lawrence Church)

Easter Morning Holy Communion

Sun 20 April, 10am (St Paul's Church)

All Together Easter Day

Holy Communion Service

Sun 20 April, 6.30pm (St Lawrence Church)

Easter Songs of Praise.



Those Departed

REST IN PEACE

Maureen Clarke ~ Ellen Halliday
Hilary Hough

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

TUESDAY CLUB

Tickets are now on sale for our
party night on the 8th April
which starts with a buffet meal at 6.30pm
followed by entertained by
Garstang Ukelele Band.

This is an open evening when
we invite the wider parish –
so do join us and bring a friend along.

**Tickets from Dot Little 783998 – price £12
including food and entertainment.**

WELCOME CAFE

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

Churches Together in Longridge & District Lenten Lunches (Wednesdays) 2025

The Lenten Lunches on the 2nd April
is being hosted in St. Paul's
Centenary Room between 12 noon and 1pm

NEXT SUNDAY'S SERVICES | April 6th – Lent 5 (Passiontide begins)

10am Passiontide Readings at St. Paul's Church with live stream

6:30pm Service of Evensong at St. Lawrence Church

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