



**ST. LAURENCE CHURCH
THE PARISH EUCHARIST
ZOOM SERVICE CELEBRATED IN
CELTIC STYLE**

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Wearing your face masks is now optional. Thank you.

As we gather and prepare to join in worship together, music is played on the organ.

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

**At the Name of Jesus
Every knee shall bow,
Every tongue confess Him
King of glory now.
'Tis the father's pleasure**

**We should call Him Lord,
Who from the beginning
Was the mighty Word.**

**At His voice creation
Sprang at once to sight,
All the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
Thrones and dominions,
Stars upon their way,
All the heavenly orders
In their great array.**

**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.**

**Bore it up triumphant
With its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures,
To the central height;
To the throne of Godhead,
To the Father's breast,
Filled it with glory
Of that perfect rest.**

**Name Him, brothers, name Him,
with love strong as death
But with awe and wonder,
and with bated breath!
He is God the Saviour,**

**He is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
trusted and adored.**

**In your hearts enthrone Him;
There let Him subdue
All that is not holy,
All that is not true.
Crown Him as your Captain
In temptation's hour;
Let His will enfold you
In its light and power.**

**Christians this Lord Jesus
Shall return again
With His Father's glory,
With His angel train;
For all wreaths of empire
Meet upon His brow,
And our hearts confess Him
King of Glory now.**

Welcome/The Gathering

Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,
the broken and breaking, the tired
and aching, who long for the
nourishment found at your feast.

Gather us in

The done and the doubting, the
wishing and wondering, the puzzled
and pondering, who long for your
company, found at your feast.

Gather us in

The proud and pretentious the sure
and superior the never inferior who

long for the levelling found at your
feast

Gather us in

The bright and the bustling, the
stirrers, the shakers, the kind
laughter makers who long for the
deeper joys found at your feast

Gather us in

From corner or limelight, from
mansion or campsite, from fears and
obsession, from tears and
depression, from untold excesses,
from treasured successes; to meet, to
eat, to be given a seat; be joined to
the vine; be offered new wine;
become like the least; be found at
the feast

Gather us in!

Confession

Create a clean heart within me, O
God, so that it may become your
chosen shelter and the resting place
of the Holy Spirit. I take the cross
upon me, over the tablet of my heart,
and I beseech the living God of the
universe, may the light of lights
come to my dark hard heart so that I
may live in the power of your love.

Amen.

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. Amen

Collect

Almighty God, you have made us for yourself, and our hearts are restless till they find their rest in you: pour your love into our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so bring us at last to your heavenly city where we shall see you face to face; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Gospel - Mark 9:38-50

“Teacher,” said John, “we saw someone driving out demons in your name and we told him to stop, because he was not one of us.”

“Do not stop him,” Jesus said. “For no one who does a miracle in my name can in the next moment say anything bad about me, for whoever is not against us is for us. Truly I tell you, anyone who gives you a cup of water in my name because you belong to the Messiah will certainly not lose their reward.

“If anyone causes one of these little ones—those who believe in me—to stumble, it would be better for them if a large millstone were hung around their neck and they were thrown into the sea. If your hand causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life maimed than with two hands to go into hell, where the fire never goes out. And if your foot causes you to stumble, cut it off. It is better for you to enter life crippled than to have two feet and be thrown into hell. And if your eye causes you to stumble, pluck it out. It is better for you to enter the kingdom of God with one eye than to have two eyes and be thrown into hell, where

“the worms that eat them do not die, and the fire is not quenched.’ Everyone will be salted with fire.

“Salt is good, but if it loses its saltiness, how can you make it salty again? Have salt among yourselves, and be at peace with each other.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord,
Praise to you, O Christ.

Reflection

Affirmation of Faith

There is no other God, there never was and there never will be, than God the Father, unbegotten and without beginning, the Lord of the universe, as we have been taught. And His son Jesus Christ, whom we declare to have always been with the Father in a way that baffles description. He was made man, defeated death and received into heaven by the Father and given power over all names, in heaven, on earth and under the earth.

We believe in Him and look for His coming soon as a judge of all, treating everyone according to their faith and deeds. He has poured out His Spirit on us in abundance, the gift and guarantee of eternal life. We acknowledge and adore Him as one God in the Trinity of the Holy Name. Amen.

The Prayers of the Church led by Peter Wyllie

As servants and prophets in our Lord we intercede for the Church and world in, with, and through Christ the Saviour. We pray:

For fidelity to Jesus' love of his Father and of every child of God; for his guidance in serving them

Lord, in your mercy .. Hear our prayer

For observance of God's laws of nature and of revelation; for obedience to legitimate authority, For parents, teachers, and everyone who leads us to discover and promote truth

Lord, in your mercy .. Hear our prayer

For doctors, nurses, and all servants of God's gift of life; for the unborn; for the handicapped, the ageing, the dying,

Lord, in your mercy .. Hear our prayer

For an end to drug trafficking and its violence here and abroad

Lord, in your mercy .. Hear our prayer

For resolution of the war in the Near and Middle east; for the safety of civilians and the military; for an end to oppressive regimes and terrorism

Lord, in your mercy .. Hear our prayer

For our sick and all who suffer in mind, body and spirit

Lord, in your mercy .. Hear our prayer

We pray for:

Those recently departed:

Those whose Years' Mind occur this month:

Harry Sidebottom, Gladys Bridgland, Jamie Hiscock, Carolyn Horner, Pat Hodges, Ivy Fawcett, Michael Kilby, Iris Weeks, Peggy Richardson, Geoffrey Pynegar, Michael Wright, George Maskell, Olive Boulton, Michael Brown, Richard Thompson, James Little, Adam Zamoyki.

Lord, in your mercy...Hear our prayer

We keep a time of silence as we offer to God our own particular prayers and petitions

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen.

So, in the presence of the Bread of Life who refused food for himself in order to nourish others, we deepen our devotion by praying His words:

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us, and lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

**For the beauty of the earth,
For the glory of the skies,
For the love which from our birth
Over and around us lies.**

Refrain:

**Lord of all, to you we raise,
This our sacrifice of praise.**

**For the beauty of each hour
Of the day and of the night,
Hill and vale, and tree and flower,
Sun and moon, and stars of light.
Refrain**

**For the joy of human love,
Brother, sister, parent child.
Friends on earth and friends
above,
For all gentle thoughts and mild.
Refrain**

**For your Church that evermore
Lift its holy hands above,
Off'ring up on ev'ry shore
A pure sacrifice of love.
Refrain**

**For yourself, O Gift Divine!
To our world so freely giv'n;
For that love, from which will
shine,
Peace on earth and joy in heav'n.
Refrain**

Prayer of Adoration

Heaven is here, and earth and the
space between them is thin.
Distance may divide, but Christ's
promise unites those bounded by
time, those blessed by eternity.
Let heaven be glad;
Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the
Church above and below is one.
Peter is here, and Paul, Martha and
all the Mary's, the saints from far
back and those who left us not long
ago. And only sight prevents us

from seeing them, one with us on the
other side.

Let heaven be glad
Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Heaven is here, and earth, and the
God who made them is present. The
lamb, glorious on the throne, sits
beside us; the Spirit of God, the
Dove makes her resting place among
us.

God inhales the breath of our
prayers and spreads a table for our
satisfaction.

Let heaven be glad.
Let the whole earth cry GLORY!

Blessing and honour and glory and
power be to our God for ever and
ever.

Amen!

The Invitation

He was always the guest. In the
homes of Peter and Jairus, Martha
and Mary, Joanna and Susanna. At
the meal tables of the wealthy where
he pleaded the case of the poor, he
was always the guest. Upsetting
polite company, befriending isolated
people; welcoming the stranger, he
was always the guest.

But here, at this table, He is the host.
Those who wish to serve Him must
first be served by Him, those who
wish to follow Him, must first be fed

by Him, those who would wash His feet, must first let Him make them clean.

For this is the table where God intends us to be nourished.

This is the time when God can make us new.

So come, you who hunger and thirst for a deeper faith, a better life, a fairer world. Jesus Christ who has sat at our tables, now invites us to be guests at His.

The Story

What we do here, we do in imitation of what Christ first did. To his followers in every age, Jesus gave an example and command rooted in the experience he shared with his disciples in an upstairs room in Jerusalem.

On the night when he was betrayed, as they were sitting at a meal, Jesus took a piece of bread and broke it, he gave it to the disciples saying ‘This is my body. It is broken for you.

Do this to remember me.’

Later after they had eaten, he took a cup of wine and said ‘This cup is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Drink this all of you, to remember me.’

So now, we do as Jesus did. We take this bread and this wine, the produce of the earth and fruit of human labour. In these Jesus has promised

to be present; through these, Christ can make us whole.

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I’ll ever have, I offer now
to you.**

**Take and sanctify these gifts
for your honour, Lord.**

**Knowing that I love and serve you
is enough reward.**

**All that I am, all that I do,
all that I’ll ever have I offer now
to you.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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**

It is indeed right for you made us, and before you made us you made the world we inhabit, and before the world you made the eternal home in which, through Christ we have a place.

All that is spectacular, all that is plain have their origin in you; all that is lovely, all who are loving point to you as their fulfilment. And

grateful as we are for the world we know and the universe beyond our ken, we particularly praise you, whom eternity cannot contain, for coming to earth and entering time in Jesus.

For his life which informs our living, for his compassion which changes our hearts, for his clear speaking which contradicts our harmless generalities, for his disturbing presence, his innocent suffering, his fearless dying, his rising to life breathing forgiveness, we praise you and worship him.

Here too our gratitude rises for the promise of the Holy Spirit, who even yet, even now, confronts us with your claims and attracts us to your goodness. Therefore we gladly join our voices to the song of the Church on earth and in heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit,
come and fill our hearts anew,
Holy Spirit.
And we lift our voice before you as
a token of our love,
Holy Spirit, Holy Spirit.**

And now, lest we believe that our praise alone fulfils your purpose, we fall silent and remember him who came because words weren't enough.

Setting our wisdom, our will, our words aside, emptying our hearts and bringing nothing in our hands, we yearn for the healing, the holding, the accepting, the forgiving which Christ alone can offer... Merciful God, send now in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle on this bread and wine and fill them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us, converting us from the patterns of this passing world, until we conform to the shape of Him whose food we now share. **Amen.**

Among friends, gathered round a table, Jesus took bread and broke it, and said, 'This is my body—broken for you'.

Later he took a cup of wine and said 'This is the new relationship with God made possible because of my death. Take it, all of you, to remember me.'

He whom the universe could not contain, is present to us in this bread. He who redeemed us and called us by name now meets us in this cup. So take this bread and this wine. In them God comes to us so that we may come to God.

**Holy, holy, holy, holy.
Holy, holy, Lord God almighty!
And we lift our hearts before you
as a token of our love:
holy, holy, holy, holy.**

**A Prayer as we join with those
watching and worshipping with us
on Zoom**

**My Jesus, I believe that you are
present in the most Blessed
Sacrament. I love You above `all
things and I desire to receive you
into my soul. Since I cannot now
receive You sacramentally, come at
least spiritually into my heart. I
embrace You as if You were
already there, and unite myself
wholly to You. Never permit me to
be separated from You. Amen.**

**The Distribution of Communion
Please remain in your place.
Communion will be brought to
you.**

**Please hold out your open hands
and the sacrament will be gently
dropped into them by the Vicar in
silence. This is the only way you are
allowed to receive communion at
present.**

**At this time of infectious disease,
Communion is distributed IN ONE
KIND ONLY. The Church of
England, together with the whole
Catholic Church, teaches that, in
receiving in one kind, the entirety
of the Sacrament of our Lord's
Body and Blood is received.**

Hymn during Communion

**According to Thy gracious word,
In meek humility,
This will I do, my dying Lord,
I will remember Thee.**

**Thy body, broken for my sake,
My bread from Heaven shall be;
The testamental cup I take,
And thus remember Thee.**

**Gethsemane can I forget?
Or there Thy conflict see,
Thine agony, and bloody sweat,
And not remember Thee?**

**When to the cross I turn mine eyes,
And rest on Calvary,
O Lamb of God, my sacrifice,
I must remember Thee.**

**Remember Thee, and all Thy pains
And all Thy love to me;**

**Yea, while a breath, a pulse
remains,
Will I remember Thee.**

**And when these failing lips grow
dumb
And mind and memory flee,
When Thou shalt in Thy kingdom
come,
Jesus, remember me.**

Post Communion Collect

**Lord, we pray that your grace may
always precede and follow us, and
make us continually to be given to
all good works; through Jesus
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Peace

Christ who has nourished us, is our
peace. Strangers and friends, male
and female, old and young. He has
broken down the barriers to bind us
to him and to each other. Having
tasted His goodness, let us share his
peace.

The peace of the Lord be always
with you.
And also with you.

The Peace is shared.

**In gratitude, in deep gratitude for
this moment, this meal, these peo-
ple, we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed peo-
ple because we have shared the
Living Bread and cannot remain
the same.**

**Ask much of us, expect much from
us, enable much by us and encour-
age many by us. So Lord may we
live to your glory, both as inhabit-
ants of earth and citizens of the
commonwealth of heaven.
Amen.**

Benediction

On our heads and our homes
The blessing of God
In our coming and going
The Peace of God
In our life and believing
The Love of God
Be with us all
**Today until the end of time.
Amen.**

The Blessing

God, who from the death of sin
raised you to new life in Christ, keep
you from falling and set you in the
presence of his glory; and the bless-
ing ...

Hymn (Please stand if you are able)

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father.*

There is no shadow of turning with thee.

Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not.

As thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Refrain:

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Morning by morning new mercies I see.

All I have needed thy hand hath provided.

Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

**Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love. (Refrain)**

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow;**

blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! (Refrain)

**The Lord be with you
And also with you.**

**Let us bless the Lord
Thanks be to God**

**May the divine assistance remain with us always.
And with all our brothers and sisters in Christ.**

**May the souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God, rest in peace. And rise in glory.
Amen. Alleluia Alleluia**

