



**ST LAURENCE
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BURY**

**THE PARISH EUCHARIST
28.5.2023 - PENTECOST SUNDAY**

*Welcome to St Laurence, whether you regularly worship here or are here for the first time. If you have children, they are welcome to use the area at the back of the church under **Parental** supervision There are toilet facilities at the back of the church.*

*The Zoom details are:
Meeting ID: 457 244 0784
Passcode: 5i1UCa*

The sidesmen are Sarah and Charles Vernede

INTROIT HYMN:

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.

The Lord be with you

And also with you.

WE GATHER

The Priest welcomes the congregation and introduces the theme of the Service.

(Silence is kept)

PRAYER OF PREPARATION

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden:

cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name;

through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Amen.

PRAYER OF PENITENCE

The Priest introduces the Prayer of Penitence

My brothers and sisters, as we prepare to celebrate the presence of Christ in word and sacrament, let us call to mind and confess our sins.

(Silence is kept)

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

We sing:

**Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

**Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy**

**Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

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.

We sing:

GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

***Glory to God, Glory to God,
Glory to God in the highest.***

Glory to God in the highest
And peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,

almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Glory to God

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

Glory to God

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father.

Glory to God

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Let us pray:

God, who as at this time taught the hearts of your faithful people by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit: grant us by the same Spirit to have a right judgement in all things and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort; through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD
(Please sit)

The first reading read by Clive Dewing

'A reading from the book of Acts

When the time for Pentecost was fulfilled, they were all in one place together. And suddenly there came from the sky a noise like a strong driving wind, and it filled the entire house in which they were. Then there appeared to them tongues as of fire, which parted and came to rest on each one of them. And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different tongues, as the Spirit enabled them to proclaim.

Now there were devout Jews from every nation under heaven staying in Jerusalem. At this sound, they gathered in a large crowd, but they were confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. They were astounded, and in amazement they asked, "Are not all these people who are speaking Galileans? Then how does each of us hear them in his native language? We are Parthians, Medes, and Elamites, inhabitants of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the districts of Libya near Cyrene, as well as travellers from Rome, both Jews and converts to Judaism, Cretans and Arabs, yet we hear them speaking in our own tongues of the mighty acts of God."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

GRADUAL HYMN:

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love the way you love,
and do what you would do.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
until my heart is pure,
until my will is one with yours,
to do and to endure.

Breathe on me, Breath of God,
so shall I never die,
but live with you the perfect life
for all eternity.

THE GOSPEL READING

We sing:

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts
of your faithful and kindle in them
the fire of your love.

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus
Christ according to John
Glory to you, O Lord.

On the evening of that first day of
the week, when the doors were
locked, where the disciples were,
for fear of the Jews, Jesus came
and stood in their midst and said
to them, "Peace be with you."
When he had said this, he
showed them his hands and his
side. The disciples rejoiced when

they saw the Lord. Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you." And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit. Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them, and whose sins you retain are retained."

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

REFLECTION

WE AFFIRM OUR FAITH

We stand to say

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into

heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION.

**Prayers led by Robin Crowther
(Please sit/kneel)**

Mighty God, as we are gathered together here in hope and in faith, we ask you to minister to our needs. Send the Holy Spirit to fill the hearts of your faithful people and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Lord, in your Mercy: **Hear our Prayer**

Holy God, we pray for our church leaders, that they will be guided in their ministry by the influence of the Holy Spirit and that the Church, in the power of the Spirit, may make the Gospel understandable to people of every race, language,

and culture. That the Holy Spirit of Peace may unite and reconcile the peoples and nations of the earth, bringing an end to war, hatred, and discrimination.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Faithful God, we pray for our community that each of us will be open to the opportunities to give of our individual talents enabling each church group to flourish as a witness to the "One Body" of the church. We pray that each baptised Christian may develop more fully his or her response to all the gifts which the Spirit bestows for the service of the Body of Christ,

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Blessed Lord, we continue to pray for King Charles and all members of the Royal family. May all things belonging to the Holy Spirit continue to live and grow in them,

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Father God we pray for your world and its peoples with all their needs, questions and longings. So often we struggle to understand the reasons behind acts of terrorism ; and yet we know that in the midst of such events your love is shown in the acts of bravery, selflessness and compassion which followed. We pray for all who suffer in such dreadful circumstances and for those who are tasked with rescue,

providing the medical and community support and, eventually, in the long task of reconstruction.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Loving God, we pray for all those who are sick; guide them and strengthen them through their illness. We pray also for those who care for the sick, those engaged in the caring professions and for family members who look after loved ones and especially for children who care for parents. Amongst the sick we pray for Gillian Robinson, Robbie Robinson, Eleanor Ash, Colin White, David Winston, Christian Jervis-Read, Jan Edwards, Jill Fitzpatrick, Geraldine Nurney, Don Buckle.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our prayer**

Merciful God, pray for all those who have died: give them a place at your banquet in heaven. May the Holy Spirit, who purifies us of sin and raises the dead, bring all our departed loved ones into the fullness of your presence. We pray for those recently departed: Roy Pringle, Joanna Baker, John Garlick. We remember those whose years' mind occur this month: Simon Edwards, Davis Cutmore, Stella Keaney, Alfred Scrivener, Anthony Smith, Sheila Pope, Thomas Weguelin, Henry Husey, Joscelyn Thompson, Grace Parsons, Albert Richard,

Mark Webber, Heather Murphy,
David Wood, Robert Botha, Vera
Boulton, Ione McEwen, Sylvia
Parkinson.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our
prayer**

Everlasting God, on this Day of
Pentecost, we rejoice in the
wonderful gift of your Spirit. Send
him again into our hearts, into our
lives, and into our world.

Lord in your mercy: **Hear our
prayer**

God of heaven and earth,
companion in life, Spirit of truth, to
you alone we turn our eyes and lift
our hearts. Help us as we go out
into the world to keep your
commandments and to love one
another as you love us.

Merciful Father: **accept these
prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour, Jesus Christ.
Amen**

THE PEACE

*We stand and the Priest
introduces the peace:*

The peace of the Lord be always
with you

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of
peace.

OFFERTORY HYMN:

Come down, O Love divine,
seek thou this soul of mine,
and visit it with thine own ardor
glowing;

O Comforter, draw near,
within my heart appear,
and kindle it, thy holy flame
bestowing.

O let it freely burn,
till earthly passions turn
to dust and ashes in its heat
consuming;
and let thy glorious light
shine ever on my sight,
and clothe me round, the while my
path illuming.

And so the yearning strong,
with which the soul will long,
shall far outpass the power of
human telling;
for none can guess its grace,
till Love create a place
wherein the Holy Spirit makes a
dwelling.

*The bread and wine are placed on
the altar.*

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all
creation. Through your goodness
we have this bread to offer which
earth has given and human
hands have made. It will become
for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed are you Lord, God of all
creation. Through your goodness
we have this wine to offer, fruit of
the vine and work of human
hands. It will become our
spiritual drink.

Blessed be God for ever.

Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that our sacrifice may be
acceptable to God, the almighty
Father.

**May the Lord accept the
sacrifice at your hands for the
praise and glory of his name,
for our good, and the good of
all his Church.**

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER

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 thanks and
praise.**

*The Priest continues with the
Eucharistic Prayer Preface and
then all sing:*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of
your glory.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in
the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna
in the highest.**

(Sit/kneel)

*The Priest continues, recalling and
remembering with us the Last
Supper..... then we sing:*

**Great is the mystery of faith:
Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

*At the End of the next Prayer we
respond*

Amen.

(Silence is kept)

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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.**

WE BREAK BREAD

*The Priest breaks the consecrated
bread, saying:*

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.
**Though we are many, we are
one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

We sing:

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

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

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

WE SHARE IN HOLY COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.

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.

If you are a communicant member of another church you are welcome to share with us in the Blessed Sacrament of the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ, (please indicate if you require a gluten free wafer.)

The Priest delivers the consecrated bread and wine saying:

The Body and Blood of Christ.

The communicant may reply Amen and then receive. We reply as an act of faith.

For a Personal Blessing and/or a Special Prayer only, please also go to the High Altar Rail.

The Chalice Bearers today are: Felicity Robinson and Peggy stone

HYMN DURING COMMUNION:

(Please remain seated)

Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire
and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art,
who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.

Thy blessed unction from above
is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light
the dullness of our mortal sight.

Teach us to know the Father, Son,

and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along
this may be our endless song:

Praise to thine eternal merit,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Prayers after Communion

Faithful God, who fulfilled the promises of Easter by sending us your Holy Spirit and opening to every race and nation the way of life eternal: open our lips by your Spirit, that every tongue may tell of your glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

WE GO IN CHRIST'S PEACE

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

The Priest pronounces a Blessing.
We respond **Amen**

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

Please sit for the Notices **RECESSIONAL HYMN**

Love divine, all loves excelling,
joy of heav'n, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling,
all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, thou art all compassion,
pure, unbounded love thou art.
Visit us with thy salvation;
enter ev'ry trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit
into ev'ry troubled breast.
Let us all in thee inherit,
let us find the promised rest.
Take away the love of sinning;
Alpha and Omega be.
End of faith, as its beginning,
set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty, to deliver,
let us all thy life receive.
Suddenly return, and never,
nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing,
serve thee as thy hosts above,
pray, and praise thee without ceasing,
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation;
true and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation
perfectly restored in thee.
Changed from glory into glory,

till in heav'n we take our place,
till we cast our crowns before
thee,
lost in wonder, love and praise.

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 de-
parted through the mercy of God,
rest in peace. **And rise in glory.
Amen.**

We listen to the Organ Voluntary

NOTICES

VILLAGE FETE HELP PLEASE

St Laurence Church have been asked to once again organise the Tea Stall at the Village Summer Fete, on Saturday 17th June. We need volunteers to help with setting up the stall, to serve the tea as well as donations of cakes, please. A sign-up sheet is available on the notice table - please

sign if you are able to help and indicate if you are able to donate cake. For further details speak to Sandra 754459

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The fete is timed from noon to late!

BOTTLES ARE WANTED FOR THE VILLAGE FETE ON

SATURDAY 17th JUNE – the church choir will be running a 'Bottle Tombola' at the fete and would like any type of filled 'bottle' for the tombola. There will be a collection box under the table at the side of the church.

WEDNESDAY EUCHARIST at

Bowles Lodge ~ 10.00a.m.

Please do join us.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME (PGS)

– please be reminded that the way the Church will be collecting and accounting for regular and / or planned giving changed from the end of April 2023. Information packs are available at the side of the church. Your participation in the new scheme is very much encouraged.

SUMMER SUNDAY LUNCH

PARTY – will be held on Sunday 25th June, from 12.30pm.

Tickets will be on sale from next Sunday, 4th June.

£10 adults & £5 children

Please bring a chair to sit on as
the lunch party will be held behind
the church.

A cash bar will be available.

AT YOUR SERVICE

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