



St Lawrence  
with St Paul  
Longridge

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## 2025 - 'Following Jesus in Reconciliation'

### *Second Sunday of Easter - 27th April 2025*

Pleas 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 Yellow coloured booklet*

### First Hymn

**Good Christian men, rejoice and sing!**

Now is the triumph of our King!

To all the world glad news we bring:

Alleluia!

The Lord of Life is risen for ay:

Bring flowers of song to strew his way;

Let all mankind rejoice and say

Alleluia!

Praise we in songs of victory

That Love, that Life, which cannot die,

And sing with hearts uplifted high

Alleluia!

Thy name we bless, O risen Lord,

And sing to-day with one accord

The life laid down, the life restored:

Alleluia!

*C. A. Alington (1872 - 1855)*

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### Collect

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

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### First Reading

**Revelation 1 : 4—8**

<sup>4</sup> John,

To the seven churches in the province of Asia:

Grace and peace to you from him who is, and who was, and who is to come, and from the seven spirits before his throne, <sup>5</sup> and from Jesus Christ, who is the faithful witness, the firstborn from the dead, and the ruler of the kings of the earth.

To him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by his blood, <sup>6</sup> and has made us to be a kingdom and priests to serve his God and Father—to him be glory and power for ever and ever! Amen.

<sup>7</sup> “Look, he is coming with the clouds,”  
and “every eye will see him,  
even those who pierced him”;  
and all peoples on earth “will  
mourn because of him.”  
So shall it be! Amen.

<sup>8</sup> “I am the Alpha and the Omega,” says  
the Lord God, “who is, and who was,  
and who is to come, the Almighty.”

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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### **Gradual Hymn**

**Lo, he comes with clouds descending,**  
Once for favoured sinners slain;  
Thousand thousand saints attending  
Swell the triumph of his train:  
Alleluia!  
Christ appears on earth to reign.

Every eye shall now behold him  
Robed in dreadful majesty;  
Those who set at naught and sold him,  
Pierced and nailed him to the Tree,  
Deeply wailing,  
Shall the true Messiah see.

Those dear tokens of his Passion  
Still his dazzling body bears,  
Cause of endless exultation  
To his ransomed worshippers:  
With what rapture  
Gaze we on those glorious scars!

Yea, Amen, let all adore thee,  
High on thine eternal throne;  
Saviour, take the power and glory,  
Claim the kingdom for thine own:  
Alleluia!  
Thou shalt reign, and thou alone.

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788) and  
John Cennick (1718-1755)*

## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 20: 19 –31**

Alleluia, Alleluia,

I am the first and the last, says the  
Lord, and the living one:

I was dead and behold I am alive for  
evermore.

### **Alleluia!**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus  
Christ according to John

### **Glory to you O Lord.**

<sup>19</sup> On the evening of that first day of  
the week, when the disciples were  
together, with the doors locked for  
fear of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came  
and stood among them and said,  
“Peace be with you!” <sup>20</sup> After he said  
this, he showed them his hands and  
side. The disciples were overjoyed  
when they saw the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> Again Jesus said, “Peace be with  
you! As the Father has sent me, I am  
sending you.” <sup>22</sup> And with that he  
breathed on them and said, “Receive  
the Holy Spirit. <sup>23</sup> If you forgive  
anyone’s sins, their sins are forgiven; if  
you do not forgive them, they are not  
forgiven.”

<sup>24</sup> Now Thomas (also known as  
Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not  
with the disciples when Jesus  
came. <sup>25</sup> So the other disciples told  
him, “We have seen the Lord!”  
But he said to them, “Unless I see the  
nail marks in his hands and put my  
finger where the nails were, and put  
my hand into his side, I will not  
believe.”

<sup>26</sup> A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you!" <sup>27</sup> Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe."

<sup>28</sup> Thomas said to him, "My Lord and my God!"

<sup>29</sup> Then Jesus told him, "Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

<sup>30</sup> Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. <sup>31</sup> But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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### Hymn during preparation of the Table

**The strife is o'er, the battle done;**

Now is the Victor's triumph won;

O let the song of praise be sung:

Alleluia!

Death's mightiest powers have done their worst,

And Jesus hath his foes dispersed;

Let shouts of praise and joy outburst:

Alleluia!

On the third morn he rose again

Glorious in majesty to reign;

O let us swell the joyful strain:

Alleluia!

Lord, by the stripes which wounded thee

From death's dread sting thy servants free,

That we may live, and sing to thee

Alleluia!

*Finita iam sunt praelia*

*(Latin probably 17<sup>th</sup> Cent.)*

*Translated by Francis Pott (1832-1909)*

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*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.*

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### The choir will sing during the distribution of Communion

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### Final Hymn

**Rejoice! the Lord is King!**

Your Lord and King adore;

Mortals, give thanks and sing,

And triumph evermore:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*

*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,

The God of truth and love;

When he had purged our stains,

He took his seat above:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*

*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

His kingdom cannot fail;

He rules o'er earth and heaven;

The keys of death and hell

Are to our Jesus given:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*

*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

He sits at God's right hand

Till all his foes submit,

And bow to his command,

And fall beneath his feet:

*Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;*

*Rejoice, again I say, rejoice.*

Rejoice in glorious hope;  
Jesus the judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home:

*We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;  
The trump of God shall sound: rejoice*

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

Organ voluntary :

Prelude in G major -

J.S Bach, BWV 541 (1685-1750)

### "Craft Cafe"

The next meeting is  
tomorrow

**Monday 28th April 2025**

**1:30 - 3.30pm** in

St. Pauls Church Centenary room



**VE Day themed SPRING FAIR**  
**Saturday 10th May, 11am - 2pm**  
**In St. Paul's Church**

**To be opened by**  
**Longridge C of E School Choir.**

Raffle tickets now available  
Please help us by donating raffle and  
tombola prizes - bottles for the bottle  
tombola, books, etc.

Cakes, biscuits and produce to be  
brought on the morning of the Fair.

Full details in the May Log.

### Just a Reminder

A collection is underway for a leaving  
gift for Revd. Simon and Tracy.  
Donations should be given to Revd.  
Mike or the Churchwardens by the end  
of April please.

### *Those Departed - Rest In Peace*

David Carlin

David Waterman



### REVISION CHURCH ELECTORAL ROLL

Everyone who wishes to remain on the  
Electoral Roll for St. Lawrence with St.  
Paul will need to reapply by completing  
one of the forms that are at the back of  
both churches.

For those wishing to vote at our **APCM**  
which takes place at

**7:00pm on Monday 19th May 2025.**

The filled in Electoral Roll forms must be  
returned to the Parish office in St. Paul's  
church **TODAY**, Sunday 27th April 2025.

Please email Michael Dawson on :

[secretarystlandplongridge@gmail.com](mailto:secretarystlandplongridge@gmail.com)

If you have any questions or require  
more details.

### Welcome Cafe

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

### 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

### Next Sunday's Services - May 4th 2025 - 'Easter 3'

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

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