



St Lawrence  
with St Paul  
Longridge

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## 2025 - 'Following Jesus in Reconciliation'

### *Fifth Sunday of Easter - 18th May 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

#### Alleluia! sing to Jesus!

His the sceptre, his the throne;  
Alleluia! his the triumph,  
His the victory alone:  
Hark! the songs of peaceful Sion  
Thunder like a mighty flood;  
Jesus out of every nation  
Hath redeemed us by his Blood.

Alleluia! not as orphans  
Are we left in sorrow now;  
Alleluia! he is near us,  
Faith believes, nor questions how:  
Though the cloud from sight received him,  
When the forty days were o'er,  
Shall our hearts forget his promise,  
'I am with you evermore'?

Alleluia! Bread of angels,  
Thou on earth our food, our stay;  
Alleluia! here the sinful  
Flee to thee from day to day:  
Intercessor, Friend of sinners,  
Earth's Redeemer, plead for me,  
Where the songs of all the sinless  
Sweep across the crystal sea.

Alleluia! King eternal,  
Thee the Lord of Lords we own;  
Alleluia! born of Mary,  
Earth thy footstool, heaven thy throne:  
Thou within the veil hast entered,  
Robed in flesh, our great High Priest;  
Thou on earth both Priest and Victim  
In the Eucharistic feast.

*Words: W Chatterton Dix (1837 - 98)*

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### Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: Grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 21 : 1—6

<sup>1</sup> Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup> I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband.

<sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God." <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death' or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>6</sup> He said to me: "It is done. I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End. To the thirsty I will give water without cost from the spring of the water of life.

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

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### **Gradual Hymn**

#### **The King of Love my shepherd is**

Whose goodness faileth never;  
I nothing lack if I am his  
And he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow  
My ransomed soul he leadeth,  
And where the verdant pastures grow  
With food celestial feedeth.

Perverse and foolish oft I strayed,  
But yet in love he sought me,  
And on his shoulder gently laid,  
And home rejoicing brought me.

In death's dark vale I fear no ill  
With thee, dear Lord, beside me;  
Thy rod and staff my comfort still,  
Thy cross before to guide me.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight;  
Thy unction grace bestoweth;  
And O what transport of delight  
From thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days  
Thy goodness faileth never:  
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise  
Within thy house for ever.

*Henry Williams Baker (1821-1877)*

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## **Gospel Reading**

### **John 13: 31 –35**

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>31</sup> When he was gone, Jesus said, "Now the Son of Man is glorified and God is glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God is glorified in him, God will glorify the Son in himself, and will glorify him at once.

<sup>33</sup> "My children, I will be with you only a little longer. You will look for me, and just as I told the Jews, so I tell you now: Where I am going, you cannot come.

<sup>34</sup> "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another."

This is the Gospel of the Lord

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Hymn during preparation of the Table

### Love divine, all loves excelling,

Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more 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:  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.

*C. Wesley (1707 - 88)*

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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

### Praise to the Holiest in the height,

And in the depth be praise:  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

O loving wisdom of our God!  
When all was sin and shame,  
A second Adam to the fight  
And to the rescue came.

O wisest love! that flesh and blood,  
Which did in Adam fail,  
Should strive afresh against the foe,  
Should strive and should prevail;

And that a higher gift than grace  
Should flesh and blood refine,  
God's presence and his very self,  
And essence all-divine.

O generous love! that he, who smote  
In Man for man the foe,  
The double agony in Man  
For man should undergo;

And in the garden secretly,  
And on the Cross on high,  
Should teach his brethren, and inspire  
To suffer and to die.

Praise to the Holiest in the height,  
And in the depth be praise:  
In all his words most wonderful,  
Most sure in all his ways.

*Words: J H Newman (1801 - 90)*

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Organ voluntary :

Radetzky March by  
Johann Strauss

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### **APCM Meeting**

Our Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM), which is where we elect our church officers, is being held  
**Tomorrow Evening  
Monday 19th May  
at 7:00pm in St. Paul's Church.**

### ***Those Departed - Rest In Peace***

Simon Turver  
David Carlin  
Marian Hargreaves  
Frederick Wareing



### **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

### **Rev'd. Simon's Induction as Vicar of St. Leonard's Church Penwortham**

is on Thursday 19th June at 7.30pm and a Bretherton's 49 seater coach has been booked so that we can travel together. This will leave Church Street at 6.30pm picking up at Stone Bridge.  
Again please sign the sheet at the back of both Churches to reserve your seat. The cost will be £8 payable on the night.

### **Ascension Day Thurs 29th May**

Ascension Day Service  
7:30pm St. Paul's Church



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### **Next Sunday's Services - May 25th 2025 - 'Easter 6'**

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