



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

Service of Holy Communion with Baptism

2025 - 'Following Jesus in Reconciliation'

Sunday 17th August 2025 at 10:00am

This service is also broadcast live on YouTube at 10:00am.

Visit: www.youtube.com/@stlawrencewithstpaullongridge/streams



Parents please note

If children get restless there are activities in the Centenary Room for pre-school children and toddlers and Children's Church will run for much of the Service. If this is your first time visiting us you will need to register your children with the Children's Church Team when they head out.

We are live streaming this service so if you do not want your child to be shown on screen please do speak to a member of the Children's Church Team.

Welcome, notices and greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Alleluia. Christ is risen
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Opening Hymn

Thou, whose almighty word

Chaos and darkness heard,
And took their flight;
Hear us, we humbly pray,
And where the Gospel-day
Sheds not its glorious ray,
Let there be light!

Thou, who didst come to bring
On thy redeeming wing
Healing and sight,
Health to the sick in mind,
Sight to the inly blind,
O now to all mankind
Let there be light!

Spirit of truth and love,
Life-giving, holy Dove,
Speed forth thy flight;
Move on the water's face,
Bearing the lamp of grace,
And in earth's darkest place
Let there be light!

Holy and blessed Three,
Glorious Trinity,
Wisdom, Love, Might;
Boundless as ocean's tide
Rolling in fullest pride,
Through the earth far and wide
Let there be light!

J. MARRIOTT (1780 - 1825)

Presentation of the Baptism Candidate

The candidates is presented to the congregation.

Faith is the gift of God to his people.
In Baptism the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling.

People of God, will you welcome *Arthur* and uphold him in his new life in Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

The president says to the parents and godparents

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *Arthur* with joy. Today we are trusting God for *his* growth in faith. Will you pray for him, draw him by your example into the community of faith and walk with him in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism *Arthur* begins *his* journey in faith. You speak for *him* today. Will you care for *him*, and help *him* to take his place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

With the help of God, we will.

The Collect

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The children who would like to take part in the Children's Church head into the Centenary Room, with the Children's Church leaders and with a prayer.

First reading

Ephesians 4:17-5:2

¹⁷ So I tell you this, and insist on it in the Lord, that you must no longer live as the Gentiles do, in the futility of their thinking.

¹⁸ They are darkened in their understanding and separated from the life of God because of the ignorance that is in them due to the hardening of their hearts.

¹⁹ Having lost all sensitivity, they have given themselves over to sensuality so as to indulge in every kind of impurity, and they are full of greed.

²⁰ That, however, is not the way of life you learned ²¹ when you heard about Christ and were taught in him in accordance with the truth that is in Jesus. ²² You were taught, with regard to your former way of life, to put off your old self, which is being corrupted by its deceitful desires; ²³ to be made new in the attitude of your minds; ²⁴ and to put on the new self, created to be like God in true righteousness and holiness.

²⁵ Therefore each of you must put off falsehood and speak truthfully to your neighbor, for we are all members of one body. ²⁶ "In your anger do not sin": Do not let the sun go down while you are still angry, ²⁷ and do not give the devil a foothold. ²⁸ Anyone who has been stealing must steal no longer, but must work, doing something useful with their own hands, that they may have something to share with those in need.

²⁹ Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths, but only what is helpful for building others up according to their needs, that it may benefit those who listen. ³⁰ And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with whom you were sealed for the day of redemption. ³¹ Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice.

³² Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

⁵ ¹ Follow God's example, therefore, as dearly loved children ² and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn

Be thou my guardian and my guide,

And hear me when I call;

Let not my slippery footsteps slide,

And hold me lest I fall.

The world, the flesh, and Satan dwell

Around the path I tread;

O save me from the snares of hell,

Thou quickener of the dead.

And if I tempted am to sin,

And outward things are strong,

Do thou, O Lord, keep watch within,

And save my soul from wrong.

Still let me ever watch and pray,

And feel that I am frail;

That if the tempter cross my way,

Yet he may not prevail.

Isaac. Williams (1802 - 65)

The Gospel reading

Luke 12 : 49-56

Alleluia, alleluia. Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening. You have the words of eternal life.

Alleluia.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

⁴⁹ “I have come to bring fire on the earth, and how I wish it were already kindled!
⁵⁰ But I have a baptism to undergo, and what constraint I am under until it is completed! ⁵¹ Do you think I came to bring peace on earth? No, I tell you, but division. ⁵² From now on there will be five in one family divided against each other, three against two and two against three. ⁵³ They will be divided, father against son and son against father, mother against daughter and daughter against mother, mother-in-law against daughter-in-law and daughter-in-law against mother-in-law.”

⁵⁴ He said to the crowd: “When you see a cloud rising in the west, immediately you say, ‘It’s going to rain,’ and it does. ⁵⁵ And when the south wind blows, you say, ‘It’s going to be hot,’ and it is. ⁵⁶ Hypocrites! You know how to interpret the appearance of the earth and the sky. How is it that you don’t know how to interpret this present time?

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Homily

The Decision

The Children are welcomed back into the main body of the Church as we gather around the baptismal font. The president addresses the candidate, parents and godparents:

In Baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you reject the devil and all rebellion against God?

I reject them.

Do you renounce the deceit and corruption of evil?

I renounce them.

Do you repent of the sins that separate us from God and neighbour?

I repent of them.

Do you turn to Christ as Saviour?

I turn to Christ.

Do you submit to Christ as Lord?

I submit to Christ.

Do you come to Christ, the way, the truth and the life?

I come to Christ.

Signing with the Cross

A minister makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of the candidate using these words.

Arthur, Christ claims you for his own. Receive the sign of his cross.

Do not be ashamed to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ against sin, the world and the devil, and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ.

Amen.

Prayer over the water

Praise God who made heaven and earth,
who keeps his promise for ever.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

Loving Father, we thank you for your servant Moses, who led your people through the waters of the Red Sea to freedom in the Promised Land.

We thank you for your Son Jesus, who has passed through the deep waters of death and through his resurrection opened for all the way of salvation. Now send your Spirit, that those who are washed in this water may die with Christ and rise with him, to find true freedom as your children, alive in Christ for ever. Saving God:

Give us life. Amen.

Profession of Faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess together with this candidate the faith of the Church.

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Baptism

‘Arthur John Barlow, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

May God, who has received you by Baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the company of Christ’s pilgrim people you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit, and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

Amen.

The children go back into children’s church

Prayers of Intercession

Heavenly Father, you are the giver of all good gifts. We come before you today to offer our praise and to give thanks for all the ways in which you bless us. Forgive us when we are more ready to turn to you in times of trouble and need, rather than to thank you in the good times we enjoy. As we go about our daily lives teach us to be grateful for every precious minute of time.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Help us not to take for granted your gift of life itself. Our health and strength, the love and support of family and friends, the beauty of your creation. Lord you have given so much to us all, help us to give you something in return, the love of our hearts, a willingness to serve you and to share your love with others.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for your blessing to rest upon this Church and this community. We are grateful for its worship and fellowship; for its nurture and love. Help us to have the vision to see the kind of church you need in the world today, and may we never lose sight of the many and varied needs of our own neighbourhood. Show us where we can each make a contribution and a difference.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord God we pray today for families, particularly today, *Arthur's* family. Make your loving presence felt amongst them. Today we also remember those for whom family life is difficult and testing. Be with those who have no family to care for them. Comfort those whose children cause them worry or heartache. Strengthen those whose children are in danger.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We remember today all the young people and those who teach them in schools, colleges and universities. We pray that all their efforts will be justly rewarded and that they will achieve what is necessary to move forward and realise their full potential.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray that parents and Godparents will guide with their own example of your love and always be ready to listen and to comfort, to laugh and to play, to encourage and to praise, so that they may grow in discipline and grace until they comes to the fullness of faith.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

We pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves; those who live countries where there is little stability and war. Teach us to be ever mindful of those in the world who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive; for those who can't look forward to a good meal and a comfortable bed, and those who have few necessities of life which we often take for granted.

Lord in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

Lord God all mercies, we pray for all who face difficulties – those who are sick, those with problems in their relationships and friendships, in their neighbourhoods or in their workplace.

We also pray for those families who are grieving the loss of a loved one this day. Remembering particularly the families and friends of Joyce Rawlinson.

May they know your presence and comfort.

'God of the nations, our refuge and our dwelling place, as we recall the 80th anniversary of Victory in Japan Day, we remember with thanksgiving those whose service achieved Allied victory in the Pacific, and hold before you all those who suffered from the devastation and trauma of war.

May their memory inspire us to learn from the atrocities of the past and to pursue peace, justice and reconciliation in our own generation.'

Lord we pray for all those whom we love and no longer see, grant them your peace and let light perpetual shine upon them. Heavenly Father, turn our darkness into light.

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

The Welcome and Peace

The congregation stands

There is one Lord, one faith, one Baptism: 'Arthur, by one Spirit we are all Baptised into one body.

We welcome you into the Fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; We welcome you.

The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

The congregation greets the newly baptised and shares The Peace

Offertory Hymn

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Re-clothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives thy service find,
In deeper reverence praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard,
Beside the Syrian sea,
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee!
O calm of hills above,
Where Jesus knelt to share with thee
The silence of eternity,
Interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still small voice of calm!

John Greenleaf Whittier (1807-1892)

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.

Preparation of the Table

The table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

With this bread that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring
we shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body, wine for his blood,
gifts from God to his table we bring.
We shall remember Jesus.

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.

Father, you made the world and love
your creation. You gave your Son Jesus
Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and
rising have set us free from sin and
death. And so we gladly thank you, with
saints and angels praising you, and
singing:

**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and
as we obey his command, send your
Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine
outpoured may be for us the body and
blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had
supper with his friends and, taking
bread, he praised you. He broke the
bread, gave it to them and said: Take,
eat; this is my body which is given for
you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup
of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to
them and said: Drink this, all of you; this
is my blood of the new covenant, which
is shed for you and for many for the
forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as
you drink it, in remembrance of me.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus
did, in him we plead with confidence
his sacrifice made once for all upon the
cross. Bringing before you the bread of
life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his
death and resurrection until he comes in
glory.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died: Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together
for that day when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all
the earth.

Look with favour on your people, gather
us in your loving arms and bring us with
Paul, Lawrence and all the saints to feast
at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father, for ever and ever.

Amen.

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.**

Breaking of the Bread

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.**

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Choir Sing—Agnus Dei

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.

Giving of Communion

During which the children return, everyone is invited to come for Communion. If you are not yet confirmed or not used to receiving Communion in your own church, please come to receive a special prayer of blessing.

Please carry this booklet with you to indicate that you wish to receive a blessing.

Likewise Children who have not been confirmed are invited to come forward to receive a blessing.

During Communion

(The organ will play)

Post Communion Prayer

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

The children tell us what they have been doing.

Giving of a Lighted Candle

A lighted candle is presented, and the minister says:

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light. You have received the light of Christ; walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world to the
glory of God the Father.**

Final Hymn

**Praise to the Lord, the Almighty,
the King of creation;**

O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health
and salvation:

All ye who hear,

Now to his temple draw near,

Joining in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so
wondrously reigneth,
Shieldeth thee gently from harm, or
when fainting sustaineth:

Hast thou not seen

How thy heart's wishes have been

Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy
work and defend thee;
Surely his goodness and mercy shall daily
attend thee:

Ponder anew

What the Almighty can do,

If to the end he befriend thee.

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me
adore him!

All that hath life and breath, come now
with praises before him!

Let the Amen

Sound from his people again:

Gladly for ay we adore him.

J Neander (1650 - 80)

Tr Catherine Winkworth (1829 - 78)

*We all remain standing to sing the
National Anthem*

The National Anthem

God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.

Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign.
May he defend our laws,
and ever give us cause
to sing with heart and voice,
God save the King.

AUTHOR UNKNOWN (c.1745)

The Blessing and Dismissal

**God of our pilgrimage, you have led us
to the living water: refresh and sustain
us as we go forward on our journey, in
the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

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

Amen.

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

*Please do join us in the Centenary Room
after the service for tea and coffee,
refreshments and a chat.*

Organ voluntary :

Bach Toccata in C major BWV 564

Morning Prayer

Join us in the St Paul's Church chancel area for 15 minutes simple morning prayer and a bible thought on Mondays and Wednesdays at 9am
(Do bring a bible if you can)

If anyone is feeling a little bit isolated, why not pop into the Old Station cafe on Friday mornings at 11:00am, where Diane, Isabel and Muriel would be very pleased to see you.

Invitation from Karen Au-Choir Director

August is "Open Choir Month", and anyone wanting to experience singing in the choir can just come and sit up in the stalls?

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

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Joyce Rawlinson



Great North Run

Revd Mike is running the GNR for the British Heart Foundation on
7th September.

Can you help him reach his £500 fundraising target?

To donate, scan here on your mobile phone



Or visit: <https://ajbellgreatnorthrun2025.enthouse.com/pf/michael-barton>

Thank you

The 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea

Blackburn Cathedral, in partnership with Churches Together in Lancashire, is honoured to host an Ecumenical conference to celebrate the 1700th anniversary of the Council of Nicaea from 12 - 14th September 2025.

You are cordially invited, and for further details use the below link:- <https://blackburncathedral.com/the-council-of-nicaea-1700th-anniversary-conference/>

Next Sunday's Services - August 24th 2025 - 'Trinity 10'

10:00am 'Service of Holy Communion with Children's Church'
at St. Paul's Church/Live stream

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