



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

2025 - 'Following Jesus in Reconciliation'

Twelfth Sunday of Trinity - 7th September 2025

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

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

Welcome and introduction

Please follow the service in the green coloured booklet

First Hymn

Fight the good fight with all thy might!

Christ is thy strength, and Christ thy right;
Lay hold on life, and it shall be
Thy joy and crown eternally.

Run the straight race through God's
good grace,
Lift up thine eyes, and seek his face;
Life with its way before us lies;
Christ is the path, and Christ the prize.

Cast care aside, lean on thy guide;
His boundless mercy will provide;
Trust, and thy trusting soul shall prove
Christ is its life, and Christ its love.

Faint not nor fear, his arms are near;
He changeth not, and thou art dear;
Only believe, and thou shalt see
That Christ is all in all to thee.

John Samuel Bewley Monsell (1811-1875)

Collect

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve; pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.

First Reading

Ephesians 6: 10—24

¹⁰ Finally, be strong in the Lord and in his mighty power. ¹¹ Put on the full armour of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes. ¹² For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms. ¹³ Therefore put on the full armour of God, so that when the day of evil comes, you may be able to stand your ground, and after you have done everything, to stand.

¹⁴ Stand firm then, with the belt of truth buckled round your waist, with the breastplate of righteousness in place, ¹⁵ and with your feet fitted with the readiness that comes from the gospel of peace. ¹⁶ In addition to all this, take up the shield of faith, with which you can extinguish all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷ Take the helmet of salvation and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. ¹⁹ Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰ for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it fearlessly, as I should.

²¹ Tychicus, the dear brother and faithful servant in the Lord, will tell you everything, so that you also may know how I am and what I am doing. ²² I am sending him to you for this very purpose, that you may know how we are, and that he may encourage you.

²³ Peace to the brothers and sisters, and love with faith from God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. ²⁴ Grace to all who love our Lord Jesus Christ with an undying love.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart
be all else but naught to me,
save that Thou art,
be thou my best thought
in the day and the night
both waking and sleeping,
thy presence my light

Be thou my wisdom,
be thou my true word
be thou ever with me,
and I with thee, Lord
be thou my great Father,
and I Thy true son
be thou in me dwelling,
and I with thee one

Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight
be Thou my whole armour,
be thou my true might;
be thou my soul's shelter,
be thou my strong tower:
O Raise thou me heavenward,
great Power of my power.

Riches I heed not,
nor man's empty praise
be thou mine inheritance,
now and always;
be thou and Thou only,
the first in my heart;
O Sovereign of heaven,
my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven,
thou heaven's bright Sun,
O grant me its joys after victory is won;
great Heart of my own heart,
whatever befall
still be thou my vision,
O Ruler of all.

Irish 8th Century

Tr. Mary Elizabeth Byrne (1880-1931)

Versified by Eleanor henrietta hull (1860-1935)

Gospel Reading

Luke 14 : 25 – 33

Alleluia, Alleluia,

The word of the Lord endures for ever.
The word of the Lord is the good news
announced to you.

Alleluia!

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

Glory to you O Lord.

²⁵ Large crowds were travelling with Jesus, and turning to them he said: ²⁶ 'If anyone comes to me and does not hate father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters – yes, even their own life – such a person cannot be my disciple. ²⁷ And whoever does not carry their cross and follow me cannot be my disciple.

²⁸ 'Suppose one of you wants to build a tower. Won't you first sit down and estimate the cost to see if you have enough money to complete it? ²⁹ For if you lay the foundation and are not able to finish it, everyone who sees it will ridicule you, ³⁰ saying, "This person began to build and wasn't able to finish."

³¹ 'Or suppose a king is about to go to war against another king. Won't he first sit down and consider whether he is able with ten thousand men to oppose the one coming against him with twenty thousand? ³² If he is not able, he will send a delegation while the other is still a long way off and will ask for terms of peace. ³³ In the same way, those of you who do not give up everything you have cannot be my disciples.

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

Hymn during preparation of the Table

All for Jesus, All for Jesus,
this our song shall ever be;
for we have no hope nor Saviour,
If we have not hope in thee.

All for Jesus, thou wilt give us
strength to serve thee, hour by hour;
none can move us from thy presence
while we trust thy love and power.

All for Jesus, at thine altar
thou wilt give us sweet content;
there, dear Lord, we shall receive thee
in the solemn sacrament.

All for Jesus, thou hast loved us;
all for Jesus, thou hast died;
all for Jesus, thou art with us;
all for Jesus crucified.

All for Jesus, all for Jesus,
this the Church's song must be,
Till, at last, we all are gathered
one in love and one in thee.

W.J. Sparrow-Simpson (1859-1952)

*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.*

The Choir will sing during the distribution of Communion

Final Hymn

**Will you come and follow me
If I but call your name?**

Will you go where you don't know,
And never be the same:
Will you let my love be shown,
Will you let my name be known,
Will you let my life be grown
In you, and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind
If I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind,
And never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare,
Will you let me answer prayer
In you, and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see
If I but call your name?
Will you set the pris'ners free,
And never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen,
And admit to what I mean
In you, and you in me?

Lord your summons echoes true
When you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you,
And never be the same.
In your company I'll go
Where your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In you, and you in me.

*John L Bell (b.1949) & Graham Maule
(b. 1958)*

Organ voluntary :

Fugue in E flat BWV 552ii by J.S. Bach

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)

Welcome Cafe

Just a reminder that the Welcome Café
Reopens on
Wednesday 17th September

A 'Big Thank you'

Rev. Mike would like to give a big thank
you to all those who have supported
and generously given towards the
British Heart Foundation, as he runs
the Great North Run today

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Denise Lupton
Alan Green , Anne Shaw,
Joyce Rawlinson



First Anniversary of Bereavement

Janet Redding



Tuesday Club

Next meeting is this week
Tuesday 9th September in the
Centenary Rooms at St. Paul's Church.
The Speaker is -
Bill Nelson from 1818 Auctioneers.

Autumn Family Social - Saturday 27th September.

In the Pavilion on the Showfield.
3pm - 4pm Children's Activities
5pm - 7pm Domino Drive
7pm-8pm Supper—tickets now available £12
8pm - 10pm Quiz

(See September Log for full details.)

Sunday 14th September

On the day of the Longridge Soapbox
Derby the early Berry Lane road closure
means there will be a shorter spoken
Holy Communion Service at St Paul's at
10am and then an ecumenical service
with Christchurch at St Lawrence
at 6.30pm.

**Please Note! there is no access to the car
park because of the soap box derby**

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.

Next Sunday's Services - September 14th 2025 - 'Trinity 13'

10:00am 'Said Service of Holy Communion (30 minute service) at St. Paul's Church
6.30pm 'Ecumenical Service at St. Lawrence's Church (with Christchurch)