



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

2025 - 'Following Jesus in Reconciliation' *Christ The King - 23rd November 2025*

Please 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 green coloured booklet

First 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)

Collect

Eternal Father, whose Son Jesus Christ ascended to the throne of heaven that he might rule over all things as Lord and King: keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace, and bring the whole created order to worship at his feet; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever, **Amen.**

First Reading

Colossians 1: 11—23

¹¹being strengthened with all power according to his glorious might so that you may have great endurance and patience, ¹²and giving joyful thanks to the Father, who has qualified you to share in the inheritance of his holy people in the kingdom of light. ¹³For he has rescued us from the dominion of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of the Son he loves, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵ The Son is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn over all creation.

¹⁶ For in him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things have been created through him and for him.

¹⁷ He is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸ And he is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning and the firstborn from among the dead, so that in everything he might have the supremacy. ¹⁹ For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in him, ²⁰ and through him to reconcile to himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through his blood, shed on the cross.

²¹ Once you were alienated from God and were enemies in your minds because of your evil behaviour. ²² But now he has reconciled you by Christ's physical body through death to present you holy in his sight, without blemish and free from accusation – ²³ if you continue in your faith, established and firm, and do not move from the hope held out in the gospel. This is the gospel that you heard and that has been proclaimed to every creature under heaven, and of which I, Paul, have become a servant.

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

Let all the world in every corner sing,

My God and King!

The heavens are not too high,

His praise may thither fly:

The earth is not too low,

His praises there may grow.

Let all the world in every corner sing,

My God and King!

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

The Church with psalms must shout,
No door can keep them out;

But above all the heart

Must bear the longest part.

Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!

GEORGE HERBERT (1593 - 1633)

Gospel Reading

Luke 23 : 33—43

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.

³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals – one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.' And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is God's Messiah, the Chosen One.'

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, 'If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.'

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read:

THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: 'Aren't you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. 'Don't you fear God,' he said, 'since you are under the same sentence?' ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.'

⁴² Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

⁴³ Jesus answered him, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.'

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

Hymn during preparation of the Table

O worship the King all glorious above;
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days,
Pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
Whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
His chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds form,
And dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold,
Almighty, thy power hath founded of old;
Hath stablished it fast by a changeless decree,
And round it hath cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Thy bountiful care what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
It streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
And sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust and feeble as frail,
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
Thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end!

Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless Might, ineffable Love,
While angels delight to hymn thee above,
Thy ransomed creation, though feeble their lays,
With true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

*Robert Grant (1779-1838)
Based on Psalm 104*

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 to scan the QR code on the notice in the pew, or 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

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 :

March from Scipio (Scipione)
by G.F. Handel.

Welcome Cafe

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

Feeling a little bit isolated, why not
become part '**Friday Friends**'
We are a small group of local people
who meet each Friday morning at
11:00am at either the Old Station Café,
Longridge, or Saars Café—Longridge
Hub. We would love you to join us.

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Eric Smith
James Ashcroft



**Christmas Wreath Making
Workshops with Kay Lomax**
**Wednesday 3rd December at
Longridge Cricket Club - Choose
either 3pm - 5pm or 7pm - 9pm**



Cost £40 which includes all materials.
Mulled wine and mince pies will be
included. Places can be reserved by
contacting Graham Kelsall or Dot Little.

"Crafty Cafe"

The next meeting is
tomorrow

Monday 24th November
1:30 - 3.30pm in

St. Pauls Church Centenary room



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)

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 & Judith

Next Sunday's Services—30th November 2025 - Advent Sunday

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

6:30pm 'Advent Carol Service' at St. Lawrence's Church