



2026 - 'Following Jesus on Mission'

'Passion Sunday'- 22nd March 2026 - 'Fifth Sunday in lent'

Please join us for our service live on YouTube at 10:00am.

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

The Welcome & introduction

Please follow the order of service from the Grey booklet.

Opening Hymn

We sing the praise of him who died,
Of him who died upon the Cross;
The sinner's hope let men deride,
For this we count the world but loss.

Inscribed upon the Cross we see
In shining letters, 'God is love;'
He bears our sins upon the Tree;
He brings us mercy from above.

The Cross! it takes our guilt away;
It holds the fainting spirit up;
It cheers with hope the gloomy day,
And sweetens every bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave,
And nerves the feeble arm for fight;
It takes its terror from the grave,
And gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe,
The measure and the pledge of love,
The sinner's refuge here below,
The angels' theme in heaven above.

T. KELLY (1769 - 1855)

Collect

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; through 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

Ezekiel 37 : 1-14

¹The hand of the LORD was on me, and he brought me out by the Spirit of the LORD and set me in the middle of a valley; it was full of bones. ²He led me to and fro among them, and I saw a great many bones on the floor of the valley, bones that were very dry. ³He asked me, 'Son of man, can these bones live?' I said, 'Sovereign LORD, you alone know.'

⁴Then he said to me, 'Prophecy to these bones and say to them, "Dry bones, hear the word of the LORD!"

⁵This is what the Sovereign LORD says to these bones: I will make breath enter you, and you will come to life. ⁶I will attach tendons to you and make flesh come upon you and cover you with skin; I will put breath in you, and you will come to life. Then you will know that I am the LORD.'"

⁷ So I prophesied as I was commanded.
And as I was prophesying, there was a
noise, a rattling sound, and the bones
came together, bone to bone.

⁸ I looked, and tendons and flesh
appeared on them and skin covered
them, but there was no breath in them.

⁹ Then he said to me, 'Prophesy to the
breath; prophesy, son of man, and say
to it, "This is what the Sovereign LORD
says: come, breath, from the four
winds and breathe into these slain, that
they may live.'" ¹⁰ So I prophesied as he

commanded me, and breath entered
them; they came to life and stood up
on their feet – a vast army.

¹¹ Then he said to me: 'Son of man,
these bones are the people of Israel.
They say, "Our bones are dried up and
our hope is gone; we are cut
off.'" ¹² Therefore prophesy and say to

them: "This is what the Sovereign LORD
says: my people, I am going to open
your graves and bring you up from
them; I will bring you back to the land
of Israel. ¹³ Then you, my people, will
know that I am the LORD, when I open
your graves and bring you up from
them. ¹⁴ I will put my Spirit in you and
you will live, and I will settle you in your
own land. Then you will know that I
the LORD have spoken, and I have done
it, declares the LORD."

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Gradual Hymn

There is a green hill far away,
Without a city wall,
Where the dear Lord was crucified,
Who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell,
What pains he had to bear,
But we believe it was for us
He hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
He died to make us good,
That we might go at last to heaven,
Saved by his precious Blood.

There was no other good enough
To pay the price of sin;
He only could unlock the gate
Of heaven, and let us in.

O dearly, dearly has he loved,
And we must love him too,
And trust in his redeeming Blood,
And try his works to do.

Mrs CF Alexander (1823 - 95)

The Passion Reading From St. Matthew's Gospel

The Choir will sing —

God so Loved the World
(From Stainer's Crucifixion)

*The Service continues in the Lent
booklet on page 6 with **The Creed***

Hymn during preparation of the Table

When I survey the wondrous Cross
On which the Prince of Glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss,
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast
Save in the Cross of Christ my God;
All the vain things that charm me most,
I sacrifice them to his Blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and love flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,
Spreads o'er his body on the tree;
Then am I dead to all the globe,
And all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,
That were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine,
Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts (1674 - 1748)

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

My song is love unknown,
My Saviour's love to me,
Love to the loveless shown,
That they might lovingly be.
O who am I,
That for my sake
My Lord should take
Frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,
Salvation to bestow;
But men made strange, and none
The longed-for Christ would know.
But O, my Friend,
My Friend indeed,
Who at my need
His life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,
And his sweet praises sing;
Resounding all the day
Hosannas to their King.
Then 'Crucify!'
Is all their breath,
And for his death
They thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have
My dear Lord made away;
A murderer they save,
The Prince of Life they slay.
Yet cheerful he
To suffering goes,
That he his foes
From thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing.
No story so divine;
Never was love, dear King,
Never was grief like thine!
This is my Friend,
In whose sweet praise
I all my days
Could gladly spend.

S. CROSSMAN (1624 - 83)

Organ Voluntary;-

Passacaglia and Fugue BWV 582
by J. S. Bach

**Easter Services at
St. Lawrence with St. Paul's**

29th March, 10am (St Paul's Church)
**Palm Sunday Holy Communion with
Children's Church.**

29th March, 4.30pm (St Paul's Church)
Messy Church Palm Sunday Service

29th March, 6.3pm (St Lawrence Church)
Palm Sunday Evensong Service.

30th March, 7.30pm (St Paul's Church)
Monday Compline

31st March, 7.30pm (St Paul's Church)
Tuesday Compline

*1st April, 7.30pm (St. Wilfrid's Church,
Ribchester).*

**Eucharist with Passiontide hymns
Bishop Rowan Williams (former Arch
Bishop of Canterbury) will preach.**

2nd April, 7.30pm (St Paul's Church)
**Maundy Thursday Service followed
by 'The Watch'. Compline then follows
Afterwards.**

3rd April, 10am (St Paul's Church)
All Together Good Friday Service.

3rd April, 1.45pm
**Good Friday Walk. Leaving from
St Paul's Church.**

5th April, 8am (St Lawrence Church)
Easter Morning Holy Communion

5th April, 10am (St Paul's Church)
**All Together Easter Day Holy
Communion with Baptisms Service**

5th April, 6.30pm (St Lawrence Church)
Easter Songs of Praise.

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Elsie Simpson
Margaret Hall
Edith Maughan



**Churches Together
in Longridge
& District**



Lenten Lunches (Wednesdays) 2026

between 12 noon and 1:00pm

**The Fifth and Final lunch is on the
25th March in
St. Paul's Centenary Room.**

Thursday Service of Holy Communion

Weekly at 10:00—10:45am
in St. Paul's Church Centenary Room
Coffee, tea and a chat enjoyed after,
Please come and join us!!



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

**GOOD FRIDAY WALK — The walk starts
from St. Paul's Church at 1.45pm.**

For those wishing to have the meal in
the Centenary Room after the walk you
are asked to put your name on the list
which is at the back of both churches. If
you are not intending walking but would
like to come for tea, (at approximately
3.45pm) you would be most welcome
but again please sign the form so that
we know the numbers to cater for.
Cost of refreshments – Adults £6.
Children £3 payable on the day.

Next Sunday's Services - 29th March 2026 - Palm Sunday

10:00am 'Holy Communion with Children's Church' at St. Paul's Church/Live stream
(For those who are able – please meet in school at 9:50am)

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