

Following Jesus on Mission

Second Sunday of Easter - 12th April 2026

All Together Service



St Lawrence
with St Paul
Longridge

The Welcome & Introduction

Welcome in the name of Christ.
God's grace, mercy and peace be with
you

and also with you.

Loving God,
we have come to worship you.

**Help us to pray to you in faith,
to sing your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with
eagerness;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Opening songs

See What a Morning

See what a morning, gloriously bright
With the dawning of hope in Jerusalem;
Folded the grave-clothes
Tomb filled with light,
As the angels announce Christ is risen!
See God's salvation plan, wrought in love,
Borne in pain, paid in sacrifice,
Fulfilled in Christ, the Man, for He lives,
Christ is risen from the dead!

See Mary weeping: 'Where is He laid?
As in sorrow she turns from the empty
tomb;
Hears a voice speaking, calling her
name:
It's the Master, the Lord raised to life
again!

The voice that spans the years,
Speaking life, stirring hope,
Bringing peace to us,
Will sound till He appears,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

One with the Father, Ancient of Days,
Through the Spirit
Who clothes faith with certainty,
Honour and blessing, glory and praise
To the King crowned
With power and authority!
And we are raised with Him,
Death is dead, love has won
Christ has conquered;
And we shall reign with Him,
For He lives, Christ is risen from the dead!

Come People of the Risen King

Come people of the Risen King
Who delight to bring Him praise
Come all and tune your hearts to sing
To the Morning Star of grace
From the shifting shadows of the earth
We will lift our eyes to Him
Where steady arms of mercy reach
To gather children in

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart one voice
O Church of Christ rejoice*

Come those whose joy is morning sun
And those weeping through the night
Come those who tell of battles won
And those struggling in the fight

For His perfect love will never change
And His mercies never cease
But follow us through all our days
With the certain hope of peace

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart*

Come young and old from ev'ry land
Men and women of the faith
Come those with full or empty hands
Find the riches of His grace
Over all the world His people sing
Shore to shore we hear them call
The truth that cries through ev'ry age
Our God is all in all

*Rejoice rejoice let ev'ry tongue rejoice
One heart*

Saying Sorry

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your
presence.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your
followers.

Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.

Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Knowing God's Forgiveness

May the God of love
bring *us* back to himself,
forgive *us our* sins,
and assure *us* of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Collect

Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no
entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts, that we
may seek the good of others and walk
the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.

Introducing the Talk –

Line up, Line Up!

Action song – 123 Jesus Is Alive (Words and Actions on Screen)

Bible Reading -

John 20:19-31

On the evening of that first day of the
week, when the disciples were
together, with the doors locked for fear
of the Jewish leaders, Jesus came and
stood among them and said, 'Peace be
with you!' After he said this, he showed
them his hands and side. The disciples
were overjoyed when they saw the
Lord.

Again Jesus said, 'Peace be with you! As the Father has sent me, I am sending you.' And with that he breathed on them and said, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. If you forgive anyone's sins, their sins are forgiven; if you do not forgive them, they are not forgiven.'

Now Thomas (also known as Didymus), one of the Twelve, was not with the disciples when Jesus came. So the other disciples told him, 'We have seen the Lord!'

But he said to them, 'Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were, and put my hand into his side, I will not believe.'

A week later his disciples were in the house again, and Thomas was with them. Though the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!' Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here; see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it into my side. Stop doubting and believe.' Thomas said to him, 'My Lord and my God!'

Then Jesus told him, 'Because you have seen me, you have believed; blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed.'

Jesus performed many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not recorded in this book. But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Songs of Response

Oh Praise The Name

Oh Praise The Name

I cast my mind to Calvary

Where Jesus bled and died for me

I see His wounds His hands His feet

My Saviour on that cursed tree

His body bound and drenched in tears

They laid Him down in Joseph's tomb

The entrance sealed by heavy stone

Messiah still and all alone

O praise the Name of the Lord our God

O praise His Name forevermore

For endless days we will sing Your praise

Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Then on the third at break of dawn

The Son of heaven rose again

O trampled death where is your sting

The angels roar for Christ the King

O praise the Name of the Lord our God

O praise His Name forevermore

For endless days we will sing Your praise

Oh Lord oh Lord our God

He shall return in robes of white

The blazing sun shall pierce the night

And I will rise among the saints

My gaze transfixed on Jesus' face

O praise the Name of the Lord our God

O praise His Name forevermore

For endless days we will sing Your praise

Oh Lord oh Lord our God

Amazing Grace

Amazing grace how sweet the sound

That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

*My chains are gone,
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace*

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

*My chains are gone,
I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace*

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God, who called me here below
Will be forever mine
Will be forever mine
You are forever mine

Creed

Let us declare our faith
in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus
Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers

In joy and hope let us pray to the Father.
That our risen Saviour may fill us with the
joy of his
glorious and life-giving resurrection.

we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That isolated and persecuted churches
may find fresh strength in the good
news of Easter.

we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That God may grant us humility
to be subject to one another in Christian
love.

we pray to the Father.
Hear our prayer.

That he may provide for those who lack food, work or shelter.

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That by his power war and famine may cease through all the world.

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may reveal the light of his presence to the doubtful, the sick, the weak and the dying, to comfort and strengthen them.

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That, according to his promises, all who have died in the faith of the resurrection may be raised on the last day, thinking of
in our Parish of St Lawrence with St Paul,

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

That he may send the fire of the Holy Spirit upon his people, so that we may bear faithful witness to his resurrection,

we pray to the Father.

Hear our prayer.

Heavenly Father, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant that, as his death has recalled us to life, so his continual presence in us may raise us to eternal joy; through Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

And now believing the promises of God, as our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Conclusion

Final Song

Cornerstone

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name
(REPEAT)

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil
My anchor holds within the veil

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

When He shall come with trumpet sound
Oh may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless stand before the throne

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

Blessing and dismissal

God of our salvation,
you have restored us to life,
you have brought us back again into your
love
by the triumphant death and
resurrection of Christ.
Continue to heal us,
as we go to live and work
in the power of your Spirit,
to your praise and glory.

And the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among us and remain with us always.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Please do join us after the service in the
Centenary Room for refreshments and
fellowship.*

*We no longer pass a collection plate ,
But if you would like to support the
ministry and maintenance of our parish
it can be made with a bank card or
mobile phone using the reader at the
back of the church, by leaving a
donation on the plates, or by scanning
this
QR Code:*



Thank you



***Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you!'
After he said this, he showed them his hands and side.***

Spring Clean in St Paul's Church

Saturday morning 18th April

From 9.00am - 12 Noon.

Everyone welcome with brushes,
mops and polish.

Bacon Butties for treats!

Those Departed - Rest In Peace

Peter Kilgariff



Organ Experience and Recital:

Join us at St. Paul's Church, Longridge,

PR3 3WA on

19th April 1pm - 2pm

(recital at 2.30pm) to try the

'King of Instruments'

and see inside the organ.

Although this is a free event, please

RSVP with kauorganist@gmail.com

to register your interest

Foundations -Thursday Night Group

Join us on Thursdays at 7:30pm

starting from the 23rd of April

For **FOUNDATIONS** . We will journey
through the core truths of the
Christian faith - from who God is, how
we are saved, and how we live.

Whether you are brand new to faith
or have been following Jesus for years,
there is a seat for you.

Meeting at St. Paul's Centenary room.

**See Rev. Jesse Adesina
for more details**

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!!

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.

New Foundation Governor Required

For Longridge Church of England

Primary School.

See Rev. Mike Barton for more details

Welcome Cafe

Meet weekly on Wednesdays during

the school term in St. Paul's Church

Centenary Room 3:00– 5:00pm

Spring Fair 2026.

'Come to the Circus' theme.

Saturday 9th May, 11am-2pm

At St. Paul's Church.

Raffle Tickets now available.

Additional prizes for the raffle
would be most welcome.



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Next Sunday's Services - April 19th 2026 - Easter 3

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

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