



ALL TOGETHER SERVICE

# I believe in the Ascension

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**St Lawrence**  
with **St Paul**  
Longridge

2022 — With Jesus  
in Loving Community  
*Trinity IX - 14th August 2022*

Please join us in church or online  
for a broadcast at 10:00am on our  
Facebook Page

## Welcome to our Worship

### Notices and introduction to our All Together Service

Thanks and praise to you, Jesus Christ,  
Lord of all, given the name above every  
other name. Jesus, Lord of all, **we  
worship and adore you.**

King of righteousness, King of peace,  
enthroned at the right hand of Majesty  
on high; Jesus, Lord of all, **we worship  
and adore you.**

Great high priest, living for ever to  
intercede for us; Jesus, Lord of all, **we  
worship and adore you.**

Pioneer of our salvation, you bring  
us to glory through your death and  
resurrection; Jesus, Lord of all, **we  
worship and adore you.**

**Every knee bows to you; every tongue  
confesses, you are Lord, to the glory  
of God the Father.**

*We stand to sing*

### Opening Song - Love divine, all loves excelling

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
Joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
Fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
All thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
Pure unbounded love thou art;  
Visit us with thy salvation,  
Enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe Thy loving Spirit  
Into every troubled breast;  
Let us all in Thee inherit,  
Let us find Thy promised rest.  
Take away the love of sinning,  
Alpha and Omega be;  
End of faith, as its beginning,  
Set our hearts at liberty.

Come, almighty to deliver,  
Let us all thy grace receive;  
Suddenly return, and never,  
Never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
Serve thee as thy hosts above;  
Pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
Glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
Pure and spotless let us be;  
Let us see thy great salvation,  
Perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory,  
Till in heaven we take our place,  
Till we cast our crowns before thee,  
Lost in wonder, love, and praise.  
Hear the sound of hearts returning to  
You, we turn to You

*The service continues with this greeting:*

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

*We say together*

**Loving God, we have come to worship  
you. Help us to pray to you in faith, to  
sing your praise with joy and to listen  
to your word carefully, through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### Saying Sorry

We are the children of God, called to  
worship in community, so let us call to  
mind our sins, the times when we have  
hurt one another and the times when  
we have hurt God.

Jesus, Son of God, we are sorry for the  
times when we have not listened to  
you, and when we have not heard what  
you want to say to us.

**Forgive us, and may your Spirit help us  
to listen.**

Jesus, Son of God, we are sorry for the times when we have not seen all the good things you are doing in our lives and the lives of others.

**Forgive us, and may your Spirit help us to look more carefully.**

Jesus, Son of God, we are sorry for the times when we have not gone where you have sent us and when we have not told others about you.

**Forgive us, and may your Spirit make us bold to go where you want us to.**

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.**

## **Listening to God's Word**

### **First Reading — Acts 1:6-11**

While the apostles were still with Jesus, they asked him:

***'Lord, are you now going to give Israel its own king again?'***

Jesus said to them:

***'You don't need to know the time of those events that only the Father controls. But the Holy Spirit will come upon you and give you power. Then you will tell everyone about me in Jerusalem, in all Judea, in Samaria, and everywhere in the world.'***

After Jesus had said this and while they were watching, he was taken up into a cloud. They could not see him, but as he went up, they kept looking up into the sky. Suddenly two men dressed in white clothes were standing there beside them. They said:

***Why are you men from Galilee standing here and looking up into the sky? Jesus has been taken to heaven.***

***But he will come back in the same way that you have seen him go.'***

This is the Word of the Lord  
**Thanks be to God.**

### **Gospel Reading — Luke 24:44-53**

Alleluia, alleluia.

The word of the Lord endures for ever. The word of the Lord is the Good News announced to you.

**Alleluia**

Here the Gospel of the Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke  
**Glorify to you O Lord.**

<sup>44</sup>He said to them, "This is what I told you while I was still with you: Everything must be fulfilled that is written about me in the Law of Moses, the Prophets and the Psalms."

<sup>45</sup>Then he opened their minds so they could understand the Scriptures. <sup>46</sup>He told them, "This is what is written: The Messiah will suffer and rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup>and repentance for the forgiveness of sins will be preached in his name to all nations, beginning at Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup>You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup>I am going to send you what my Father has promised; but stay in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high."

<sup>50</sup>When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. <sup>51</sup>While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. <sup>52</sup>Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. <sup>53</sup>And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God.

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

## Song - Be still

Be still for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One, is here;  
Come, bow before him now,  
with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found,  
we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord,  
the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around;  
He burns with holy fire,  
with splendour he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight,  
our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord  
is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place,  
He comes to cleanse and heal,  
to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him,  
in faith receive from him;  
Be still, for the power of the Lord  
is moving in this place.

*Children in school year 2 and below leave for  
Children's Church*

## Talk: We believe in the Ascension

*We heard, we saw, we went.*

## Song - Meekness and majesty

Meekness and majesty,  
manhood and deity,  
In perfect harmony,  
the man who is God:  
Lord of eternity dwells in humanity,  
Kneels in humility and washes our feet.

*Oh, what a mystery,  
Meekness and majesty:  
Bow down and worship,  
For this is your God,  
This is your God!*

Father's pure radiance,  
perfect in innocence,  
Yet learns obedience to  
death on a cross:  
Suffering to give us life,  
conquering through sacrifice;  
And, as they crucify, prays 'Father,  
forgive.'

*Oh what a mystery...*

Wisdom unsearchable,  
God the invisible,  
Love indestructible in frailty appears.  
Lord of infinity, stooping so tenderly,  
Lifts our humanity to the  
heights of His throne.

*Oh, what a mystery...*

## Our Time of Prayer

*This response is used:*

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*At the end*

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

## The Peace

Jesus said: 'Blessed are the  
peacemakers: They shall be called the  
children of God.' We meet in the name  
of Christ and share his peace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of  
peace.

*The table is prepared for Holy Communion*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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.**

*1st voice*

*Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

*2nd voice*

*Because God is love and does wonderful things.*

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to discover and to cherish.

You give us sun and moon and star-lit sky, everything that gives us light, light for our eyes, our hearts, our minds.

You made us all, each wonderfully different, to join with the angels praising you and singing:

**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 thank you, loving Father, because you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross and shows us the way to live.

Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*1st voice*

*Why do we share this bread and wine?*

*2nd voice*

*Because Jesus makes them signs of his love.*

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples. 'This is my body', he said, 'given for you.

Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup, gave thanks, and shared wine with his disciples. 'This is my blood,' he said, 'poured out for you and for all people, to save them from their sins.

Do this to remember me.'

Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*1st voice*

*Why do we follow Jesus Christ?*

*2nd voice*

*Because he is God's saving love.*

Help us to love one another, and to work together for that day when the whole world is fed, suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms.

And now with Lawrence, Paul and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever.

**Amen**

*We kneel or sit for prayer*

## The Lord's Prayer

We say together the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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.**

## 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.

## 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.

*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 .*

## Communion Song - From heaven you came, helpless babe

From heaven you came, helpless babe,  
Entered our world, Your glory veiled,  
Not to be served but to serve,  
And give Your life that we might live.

*This is our God, the Servant King,  
He calls us now to follow Him,  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to the Servant King.*

There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load He chose to bear;  
His heart with sorrow was torn,  
'Yet not my will but yours,' He said.

*This is our God...*

Come see His hands and His feet,  
The scars that speak of sacrifice,  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered.

*This is our God...*

So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him,  
Each other's needs to prefer,  
For it is Christ we're serving.

*This is our God...*

## Post Communion Prayer

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for the gift  
of your holy word.**

**May it be a lantern to our feet,  
a light to our paths, and a  
strength to our lives.**

**Take us and use us to love and serve  
in the power of the Holy Spirit  
and in the name of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

*Interview with Children*

## Final Hymn - Great is Thy faithfulness

Great is Thy faithfulness,  
O God my Father,  
There is no shadow of  
turning with Thee;  
Thou changest not,  
Thy compassions they fail not,  
As Thou has been Thou for ever wilt be.

*Great is Thy faithfulness,  
great is thy faithfulness;  
Morning by morning  
new mercies I see;  
All I have needed  
Thy hand hath provided -  
Great is Thy faithfulness,  
Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter,  
and spring-time and harvest,  
Sun, moon and stars  
in their courses above,  
Join with all nature in manifold witness  
To Thy great faithfulness,  
mercy and love.

*Great is Thy faithfulness ...*

Pardon for sin,  
and a peace that endureth,  
Thine own dear presence  
to cheer and to guide;  
Strength for today  
and bright hope for tomorrow,  
Blessings all mine,  
with ten thousand beside!

*Great is Thy faithfulness .....*

## Closing Blessing

May God the Father, the Creator and  
Lord of all, who calls you to share in  
his creative purpose, enable you to  
create after the pattern of his Son and  
in the power of his Spirit. And may the  
blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son  
and Holy Spirit be with you in your work  
and in your homes, this day and for  
evermore.

**Amen.**

*Deacon:*

Let us all go in the light and peace of  
Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

*You are warmly invited you to stay  
for refreshments in the  
Centenary Room after the  
service has ended.*

*This Sunday, to celebrate Fred  
and Dot's Golden Wedding  
Anniversary, they have provided  
sherry and cake for everyone.  
Please do enjoy.*

## **The Great North Run**

On Sunday 11th September  
Revd. Mike Barton will be taking part  
in the Great North Run

and will be fundraising to  
split the proceeds equally  
between Christian charity Tearfund  
(<https://www.tearfund.org/>)  
and general church funds.

If you would like to donate  
please see the sponsorship  
form at the back of church.



## **Those departed**

REST IN PEACE

Brenda Maria Glaister

## **The Bereavement Group**

Meets on the first Monday  
of the month from 7:30 to 9:00pm

St Paul's Church, Church Street  
Longridge PR3 3WA

Refreshments provided

## **Parish Garden Party**

The Parish Garden Party will be held this  
afternoon at the Old Vicarage  
**from 1.30pm – 4pm.**

We are most grateful to Graham Kelsall  
for opening up his home and garden  
again for us.



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