



*'So the last will be first,
and the first will be last.'*

Connect

*St Mary's and St Leonard's
Sunday 24th September 2023*

Words of Welcome

Come let us worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.
Let the heavens rejoice, and creation sing his praise

Rejoice O earth, sea and sky and every creature within you
Let the heavens rejoice, and creation sing your praise

Creator God,
in Christ you call all people to the fullness of glory
for which you created us in your image:
heal our hardened hearts,
and renew our obedience to your will,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn **KING OF GLORY, KING OF PEACE,** I will love Thee;
and that love may never cease, I will move Thee.
Thou hast granted my request, Thou hast heard me;
Thou didst note my working breast, Thou hast spared me.

Wherefore with my utmost art I will sing Thee,
and the cream of all my heart I will bring Thee.
Though my sins against me cried, Thou didst clear me;
and alone, when they replied, Thou didst hear me.

Sev'n whole days, not one in sev'n, I will praise Thee;
in my heart, though not in heav'n, I can raise Thee.
Small it is, in this poor sort to enroll Thee:
e'en eternity's too short to extol Thee.

Confession

God is love, and we are forever indebted to his love.
He loved us first and calls us to put love into action.
To love our neighbours and to do no harm.

So conscious of our own failing to love as we have been loved
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Father we acknowledge that we have not loved
as you would have us love.
We turn to you again and ask for your mercy,
forgive us and renew us through Christ Jesus our Lord**

**Kyrie Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison
Christe, Christe, eleison
Kyrie, Kyrie, eleison.**

Absolution

God, who is both power and love, forgives us and frees us from our sins, heal and strengthens us by your Spirit and raise us with all creation to new life through Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Gloria Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo !
Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia!**

Reading from Philippians 1.21-30

For to me, to live is Christ and to die is gain. If I am to go on living in the body, this will mean fruitful labour for me. Yet what shall I choose? I do not know! I am torn between the two: I desire to depart and be with Christ, which is better by far; but it is more necessary for you that I remain in the body. Convinced of this, I know that I will remain, and I will continue with all of you for your progress and joy in the faith, so that through my being with you again your boasting in Christ Jesus will abound on account of me.

Whatever happens, conduct yourselves in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ. Then, whether I come and see you or only hear about you in my absence, I will know that you stand firm in the Spirit, striving together as one for the faith of the gospel without being frightened in any way by those who oppose you. This is a sign to them that they will be destroyed, but that you will be saved – and that by God. For it has been granted to you on behalf of Christ not only to believe in him, but also to suffer for him, since you are going through the same struggle you saw I had, and now hear that I still have.

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Collect

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth, and ourselves in your image. Teach us to discern your hand in all your works and to serve you with reverence and thanksgiving; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Hymn **'FORGIVE OUR SINS AS WE FORGIVE',**

you taught us, Lord, to pray;
but you alone can grant us grace
to live the words we say.

How can your pardon reach and bless
the unforgiving heart
that broods on wrongs and will not let
old bitterness depart?

In blazing light your cross reveals
the truth we dimly know:
what trivial debts are owed to us,
how great our debt to you!

Lord, cleanse the depths within our souls
and bid resentment cease;
then, bound to all in bonds of love,
our lives will spread your peace.

The Gospel **We read from Matthew 20 v1-16**

Hear the Good News of our risen Lord according to Matthew
Glory to Christ our Saviour.

'For the kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire workers for his vineyard. He agreed to pay them a denarius for the day and sent them into his vineyard.

'About nine in the morning he went out and saw others standing in the market-place doing nothing. He told them, "You also go and work in my vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went.

'He went out again about noon and about three in the afternoon and did the same thing. About five in the afternoon he went out again and found still others standing around. He asked them, "Why have you been standing here all day long doing nothing?" "Because no one has hired us," they answered. 'He said to them, "You also go and work in my vineyard."

'When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his foreman, "Call the workers and pay them their wages, beginning with the last ones hired and going on to the first."

'The workers who were hired about five in the afternoon came and each received a denarius. So when those came who were hired first, they expected to receive more. But each one of them also received a denarius. When they received it, they began to grumble against the landowner. "These who were hired last worked only one hour," they said, "and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the work and the heat of the day."

'But he answered one of them, "I am not being unfair to you, friend. Didn't you agree to work for a denarius? Take your pay and go. I want to give the one who was hired last the same as I gave you. Don't I have the right to do what I want with my own money? Or are you envious because I am generous?"

'So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel
Praise to Christ our Lord.

Sermon

Hymn

O LET THE SON OF GOD ENFOLD YOU

With His Spirit and His love,
Let Him fill your heart and satisfy your soul.
O let Him have the things that hold you,
And His Spirit like a dove
Will descend upon your life and make you whole.

Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.
Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.

O come and sing this song with gladness
As your hearts are filled with joy,
Lift your hands in sweet surrender to His name.
O give Him all your tears and sadness,
Give Him all your years of pain,
And you'll enter into life in Jesus' name.

Jesus, O Jesus, Come and fill Your lambs.
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Intercessions for today

The Peace

We meet in Christ's name
Let us share His peace.

Peace be with you
and also with you

Hymn **LOVE DIVINE, all loves excelling,**
Joy of heaven to earth come down!
Fix in us Thy humble dwelling,
All Thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesus, 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.

Offering

Let us present our offerings to the Lord.

**Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.**

All things come from you, and of your own we give you. Amen

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, Our Source of Life,
Creator of all things, visible and invisible,
Whom the heavens and earth praise,
from the dawn of time unto its end.

**By your holy Word you brought order out of chaos.
created the heavens and established the earth;
you divided the sea from the dry land,
and caused all life to come into being.
You formed humanity in your own image,
and entrusted us with the priesthood of Creation.**

In Christ your holy Word became flesh, and dwelt among us.
Through dying on the cross, he overcame sin and death,
that we, your creation might be restored in him.

As children of your redeeming purpose,
with all your creatures throughout space and time
we offer you our praise, with angels and archangels
and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

***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.***

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,
most loving Father.

In Jesus you showed us yourself
our living hope, who opened the gates of glory
and calls us now to share the love of his Good News.

On the night when he was betrayed,
at supper with his friends and disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:
"Take, eat.
This is my Body: it is broken for you."

After supper, he took the cup,
he offered you thanks,
and gave it to them saying:
"Drink this, all of you.
This is my Blood of the new covenant;
it is poured out for you, and for all,
that sins may be forgiven.
Do this in remembrance of me."

**We now obey your Son's command.
We recall his blessed passion and death,
his glorious resurrection and ascension;
and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.
Made one with him, we offer you these gifts
and with them ourselves,
a single, holy, living sacrifice.**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by the Spirit's life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised
into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters
living and departed.**

**Through Jesus Christ our Lord, with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages, world without end. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

Communion Song

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us
Jesus, bearer of our sins: have mercy on us
Jesus, redeemer of the world: Give us your peace
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Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us 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.

Distribution of Communion

*All are welcome to come and receive communion
or a blessing at this time*

Prayer after Communion

Give thanks to the Lord, for he is gracious
and his mercy endures for ever

God of our salvation,
restore in us the beauty of your creation
and help us to turn and follow you
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

May God give you grace
to be faithful stewards of Creation,
and the blessing of God,
our Creator, Redeemer and giver of Life
be with you now and evermore..

Amen

Hymn **TELL ALL THE WORLD OF JESUS ,**

our Saviour, Lord and King;
and let the whole creation
of his salvation sing:
proclaim his glorious greatness,
in nature and in grace,
creator and redeemer,
the Lord of time and space.

Tell all the world of Jesus,
that everyone may find
the joy of his forgiveness
true peace of heart and mind.
Proclaim his perfect goodness,
his deep, unfailing care,
his love so rich in mercy,
a love beyond compare

Tell all the world of Jesus,
that everyone may know
of his almighty triumph
defeating every foe.
Proclaim his coming glory,
when sin is overthrown,
and he shall reign in splendour
the King upon his throne!

Dismissal

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



Autumn Time Socials

MESSY CHURCH - All aboard with Noah!

Saturday 30th, 4-6pm - All welcome
come early to avoid the flood!

October Saturday 7th - Harvest Supper

Come ye thankful people come and join the harvest fun with a bring and share supper and entertainment in St Leonard's Church Hall. Please sign up to come and to help with catering. Our **Harvest Sunday is on the 8th October**. Donations towards our Harvest Flowers are welcome and on the Sunday Harvest gifts of tinned or dried food will be collected for the work of The Storehouse.

November Friday 17th - St Andrew's Ceilidh

Get your dancing shoes on and strip a willow as we gather at the Roses Club in Bonnyrigg for a fun night of music, dancing, food, fun and fellowship.

Wednesday 29th - Panto and meal at the Stair Arms.

Oh no it isn't! Oh yes it is!!! Wed 29th November, sign up today.
You can come to both or just join with us for the Panto or the meal.....

December Saturday 2nd - Christmas Fair

Come along and enjoy a coffee and spend time enjoying the stalls in hope that you can buy one or two Christmas presents for family and friends.



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