

Sunday @ 9

9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 26th July 2026

We join together, both those at St Luke's, and those at home using the internet or telephone

If you are at home, find somewhere comfortable, light a candle, and connect to our service via Zoom on the internet (<https://zoom.us/j/7210725462>) or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the Parish Office for the password. Follow the order of service below.

Gathering as God's people

Hymn: Come on and celebrate!

Come on and celebrate!

His gift of love we will celebrate –
the Son of God, who loved us
and gave us life.

We'll shout Your praise, O King:
You give us joy nothing else can bring;
we'll give to You our offering
in celebration praise.

Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing,
Celebrate and sing to the King:
Come on and celebrate, celebrate,
celebrate and sing;
celebrate and sing to the King!.

Patricia Morgan
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The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Romans 8.38–39

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

O God, the fount of wisdom, you have revealed to us in Christ the hidden treasure and the pearl of great price: grant us your Spirit's gift of discernment, that, in the midst of the things of this world, we may learn to value the priceless worth of your kingdom, and be ready to renounce all else for the sake of the precious gift you offer. We ask

this through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

Children's ministry

Prayer before the reading of scripture

Thank you, Father,
for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation
through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us
through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading: Romans 8:26-39

Hymn: Seek ye first

Seek ye first the kingdom of God
and His righteousness,
and all these things shall be added unto you.
Allelu alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu alleluia.

Ask and it shall be given unto you,
seek and you shall find.
knock and it shall be opened unto you.
Allelu alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu alleluia.

We shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word
that proceeds from the mouth of the Lord,
Allelu alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, allelu alleluia.

Karen Lafferty
By permission Maranatha Music

Gospel reading: Matthew 13:44-58

The Sermon

Music for reflection:

The Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father;
from there he will come to judge
the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Ministry of Prayer

We pray for the church and the world.

Accept our prayers through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who taught us to 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.

Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

Confession of sin

God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy,
welcoming sinners and inviting them to the Lord's
table.

A pause for reflection

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, with
a sincere and a true heart.

Merciful God,
our maker and our judge,
we have sinned against you

in thought, word, and deed,
and in what we have failed to do:
we have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.
Father, forgive us.
Strengthen us to love and obey you
in newness of life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Almighty God,
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to
him in faith:
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,
strengthen you in all goodness
and keep you in eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Greeting of peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Please say hello to everyone!

The Offertory

Hymn: It only takes a spark

It only takes a spark to get a fire going,
and soon all those around
can warm up in its glowing;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it:
you spread His love to everyone;
you want to pass it on.

What a wondrous time is spring
when all the trees are budding,
the birds begin to sing;
the flowers start their blooming;
that's how it is with God's love,
once you've experienced it
you want to sing, it's fresh like spring;
you want to pass it on.

I wish for you, my friend,
this happiness that I've found;
you can depend on Him,
it matters not where you're bound;
I'll shout it from the mountaintop,
I want my world to know;
The Lord of love has come to me,
I want to pass it on.

Thanksgiving for offered gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to
share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever

The Great Thanksgiving

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 our thanks and praise.

Loving God...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that when we turned away...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that on the cross...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

...to remember all he has done for us:

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of bread and the Communion

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people of God...

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us your peace.

Communion is shared

Post Communion Prayer

Father of all
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.

Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

The sending out of God's people

Notices

Hymn: King of the ages

*King of the ages, Almighty God,
perfect love, ever just and true.
Who will not fear You
and bring You praise?*

All the nations will come to You.

Your ways of love have won my heart,
and brought me joy unending.
Your saving power at work in me,
bringing peace and the hope of glory.

King of the ages . . .

Your arms of love are reaching out
to every soul that seeks You;
Your light will shine in all the earth,
bringing grace and a great salvation.

King of the ages . . .

The day will come when You appear,
and every eye shall see You.
Then we shall rise with hearts ablaze,
with a song we will sing for ever.

King of the ages . . .

Blessing

The peace of God which passes all understanding
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and
love of God, and of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing ...

Amen

Dismissal

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

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