



St Luke Jersey

18th September 2022

25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

At the sound of the bell, the hymn begins, the Priest and servers enter and the altar is honoured with incense.

The Opening Hymn

LORD of beauty, thine the splendour
Shown in earth and sky and sea,
Burning sun and moonlight tender,
Hill and river, flower and tree
: Lest we fail our praise to render
Touch our eyes that they may see.

Lord of wisdom, whom obeying
Mighty waters ebb and flow,
While unhasting, undelaying,
Planets on their courses go:
In thy laws thyself displaying,
Teach our minds thyself to know.

Lord of life, alone sustaining
All below and all above,
Lord of love, by whose ordaining
Sun and stars sublimely move:
In our earthly spirits reigning,
Lift our hearts that we may love.

Lord of beauty, bid us own thee,
Lord of truth, our footsteps guide,
Till as Love our hearts enthrone thee,
And, with vision purified,
Lord of all, when all have known thee,
Thou in all art glorified.

Greeting

Priest ✠ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.
All Amen.

All The Lord be with you
and also with you.

The Priest introduces the liturgy and invites us to confess our sins.

The Penitential Rite

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

Christ, have mercy.
All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, have mercy.
All **Lord, have mercy.**

The Priest says a Prayer for Forgiveness.

Gloria in Excelsis

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heav'nly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord, Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father.
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father.

The Opening Prayer

The Priest says the prayer for the day

Almighty God,
whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
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.

The Liturgy of the Word

A reading from the first letter of St Paul to Timothy

My advice is that, first of all, there should be prayers offered for everyone – petitions, intercessions and thanksgiving – and especially for kings and others in authority, so that we may be able to live religious and reverent lives in peace and quiet. To do this is right, and will please God our saviour: he wants everyone to be saved and reach full knowledge of the truth. For there is only one God, and there is only one mediator between God and mankind, himself a man, Christ Jesus, who sacrificed himself as a ransom for them all. He is the evidence of this, sent at the appointed time, and I have been named a herald and apostle of it and – I am telling the truth and no lie – a teacher of the faith and the truth to the pagans.

In every place, then, I want the men to lift their hands up reverently in prayer, with no anger or argument.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The Responsorial Psalm

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

Praise, O servants of the Lord,
praise the name of the Lord!
May the name of the Lord be blessed
both now and for evermore!

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

High above all nations is the Lord,
above the heavens his glory.
Who is like the Lord, our God,
who has risen on high to his throne
yet stoops from the heights to look down,
to look down upon heaven and earth?

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

From the dust he lifts up the lowly,
from the dungheap he raises the poor
to set him in the company of princes,
yes, with the princes of his people.

Praise the Lord, who raises the poor.

The Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia!
This is my Son, the Beloved:
he enjoys my favour.
Listen to him.

All **Alleluia!**

The Gospel

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you**
✠ Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke
All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples:

'There was a rich man and he had a steward denounced to him for being wasteful with his property. He called for the man and said, "What is this I hear about you? Draw me up an account of your stewardship because you are not to be my steward any longer." Then the steward said to himself, "Now that my master is taking the stewardship from me, what am I to do? Dig? I am not strong enough. Go begging? I should be too ashamed. Ah, I know what I will do to make sure that when I am dismissed from office there will be some to welcome me into their homes."

Then he called his master's debtors one by one. To the first he said, "How much do you owe my master?" "One hundred measures of oil" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond; sit down straight away and write fifty." To another he said, "And you, sir, how much do you owe?" "One hundred measures of wheat" was the reply. The steward said, "Here, take your bond and write eighty."

'The master praised the dishonest steward for his astuteness. For the children of this world are more astute in dealing with their own kind than are the children of light.

'And so I tell you this: use money, tainted as it is, to win you friends, and thus make sure that when it fails you, they will welcome you into the tents of eternity. The man who can be trusted in little things can be trusted in great; the man who is dishonest in little things will be dishonest in great. If then you cannot be trusted with money, that tainted thing, who will trust you with genuine riches? And if you cannot be trusted with what is not yours, who will give you what is your very own?

'No servant can be the slave of two masters: he will either hate the first and love the second, or treat the first with respect and the second with scorn. You cannot be the slave both of God and of money.'

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

The Homily

The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

The Prayer of Intercession

The Priest introduces the intercession

After each petition the leader will say

Lord, hear us.
All Lord, graciously hear us.

Following the prayers for the departed

Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord
And let light perpetual shine upon them.
May they rest in peace. Amen.

*The leader invites us all to join in a **Prayer for our Parish** (wherever that may be)*

God our Father,
through your Holy Spirit
you grow your Church
as we proclaim the kingdom of your risen Son.
Bless us with deepening faith
and an increase in our community.
Help us to be a beacon of your love
to everyone we meet.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

We ask for Mary's never-ending intercession and say

Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee;
blessed art thou among women
and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus.
Holy Mary, Mother of God,
pray for us sinners,
now and at the hour of our death. Amen.

The Priest concludes the intercession

The Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

The Priest introduces the Peace, and then says

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

As the gifts of bread and wine are prepared on the altar, we sing

City of God, how broad and far
Outspread thy walls sublime!
The true thy chartered freemen are
Of every age and clime.

One holy Church, one army strong,
One steadfast, high intent;
One working band, one harvest-song,
One King omnipotent.

How purely hath thy speech come down
From man's primaeval youth!
How grandly hath thine empire grown
Of freedom, love and truth!

How gleam thy watch-fires through the night
With never-fainting ray!
How rise thy towers, serene and bright,
To meet the dawning day!

In vain the surge's angry shock,
In vain the drifting sands:
Unharm'd upon the eternal Rock
The eternal City stands.

*Words: Samuel Johnson, 1822-82
Music: Alan Gray, 1855-1935*

At the conclusion of the hymn, the Priest invites us to join in the offering of the Eucharist

All Pray, my brothers and sisters, that this our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the almighty Father.
 May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands,
 for the praise and glory of his name,
 for our good, and the good of all his Church.

The Priest says the Prayer over the Gift

The Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord be with you
 And also with you

All Lift up your hearts
 We lift them to the Lord

All Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
 It is right to give him thanks and praise

The Priest sings the Preface for the day, at the end of which we sing

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

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest.

Following the elevation of the chalice, the Priest says

Great is the mystery of faith

and we sing

All **Christ has died:
 Christ is risen:
 Christ will come again.**

The Prayer ends in praise of the Father and we sing our acclamation:

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The Priest invites us to join in the Lord's Prayer

All Our Father, who art in heaven,
 hallowed be thy name;
 thy kingdom come;
 thy will be done;
 on earth as it is in heaven.
 Give us this day our daily bread.
 And forgive us our trespasses,
 as we forgive those who trespass against us.
 And lead us not into temptation;
 but deliver us from evil.
 For thine is the kingdom,
 the power, and the glory,
 for ever and ever. Amen.

Breaking of the Bread

The Priest breaks the consecrated bread and says

All 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.**

Agnus Dei

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

The Priest invites us to receive a spiritual Communion

This is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word and I shall be healed.**

and we say together

My Jesus, I believe that you
are present in the Most Holy Sacrament.
I love you above all things,
and I desire to receive you into my soul.
Since I cannot at this moment
receive you sacramentally,
come at least spiritually into my heart.
I embrace you as if you were already there
and unite myself wholly to you.
Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Priest and congregation present in the church now receive Communion.

During Communion, the choir will sing a motet

Following the Motet, we sing

For the fruits of his creation,
thanks be to God;
for his gifts to every nation,
thanks be to God;
for the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while men are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safe keeping,
thanks be to God.

In the just reward of labour,
God's will is done;
in the help we give out neighbour,
God's will is done;
in our world-wide task of caring
for hungry and despairing
in the harvests men are sharing,
God's will is done.

For the harvests of his Spirit,
thanks be to God;
for the good all men inherit,
thank be to God;
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all, that love has found us,
thanks be to God.

*Words: F. Pratt Green
Music: Francis Jackson*

Prayer after Communion

The Priest says the Prayer after Communion

The Blessing and Dismissal

All The Lord be with you
 and also with you.

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

All **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We sing our concluding hymn

All my hope on God is founded;
He doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
Only good and only true.
God unknown,
He alone
Calls my heart to be his own.

Pride of man and earthly glory,
Sword and crown betray his trust;
What with care and toil he buildeth,
Tower and temple, fall to dust
But God's power,
Hour by hour,
Is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth,
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:
Splendour, light and life attend him,
Beauty springeth out of naught.
Evermore
From his store
New-born worlds rise and adore.

Daily doth th'Almighty giver
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;
His desire our soul delighteth,
Pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand
At his hand;
Joy doth wait on his command.

Still from man to God eternal
Sacrifice of praise be done,
High above all praises praising
For the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call
One and all:
Ye who follow shall not fall.

Words: J. Neander, 1650-80
Music: Herbert Howells, 1892-1983

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Notices for the Week

1. **Next Sunday** we will be celebrating **Harvest**, giving thanks to God for all that that means. There will be a special Family Mass at 1000, during which we will collect non-perishable foodstuffs for the **Grace Trust** and money for **Farm Africa**, a charity working in eastern Africa where the worsening climate crisis has led to drought and hunger. Please make sure you come to church laden with goodies and your debit card!
2. Also next **Sunday, at 1430**, there will be the annual commemoration of the **Battle of Britain**. Following the service, afternoon tea will be served in Aha, across the park. All are most welcome!
3. Make a note now! On **Sunday, 23 October**, we'll be celebrating our Patron, **St Luke**, and will have a very special Mass at which the sacrament of Confirmation will be administered by Bishop Will Hazlewood, the Bishop of Lewes. Following the Mass, there will be a parish lunch in the hall. We want to make this a great celebration, so please sign-up today for the lunch and let's try to get a mighty turn-out for the bishop!