

The Benefice of All Saints, Highbrook & St Margaret of Antioch, West Hoathly



'The Ox of St Luke' by Martin Schongauer

St Luke the Evangelist Eucharist

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Welcome to our service which is streamed from St Margaret's, West Hoathly, as we join together to worship God.

Before the service

A suggestion for before the service is listen to a version of (traditional) 'Thou to whom the sick and dying' or (contemporary) 'The name of Jesus' by Chris Tomlin (these can be found on YouTube or music streaming services).

Welcome

In the name of the Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Prayer of Confession

We run the race set before us,
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses.
Therefore let us lay aside every weight,
and the sin which clings so closely,
bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Hebrews 12.1

All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Gloria in excelsis

All Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly 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.
Amen.

The Collect

Let us pray.

Almighty God,
you called Luke the physician,
whose praise is in the gospel,
to be an evangelist and physician of the soul:
by the grace of the Spirit
and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel,
give your Church the same love and power to heal;
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.

All **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 35.3-6

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert;

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 147.1-7

Alleluia. How good it is to make music for our God,
how joyful to honour him with praise.

**All The Lord builds up Jerusalem
and gathers together the outcasts of Israel.**

He heals the brokenhearted and binds up all their wounds.

**All He counts the number of the stars
and calls them all by their names.**

Great is our Lord and mighty in power;
his wisdom is beyond all telling.

**All The Lord lifts up the poor,
but casts down the wicked to the ground.**

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving;
make music to our God upon the lyre.

**All Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now and shall be for ever. Amen.**

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.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."
(Luke 10.1-9)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Please stand.

All 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 Prayers of Intercession

In the power of the Gospel let us pray to the Lord.

Bless the healing ministry of the Church and grant relief to those who come to her for help. Inspire all who profess the name of Jesus with the compassion that he freely gave in his life on earth. Lord, in your mercy -

All hear our prayer.

May the light of the Gospel shine through all the world. May the saving health that is in Christ alone be known to all nations. Bless all who work to heal the sick and who care for them in their need. Lord, in your mercy -

All hear our prayer.

Give us grace to heal and restore harmony wherever there is trouble among those with whom we live and work. We pray for local GPs and nurses and all who work in our hospitals. Lord, in your mercy -

All hear our prayer.

We pray for the sick in body and mind. For all who are distressed by the suffering of those they love. Bring the assurance of divine love to those who feel themselves rejected and cast out from society. Lord, in your mercy -

All hear our prayer.

Receive with mercy the departed who have passed through the troubles of this world. Grant them new life with blessed Luke and all the saints, where sickness and pain are no more. We pray especially for Alice Satchel, and all who mourn her. Lord, in your mercy -

All hear our prayer.

We pray through Jesus Christ, in whom we are healed, forgiven and restored.

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. (*Ephesians 2.19,17*)
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

All **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good

that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For after his resurrection

he sent out his apostles and evangelists

to preach the gospel to all nations

and lead us in the way of truth.

Himself the chief cornerstone,

he founded his Church upon the apostles

firmly to stand for ever

as a sign of your holiness upon earth

and a living witness to all

of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels

and with all the company of heaven

we lift our voices

and join in their unending hymn of praise:

All **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.

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,

and according to your holy will,

these gifts of bread and wine

may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All **Christ has died:**

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary,
St Margaret and all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;

by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

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.**

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

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin 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.**

As the priest receives Communion, these words are spoken, and answered by the people, as a statement of identification with the communion about to be made but will do so in silence.

The Body of Christ
All **Amen**

The Blood of Christ
All **Amen**

In this time of dispersion, you are invited to make a Spiritual Communion, using this or a similar prayer:

A prayer for communion in separation

Lord Jesus Christ, life-giver and good physician, here you meet me in our need. In a world marred by corruption and marked by death, draw me into true life. By your selfless sacrifice, help me to live for others and not myself. May I, who cannot now receive you sacramentally, embrace you more fully in my heart, mind and soul. Help me unite myself to you in spirit, so that I may be drawn closer to those from whom I am isolated in body. Through sharing your life given up in death for us all, may we grow together in love into a richer and more profound communion of life.

During this period, we will play 'We cannot measure how you heal' (music by John L Bell (born 1949) and Graham Maule (1958-2019)):

*We cannot measure how you heal
or answer every sufferer's prayer,
yet we believe your grace responds
where faith and doubt unite to care.
Your hands, though bloodied on the cross,
survive to hold and heal and warn,
to carry all through death to life
and cradle children yet unborn.*

*The pain that will not go away,
the guilt that clings from things long past,
the fear of what the future holds,
are present as if meant to last.
But present too is love which tends
the hurt we never hoped to find,
the private agonies inside,
the memories that haunt the mind.*

*So some have come who need your help,
and some have come to make amends,
as hands which shaped and saved the world
are present in the touch of friends.
Lord, let your Spirit meet us here
to mend the body, mind and soul,
to disentangle peace from pain
and make your broken people whole.*

Prayer after Communion

After a short time of silence, we pray together:

Let us pray:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

Notices

The Blessing

The Lord be with you.

All **And also with you.**

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,
bring you, with all the saints,
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;
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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

All **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Final hymn

O for a thousand tongues to sing
my dear Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace.

Jesus - the name that charms our fears,
that bids our sorrows cease;
'tis music in the sinner's ears,
'tis life, and health, and peace.

He speaks; and, listening to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice;
the humble poor believe.

My gracious Master and my God,
assist me to proclaim
and spread through all the earth abroad
the honours of thy name.

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)