



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

Connect

*St Leonard's & St Mary'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

WHO AM I THAT THE HIGHEST KING would welcome me?

I was lost but He brought me in Oh His love for me

Oh His love for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God, Yes I am

Free at last, He has ransomed me His grace runs deep

While I was a slave to sin Jesus died for me

Yes He died for me

Who the Son sets free

Oh is free indeed

I'm a child of God Yes I am

In my Father's house

There's a place for me

I'm a child of God, Yes I am

I am chosen not forsaken

I am who You say I am

You are for me not against me

I am who You say I am

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**

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**

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 **AMAZING GRACE HOW SWEET THE SOUND**

That saved a wretch like me
I once was lost, but now I'm found
Was blind, but now I see

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear
And grace my fears relieved
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed

My chains are gone, I've been set free
My God, my Savior has ransomed me
And like a flood His mercy reigns
Unending love
Amazing grace

The Lord has promised good to me
His word my hope secures
He will my shield and portion be
As long as life endures

The earth shall soon dissolve like snow
The sun forbear to shine
But God who called me here below
Will be forever mine, will be forever mine
You are forever mine

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

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

I LOVE YOU LORD

Oh Your mercy never fails me

All my days

I've been held in Your hands

From the moment that I wake up

Until I lay my head

I will sing of the goodness of God

All my life You have been faithful

All my life You have been so, so good

With every breath that I am able

I will sing of the goodness of God

I love Your voice

You have led me through the fire

In darkest nights

You are close like no other

I've known You as a father

I've known You as a friend

I have lived in the goodness of God

Bridge

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

With my life laid down, I'm surrendered now, I give You everything

Your goodness is running after, it's running after me

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.

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

THE LORD'S MY SHEPHERD, I'll not want.

He makes me lie in pastures green.
He leads me by the still, still waters,
His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone.
And I will trust in You alone,
For Your endless mercy follows me,
Your goodness will lead me home.

He guides my ways in righteousness,
And He anoints my head with oil,
And my cup, it overflows with joy,
I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path,
I will not fear the evil one,
For You are with me, and Your rod and staff
Are the comfort I need to know.

Dismissal

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



Messy Church Saturday 30th September 2023
from 4-6pm

All a board with Noah



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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