

Connect

St Leonard's & St Mary's

Connecting with God, connecting with each other!

Sunday 19th July 2026

Words of Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God,
the Father and from his Son Christ Jesus, our Lord,
in whom we rejoice by the power of the Holy Spirit at work in us.
Amen

let us pray:

Almighty God to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen

Hymn **GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT,**
As year succeeds to year;
God is working His purpose out,
And the time is drawing near;
Nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

From utmost East to utmost West,
Wherever souls have trod,
By the mouth of many messengers
Goes forth the voice of God;
Give ear to Me, ye continents,
Ye isles, give ear to Me,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

What can we do to work God's work
To prosper and increase
The brotherhood of all mankind
The reign of the prince of peace?
What can we do to hasten the time,
When the earth may be filled
With the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

March we forth in the strength of God
With the banner of Christ unfurled,
That the light of the glorious gospel of truth
May shine throughout the world:
Fight we the fight with sorrow and sin,
To set their captives free,
That the earth may be filled
With the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

All we can do is nothing worth,
Unless God blesses the deed;
Vainly we hope for the harvest-tide
Till God gives life to the seed;
Yet nearer and nearer draws the time,
The time that shall surely be,
When the earth shall be filled
With the glory of God, as the waters cover the sea.

Prayer of Confession

God demonstrates his own love for us,
that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us.
Therefore let us confess our sins in penitence and faith

God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins, and deliver us from the power of evil.
For the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

God who is both power and love,
forgive us and free us from our sins,
heal and strengthen us by his Spirit,
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen

The Collect

Almighty God,
your Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence.
Give us pure hearts and constant wills to worship you
in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Reading from 8.12-25

Therefore, brothers and sisters, we have an obligation, but it is not to the flesh, to live according to it. For if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the misdeeds of the body, you will live. For those who are led by the Spirit of God are the children of God.

The Spirit you received does not make you slaves, so that you live in fear again; rather, the Spirit you received brought about your adoption to sonship. And by him we cry, Abba, Father.' The Spirit himself testifies with our spirit that we are God's children. Now if we are children, then we are heirs.

Heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ, if indeed we share in his sufferings in order that we may also share in his glory. I consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. For the creation waits in eager expectation for the children of God to be revealed. For the creation was subjected to frustration, not by its own choice, but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be liberated from its bondage to decay and brought into the freedom and glory of the children of God.

We know that the whole creation has been groaning as in the pains of childbirth right up to the present time. Not only so, but we ourselves, who have the firstfruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly as we wait eagerly for our adoption to sonship, the redemption of our bodies. For in this hope we were saved. But hope that is seen is no hope at all. Who hopes for what they already have? But if we hope for what we do not yet have, we wait for it patiently.

Hymn FATHER GOD, I WONDER
how I managed to exist
Without the knowledge of Your parenthood
and Your loving care.
But now I am Your child,
I am adopted in Your family,
And I can never be alone,
'Cause Father God,
You're there beside me.

I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
I will sing Your praises,
Forever more.

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The Gospel Matthew 13.v24-30, & v36-43

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

Jesus told them another parable:
'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where did the weeds come from?" "An enemy did this," he replied.

'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"
'"No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot the wheat with them. Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn."'

Then Jesus left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.'

He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man. The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels.

'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

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

Sermon

A declaration of faith

As the body of Christ we declare our faith together

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith and fills us with his love

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us with power from on high

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Intercessions for today

The Peace

We meet in the name of the prince of peace.
Let us share God's peace.

Peace be with you
and also with you

Hymn **HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD,**
Breathe new life into my willing soul.
Let the presence of the risen Lord,
Come renew my heart and make me whole.
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;
Give me faith for what I cannot see,
Give me passion for Your purity;
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within,
May Your joy be seen in all I do.
Love enough to cover every sin,
In each thought and deed and attitude.
Kindness to the greatest and the least,
Gentleness that sows the path of peace.
Turn my strivings into works of grace;
Breath of God show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,
Giving life to all that God has made,
Show Your power once again on earth,
Cause Your church to hunger for your ways.
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise;
Lead us on the road of sacrifice,
That in unity the face of Christ
May be clear for all the world to see.

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 is here
His Spirit is with us.

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 thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you Father
in every place and at all times.
You made us, and all the people of the world
and everything that is.

You give us the daylight.
Your Word lights up our minds.
Your Spirit lives in us
so that we can look at the world
with your eyes.

As citizens of heaven,
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.

Father you never forget us
or turn away from us even when we fail you.
You sent your Son Jesus, who gave his life for us.
He healed those who were sick,
cared for those who were poor
and cried with those who were sad.
He forgave sinners and taught us to forgive.

For all your love we give you thanks
in the way that Jesus showed us.
For on the night before he died,
while he was having supper with his friends,
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.'

So, as we do what he told us,
we open our hearts to him;
we remember how he died
and rose again for us.

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit on us
and upon this bread and wine;
that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ,
and that, sharing your life,
we may travel in your company to our journey's end.

With all your people
we give you thanks and praise
through the Son and in the Spirit,
now and for ever. 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 Christ has commanded and taught us,
we are bold to say:

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.

Distribution of Communion

Everyone is invited to 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

O God, as we are strengthened in these holy mysteries,
may our lives be a continual offering,
holy and acceptable in your sight;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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

Hymn **GUIDE ME, O THOU GREAT REDEEMER**

Pilgrim through this barren land;
I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
Hold me with Thy powerful hand:
Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
Feed me now and ever more,
Feed me now and ever more.

Open now the crystal fountain
Whence the healing stream doth flow;
Let the fiery, cloudy pillar
Lead me all my journey through:
Strong Deliverer, strong Deliverer,
Be Thou still my strength and shield,
Be Thou still my strength and shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan
Bid my anxious fears subside;
Death of death, and hell's destruction,
Land me safe on Canaan's side:
Songs of praises, songs of praises,
I will ever give to Thee,
I will ever give to Thee.

Dismissal

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

Please do join with us for refreshments
served at the close of the service



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