

Connect

St Leonard's & St Mary's

Connecting with God, connecting with each other!

Sunday 9th August 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 **LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER, LEAD US**

O'er the world's tempestuous sea;
Guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,
For we have no help but Thee;
Yet possessing every blessing
If our God our Father be.

Saviour, breathe forgiveness o'er us;
All our weakness Thou dost know,
Thou didst tread this earth before us,
Thou didst feel its keenest woe;
Tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,
Through the desert Thou didst go.

Spirit of our God, descending,
Fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
Love with every passion blending,
Pleasure that can never cloy;
Thus provided, pardoned, guided,
Nothing can our peace destroy.

Prayer of Confession

God demonstrates his own love for us in this:
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, you sent your Holy Spirit
to be the life and light of your Church.
Open our hearts to the riches of your grace,
that we may bring forth the fruit of the Spirit in love,
joy, and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

Reading from Romans 10.5-15

Moses writes this about the righteousness that is by the law:
'The person who does these things will live by them.' But the righteousness that is by faith says: 'Do not say in your heart, "Who will ascend into heaven?"' (that is, to bring Christ down) "Who will descend into the deep?"' (that is, to bring Christ up from the dead). But what does it say?

'The word is near you; it is in your mouth and in your heart,' that is, the message concerning faith that we proclaim: If you declare with your mouth, 'Jesus is Lord,' and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is with your heart that you believe and are justified, and it is with your mouth that you profess your faith and are saved.

As Scripture says, 'Anyone who believes in him will never be put to shame.' For there is no difference between Jew and Gentile – the same Lord is Lord of all and richly blesses all who call on him, for, 'Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved.'

How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'

Hymn **HOW LOVELY ON THE MOUNTAINS are the feet of Him**
Who brings good news, good news,
Proclaiming peace, announcing news of happiness,
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

Our God reigns, our God reigns,
Our God reigns, our God reigns.

You watchmen lift your voices joyfully asone,
Shout for your King, your King.
See eye to eye the Lord restoring Zion:
our God reigns, our God reigns!

Waste places of Jerusalem break forth with joy,
We are redeemed, redeemed.
The Lord has saved and comforted His people:
our God reigns, our God reigns!

Ends of the earth, see the salvation of your God,
Jesus is Lord, is Lord.
Before the nations He has bared His holy arm:
our God reigns, our God reigns!

The Gospel Matthew 14.22-33

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

Immediately Jesus made the disciples get into the boat and go on ahead of him to the other side, while he dismissed the crowd. After he had dismissed them, he went up on a mountainside by himself to pray.

Later that night, he was there alone, and the boat was already a considerable distance from land, buffeted by the waves because the wind was against it. Shortly before dawn Jesus went out to them, walking on the lake.

When the disciples saw him walking on the lake, they were terrified. 'It's a ghost,' they said, and cried out in fear. But Jesus immediately said to them: 'Take courage! It is I. Don't be afraid.'

'Lord, if it's you,' Peter replied, 'tell me to come to you on the water.' 'Come,' he said. Then Peter got down out of the boat, walked on the water and came towards Jesus. But when he saw the wind, he was afraid and, beginning to sink, cried out, 'Lord, save me!'

Immediately Jesus reached out his hand and caught him. 'You of little faith,' he said, 'why did you doubt?' And when they climbed into the boat, the wind died down. Then those who were in the boat worshipped him, saying, 'Truly you are the Son of God.'

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 **PUT THOU THY TRUST IN GOD**

In duty's path go on;
Walk in His strength with faith and hope
So shall thy work be done

Commit thy ways to Him
Thy works into His hands
And rest on His unchanging Word
Who Heav'n and earth commands

Though years on years roll on
His cov'nant shall endure;
Though clouds and darkness hide His path
The promised grace is sure

Give to the winds Thy fears;
Hope, and be undismayed;
God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears;
God shall lift up thy head

Through waves, and clouds, and storms
His power will clear thy way;
Wait thou His time, the darkest night
Shall end in brightest day

Leave to His sovereign sway
To choose and to command;
So shalt thou, wond'ring, own His way
How wise, how strong His hand

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 thanks and praise.

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

You give us the daylight. Your Word lights up our minds.
Jesus was born among us to be light in our darkness.
Your Spirit lives in us so that we can look at the world with your eyes.

One day we will be with you in heaven,
but already we laugh with the saints and angels
who sing their joyful song:

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 to live now in us.

Together with him we offer you these gifts:
in them we give you ourselves.

Send your Holy Spirit on us
and on this bread and this 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.

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

God of constant mercy,
who sent your Son to save us:
remind us of your goodness,
increase your grace within us,
that our thankfulness may grow,
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 **I, THE LORD OF SEA AND SKY,**
I have heard My people cry;
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard You calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, If You lead me;
I will hold Your people in my heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain;
I have wept for love of them –
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone;
I will speak My word to them.
Whom shall I send?

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them –
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts are satisfied;
I will give My life to them.
Whom shall I send?

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



Shoe Box Appeal 2026

getting ready for November

Now is the time to start planning your box for this year Shoe Box Appeal. Empty flat packet shoeboxes are available at both churches.

We are also planning to have a couple of Box Packing Days later in the year. If you are not able to fill a shoebox yourself, you can still bring warmth, joy and hope this Christmas by sponsoring a shoebox or help by providing items like toiletries, stationery, and clothing like hats and gloves or even wrapping paper then please bring these to church and place them in the Shoebox Donations Box. An information items list is also available.

Thank You.

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