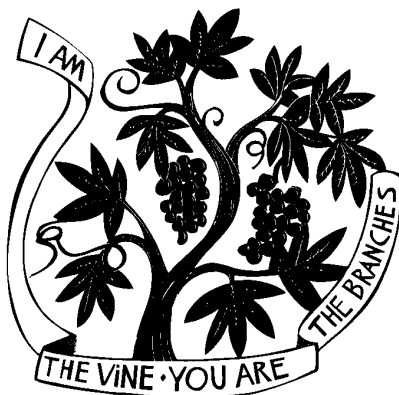




ST LAURENCE CHURCH CATFORD

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

28th April 2024 , 10am



Welcome to St Laurence's this morning.

At the entry of clergy and servers, please stand.

THIS joyful Eastertide,

Away with sin and sorrow.

My Love, the Crucified,

Hath sprung to life this morrow:

Had Christ, that once was slain,

Ne'er burst his three-day prison

Our faith had been in vain:

But now hath Christ arisen.

My flesh in hope shall rest,

And for a season slumber:

Till trump from east to west

Shall wake the dead in number:

Death's flood hath lost his chill,

Since Jesus crossed the river:

Lover of souls, from ill

My passing soul deliver:

GR Woodward (1848-1934)

Entrance antiphon

O sing a new song to the Lord,

for he has worked wonders;

in the sight of the nations,

he has shown his deliverance, alleluia

In the name of the ✝ Father, and of the Son,

and of the Holy Spirit:

ALL: Amen

Alleluia, Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, Alleluia!

The priest briefly welcomes everyone to St Laurence's, and introduces the theme of the mass. We are then invited to call to mind whatever we have done wrong in the sight of God. The priest will sprinkle us with water from the font to remind us that it is through our baptism into Jesus's death and resurrection that our sins are forgiven.

As we are sprinkled, we sing:

I saw water flowing from the right side of the temple, alleluia! It brought God's life and his salvation. And the people sang in joyful praise: Alleluia, Alleluia! (Ezekiel 47:1)

Almighty God,

have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins and bring you to eternal life. Amen.

Our sins forgiven, we sing the song of the angels:

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 prayer of the day

Almighty ever-living God,
constantly accomplish the Paschal Mystery within us,
that those you were pleased to make new in Holy Baptism
may, under your protective care, bear much fruit
and come to the joys of life eternal
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy
Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Then everyone sits to listen to the Old Testament reading (the readings are printed out in the Centrefold of this booklet).

Afterwards, we all sing a psalm.



Psalm 22: 25-27, 30-32 (Deus, Deus Meus)

My praise is of thee in the great | congre|gation:
my vows will I perform in the | sight of | them that
| fear him.

The poor shall | eat and . be | satisfied:
they that seek after the Lord shall praise him; *
your | heart shall | live for | ever.

All the ends of the world shall remember themselves,
* and be turned un|to the | Lord: .
all the kindreds of the | nations . shall | worship .
be|fore him.

All they that go down into the dust shall | kneel
be|fore him:

and no man hath | quicken'd | his own | soul.

My | seed shall | serve him:

they shall be counted unto the | Lord . for a |
gene|ration.

They shall come, and the heavens shall de|clare his |
righteousness:

unto a people that shall be born, | whom the |
Lord hath | made.

Remain seated for the second reading, and
then stand for the Gospel acclamation and the
Gospel (John 15:1-8)

Alleluia, alleluia

Make your home in me, as I make mine in you.

Whoever remains in me bears fruit in plenty.

Alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you:

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to John

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord:

Praise to you O Christ.

After the Gospel, please be seated for the
sermon. During the sermon, your children are
very welcome to go to the Lady Chapel with all
the other young people, to do some singing.

We stand for the 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.

We all sit or kneel for the prayers.

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

Please stand for the peace

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

You are welcome to smile at or wave or bow to
your neighbour.

The offertory

Gifts of bread and wine are brought up to the altar. A collection is taken for the life and work of this church. If you already give to the church through your bank or on-line, as most of the congregation do, or have no cash on you, just pass the alms plate along as it comes past. If you'd like to give by card ask one of the churchwardens at the end of the service.

We stand to sing the offertory hymn

Christ is the King! O friends rejoice;
brothers and sisters with one voice
ensure all know he is your choice.

Alleluia.

The first Apostles round them drew
thousands of faithful souls and true,
sharing a faith for ever new:

Then magnify the Lord and raise
anthems of joy and holy praise
for Christ's brave saints of ancient days:

O Christian women, Christian men,
all the world over, seek again
the Way disciples followed then.

Christ through all ages is the same:
place the same hope in his great name,
with the same faith his word proclaim.

Let Love's unconquerable might
your scattered companies unite
in service to the Lord of light.

So shall God's will on earth be done,
new lamps be lit, new tasks begun,
and the whole Church at last be one.

G K A Bell (1883-1958)

The prayer over the gifts

O God, who, by the wonderful exchange effected in this sacrifice,
have made us partakers of the one supreme Godhead,
grant, we pray,
that, as we have come to know your truth,
we may make it ours by a worthy way of life.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord... Amen

The priest invites the people to join in the eucharistic celebration, the Great Thanksgiving

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ,
your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness
to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the grave a new age has
dawned,
the long reign of sin is ended,
a broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made whole.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

**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:

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 & 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 Laurence 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 **Amen.**

**Remaining standing, we sing together the
Lord's prayer:**

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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.

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.

Please kneel.

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While the bread is broken, the choir sing:

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
miserere nobis.

Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi,
dona nobis pacem. *Hermann Haller (1914–2002)*

(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.)

Behold the Lamb of God

who takes away the sins of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

All who are prepared and are accustomed
to receiving holy communion are invited to
join with us this morning. Please follow the
guidance of the churchwardens, who will invite
you to the front of the church to receive if you wish.
Please receive the host standing. Reception of
the Chalice is optional. If you wish to receive
the Blood of Christ, please drink directly from
the Cup. If you choose not receive the chalice,
please pause to acknowledge the Blood of
Christ (e.g. by a slight bow).

Anthem

O taste and see how gracious the Lord is:
blest is the man that trusteth in him.

R Vaughan Williams
Ps xxxiv, v. 8

Communion hymns

A BRIGHTER dawn is breaking,
And earth with praise is waking;
For thou, O King most highest,
The power of death defiest;

And thou hast come victorious,
With risen Body glorious,
Who now for ever livest
and life abundant givest.

O free the world from blindness,
And fill the world with kindness,
Give sinners resurrection,
Bring striving to perfection;

In sickness give us healing,
In doubt thy clear revealing,
That praise to thee be given
In earth as in thy heaven.

Percy Dearmer



SOUL of my Saviour, sanctify my breast,
Body of Christ, be thou my saving guest,
Blood of my Saviour, bathe me in thy tide,
Wash me with water flowing from thy side.

Strength and protection may thy passion be,
O blessed Jesu, hear and answer me;
Deep in thy wounds, Lord, hide and shelter me,
So shall I never, never part from thee.

Guard and defend me from the foe malign,
In death's dread moments make me only thine;
Call me and bid me come to thee on high
Where I may praise thee with thy saints for ay.

Communion Antiphon

*I am the true vine and you are the branches, says the Lord.
Whoever remains in me, and I in him, bears fruit in
plenty, alleluia*

Prayer after Communion

Graciously be present to your people, we pray,
O Lord, and lead those you have imbued with heavenly
mysteries
to pass from former ways to newness of life
Through Christ our Lord
Amen

After this prayer, please be seated for the
Church notices.

Please stand for God's blessing and remain
standing for the final hymn.

Go in the peace of Christ, alleluia, alleluia!
Thanks be to God: alleluia, alleluia!

The day of resurrection!
earth, tell it out abroad;
the Passover of gladness,
the Passover of God;
from death to life eternal,
from earth unto the sky,
our God hath brought us over
with hymns of victory.

Our hearts be pure from evil,
that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal
of resurrection-light;
and, listening to his accents,
may hear so calm and plain
his own 'All hail,' and, hearing,
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,
and earth her song begin,
the round world keep high triumph,
and all that is therein;
let all things seen and unseen
their notes of gladness blend,
for Christ the Lord is risen,
our joy that hath no end.

*St John of Damascus (c 754)
translated by J M Neale (1818-66)*

Please remain in your seat until the organist
has finished playing the voluntary.

After the service, you are warmly invited to go through to the Church Hall to join us for tea and coffee, which today are the gift of Cormac Thomas and Savannah Omondiale, in celebration of their birthdays.

Church Notices

After mass this morning: Songeasel are hosting a singing masterclass; Roy Howat, a well-known singer and teacher, has been invited to listen to some young artists singing songs by Fauré, and to help them to sing them better. All welcome, and feel free to come and go as you wish.

Masses this week

Wednesday: Mass at 10.30am, with exposition of the sacrament from 10am

Thursday (St Athanasius): mass at 9.45am.

Next Sunday is the sixth of Easter. Masses at 8am and 10am as usual.

- Standing Committee meet Monday, 6.30pm, vicarage

Ascension Day

On Ascension Day, May 9th, there will be an evening Deanery Eucharist at St Mildred's Church, Brownhill Road, at 7.30pm to which we are all invited. We'll be celebrating the Ascension here at St Laurence's the following Sunday, May 12th.

Admission to first communion

The young people being prepared for First Communion will be admitted at mass on Pentecost Sunday, May 19th. It is very appropriate that our young people should take this next step on their Christian lives on the feast of the Holy Spirit. Meanwhile, do support them with your prayers.

Giving to the Church

Many thanks indeed to those who already give regularly to St Laurence's. If you don't, please consider setting up a regular payment via your banking app. Here are the details:

Account: PCC of St Laurence Catford;

a/c no: 00034089 **sort code:** ; 40-52-40

reference: your name

And don't forget to ask for a Gift-Aid form if you pay tax, and haven't already completed one.

For one-off giving, please scan this QR code here, or ask the churchwardens for the credit card machine.



Coming up

The first meeting of the new PCC will be on May 22nd, in the choir vestry.

Centre Management Committee meet Wed May 8th.

Frank Field

As has been widely reported in the media, Frank Field died last week after a long career in politics, campaigning against poverty, especially child poverty. He was also an outstanding constituency MP in Birkenhead (where Fr Charles was a curate), as well as a devout Anglican who went to church every Sunday. Longer-standing members of the congregation may remember that he has come to St Laurence's to preach and lead a discussion a couple of times over the years. He will be much missed.

Parish e-Newsletter

Most Saturday evenings, we send out an e-Newsletter to all members of the parish, with the latest news and occasional photos. If you don't already subscribe, please do. Go to the parish website (stlaurencecatford.org.uk) and click on the link where it says 'subscribe to the newsletter'.



For your prayers

our young people preparing to receive holy communion for the first time:

Vino, David, Leia, Neo, Prosper, Giovanni

among the sick: Myrna Perkins, Beverley & John Lashley, Taleta Haye, Minette Stevens, Sarah Cole, Bridgit Sam-Bailey, Marcia Sanderson, Ottis Edwards, Elaine Stanislaus, Marcia Wilson, Robert Green, Roy Brown, Kayla Brown, Ros Ovbiovbio, Marva Mayne, Natasha Joseph, Degus Vassell, Anita Greenidge, Thelma Corbin, Beverley Willacy, Ernie Brown, Kevin Counihan, Charles Gasa, Josette Owens, Everton White, Elaine Thompson-Dixon, Everton Bend, Annette Cox-Simmons, Selenia Goodyear, Ron & Kay Lanston, Esme Francis, Girda Carty, Cheyne Reid, Daphne Moore, Leon Haynes, Elizabeth Halfpenny, Omata Alli, Eugenie Gregory, Dolphus Perkins

recently departed: Richard Sutton, Frank Field

anniversaries: 28th Suzanna Woolley, Arthur Woolley; 30th George Lundie; 1st Dorothy Mason, Russell Thorne; 4th Elaine Phillips, Bill Couchman;

Today's sidespersons team: Mavis Hall, Carl Hall, Donna Archibald, Theresa Sanderson

Chalice rota: Matthew, Alice

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