



ST LAURENCE CHURCH CATFORD

The Most Holy Trinity

31st May 2026, 10am



Welcome to St Laurence's as we celebrate the great feast of the Holy Trinity.

At the entry of clergy and servers, please stand.

HOLY, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.

Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love and purity.

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord, God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and
sky and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Reginald Heber (1783 - 1826)

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON

Blest be God the Father,
and the Only Begotten Son of God,
and also the Holy Spirit,
for he has shown us his merciful love.

Greeting and Confession

In the name of the ✝ Father, and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit:

ALL: Amen

The Lord be with you:
and also with you.

The priest welcomes everyone to St Laurence's
and introduces the theme of the service.

We are invited to call to mind whatever
we have done wrong in the sight of God.

After a moment of silence:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against each other
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 up on you,
forgive you your sins
and bring you to everlasting 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.

Please remain standing while the priest prays
the opening prayer:

God our Father, who by sending into the world
the Word of truth and the Spirit of sanctification
made known to the human race your wonderful mystery,
grant us, we pray, that in professing the true faith,
we may acknowledge the Trinity of eternal glory
and adore your Unity, powerful in majesty.
Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son,
who lives and regins with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
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).



Psalm 29 vv 1-4, 10

BRING unto the Lord, O ye mighty, * bring young
rams un|to the | Lord:

ascribe unto the | Lord | worship . and | strength.

Give the Lord the honour due un|to his | Name:

worship the | Lord with | holy | worship.

It is the Lord that com|mandeth . the | waters:

it is the glorious | God that | maketh . the |
thunder.

It is the Lord that ruleth the sea; *

the voice of the Lord is mighty in | oper|ation:
the voice of the | Lord . is a | glorious | voice.

The Lord shall give strength un|to his | people:

the Lord shall give his | people . the | blessing . of
| peace.

Please remain seated for the New Testament
reading, and then stand for the Gospel
acclamation and the Gospel (John 3: 16 - 18)

Alleluia, alleluia

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit,
the God who is and who was, and who is to come.

Alleluia, alleluia

The Lord be with you:

And also with you

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according
to Matthew:

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ.

Please be seated for the sermon. During the
sermon, any children in church are welcome
to go through to the Lady Chapel for Junior
Church. Afterwards, everyone stands 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 please use our new giving machine at the back of church.

We stand to sing the offertory hymn:

The God of Abraham praise
Who reigns enthroned above,
Ancient of everlasting Days,
And God of love:
To him uplift your voice,
At whose supreme command
From earth we rise and seek the joys
At his right hand.

There dwells the Lord our King,
The Lord of Righteousness,
Triumphant o'er the world of sin,
The Prince of Peace:
On Sion's sacred height
His kingdom he maintains,
And glorious with his saints in light
For ever reigns.

Before the Saviour's face
The ransomed nations bow,
O'erwhelmed at his almighty grace
For ever new;
He shows his prints of love -
They kindle to a flame,
And sound through all the worlds above
The slaughtered Lamb.

Before the great Three-One
They all exulting stand,
And tell the wonders he has done
Throughout the land:
The listening spheres attend,
And swell the growing fame,
And sing in songs which never end
The wondrous name.

The God who reigns on high
The great archangels sing,
And "Holy, holy, holy" cry
"Almighty King!"
Who was and is the same,
And evermore shall be:
Eternal Father, great I AM
We worship thee.

The whole triumphant host
Give thanks to God on high;
"Hail, Father, Son, and Holy Ghost",
They ever cry:
Hail, Abraham's God, and mine!
(I join the heavenly lays)
All might and majesty are thine,
And endless praise

*Thomas Olivers (1725-99)
based on the Hebrew Yigdal*

PRAYERS AT THE PREPARATION OF THE TABLE

Blessed are you, Lord of all Creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God for ever

Blessed are you, Lord of all Creation. Through your goodness, we have this wine to offer, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become our spiritual drink

Blessed be God for ever

THE PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Sanctify by the invocation of your name,
we pray, O Lord our God,
this oblation of our service,
and by it make of us an eternal offering to you
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

The priest invites the people to join in the eucharistic celebration.

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 you have revealed the glory of your eternal
fellowship of love

with your Son and with the Holy Spirit,

three persons equal in majesty, undivided in splendour,

yet one God, ever to be worshipped and adored.

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.**

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

While the bread is broken, the choir sings

**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,
have mercy on us**

**Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world,
grant us peace.**

Charles Wood (1866 - 1926)

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).

Communion Anthem

My eyes for beauty pine,
My soul for Goddes grace;
No other care nor hope is mine
To heaven I turn my face.
One splendour thence is shed from all the stars above,
'Tis named when God's name is said,
'Tis love, 'tis heavenly love.
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire
Is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire

Poem by Robert Bridges (1844-1930)

Communion hymns:

LORD Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

Patrick Appleford (1924 - 2018)



HOW shall I sing that majesty
Which angels do admire?
Let dust in dust and silence lie;
Sing, sing, ye heavenly choir.
Thousands of thousands stand around
Thy throne, O God most high;

Ten thousand times ten thousand sound
Thy praise; but who am I?
Thy brightness unto them appears,
Whilst I thy footsteps trace;
A sound of God comes to my ears,
But they behold thy face:
They sing because thou art their Sun;
Lord, send a beam on me;
For where heav'n is but once begun
There alleluias be.

Enlighten with faith's light my heart,
Inflame it with love's fire,
Then shall I sing and take my part
With that celestial choir.
I shall, I fear, be dark and cold,
With all my fire and light;
Yet when thou dost accept their gold,
Lord, treasure up my mite.

How great a being, Lord, is thine,
Which doth all beings keep!
Thy knowledge is the only line
To sound so vast a deep.
Thou art a sea without a shore,
A sun without a sphere;
Thy time is now and evermore,
Thy place is everywhere.

John Mason (c 1645-94)

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

*Since you are children of God,
God has sent into your hearts the Spirit of his Son,
the Spirit who cries out: Abba, Father.*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

May receiving this Sacrament, O Lord our God,
bring us health of body and soul,
as we confess your eternal holy Trinity and undivided Unity.
Through Christ our Lord.
Amen

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

Please stand for God's blessing

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God .

Everyone sings the last hymn as the clergy
and servers leave the church.

**IMMORTAL, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes.
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, thy great name we praise.**



Unresting, unshaking, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might;
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all life thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life thou livest, the true life of all;
We blossom and flourish as leaves on the tree,
And wither and perish; but naught changeth thee.
Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,
Thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight;
All laud we would render: O help us to see
'Tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W. Chalmers Smith (1824–1908)

After the service please remain seated for the extraordinary APCM to elect a second church warden. You are then warmly invited to go through to the Church Hall for refreshments

Notices...

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

Thursday: Knit & Knatter: at 10:30am to 1pm, all welcome

Refreshments: The cost of tea and coffee is now £1.

Giving to the Church: If you wish to give to the Church here are our bank details:

Account: PCC of St Laurence Catford;
a/c no: 00034089 sort code: ; 40-52-40
reference: your name



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For your prayers

among the sick: Beverley & John Lashley, 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, Kevin Counihan, Charles Gasa, Josette Owens, Everton White, Elaine Thompson-Dixon, Everton Bend, Annette Cox-Simmons, Selena Goodyear, Ron & Kay Lanston, Esme Francis, Girda Carty, Cheyne Reid, Daphne Moore, Leon Haynes, Elizabeth Halfpenny, Omata Alli, Eugenie Gregory, Dolphus Perkins, Alice Muchanyuka, Nesta Smellie, Claudette Robinson, Michelle Brown

anniversaries: 25th Lynne Chesney; 26th Sydney Etolue, Phoebe Simpson, Jeremiah Withers, William Norville, Ivy Blyth; 27th Phyllis Phebey; 28th Kathleen Finnis, David Sanger, Pam Jones; 29th Margery Teasdale; 31st George Taylor, David Johnson, Kitty Brooker

Today's sidespersons team: Mavis H, Carl H, Sue D, Susan M

Chalice rota: Cheryl, Alice

Contact us

Parish Clergy: Should you want to speak to a Priest, please contact the Parish Office.

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