



THE PARISH CHURCH OF  
ST LEONARD, LEXDEN



PARISH EUCHARIST  
DURING  
LENT

## **Welcome to St Leonard's Church.**

In this service booklet the words printed in **bold** are usually said or sung by all. Please stand or sit during the service as you feel comfortable. If you are unsure about what to do or where to be during the service, please ask someone. Our “welcomers” at each church door are there to help you, if you have a question or need assistance.

**Children & Young People** – most weeks Junior Church & our creche meet in the Nicholls Room (through the doors at the back of the church). If you are visiting, please sign your children in.

**Hearing loop** – our hearing loop works most effectively in the nave (where the pews are). Please select the ‘T’ position.

**Toilets** – can be found through the doors at the back of the church.

**Refreshments** – after the service we share refreshments together. You are warmly invited to have a drink and a chat - but if you'd rather slip away, that's OK too.

The forty days of Lent remind us of the forty days which Jesus spent in the wilderness, in preparation for his ministry. They are traditionally a time for self-denial, for study, for repentance, and for generosity. By observing these things, we are able to prepare ourselves for Holy Week and the joys of Easter. During Lent the church is very simply decorated, therefore: there are no flowers, and we exchange the *Gloria*, the great song of praise, for a prayer for God's mercy, 'Lord, have mercy on us', the *Kyrie Eleison*. As Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the Bible readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ's suffering and death.

*'The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise'*

Psalm 51

# THE GATHERING

## Introit Hymn

In the name of the Father,  
and of the Son,  
and of the Holy Spirit.

*All*     **Amen.**

## The Greeting

The Lord be with you.  
**and also with you.**

*All*

*Everyone is welcomed.*

## Prayer of Preparation

*All*     **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.**

## Prayers of Penitence

*This or another introduction is said,*

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God,  
though we have rebelled against him.

Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy  
by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

*All* **save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

*All* **save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do,  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

*All* **save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you  
by temptations in the world about us;  
Father, forgive us:

*All* **save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed  
to belong to your Son;  
Father, forgive us:

*All* **save us and help us.**

**(or)**

**All Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing  
and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

***Kyrie Eleison***

**All Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy.**

**Absolution**

The almighty and merciful Lord  
grant *you* pardon and forgiveness of all *your* sins,  
time for amendment of life,  
and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit.

**All Amen.**

**The Collect**

*After a period of silent prayer, the collect is said.*

# THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

## Bible Readings

*At the end of each passage this response is used:*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All*     **Thanks be to God.**

## Gradual Hymn

## Gospel Reading

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

*All*

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to *N*.

*All*     **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*at the end:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All*     **Praise to you, O Christ.**

## Sermon

## The Creed

*All*

**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.**

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Please sit or kneel.*

*A time of prayer is introduced.*

*After each intercession this response may be used:*

*All* Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

*at the end, we may say*

*All* Merciful Father,  
**accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**



# THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*The president introduces the **Peace***

Since we are justified by faith,  
we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ,  
who has given us access to his grace.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace*

## Offertory Hymn

## Preparation of the Table

*The gifts of the people are gathered and presented,  
the table is prepared, and bread and wine are placed upon it.*

*The following prayer, or other suitable words are said:*

God of mercy and compassion,  
your Word calls us home to faith and love.  
Accept all we offer you this day;  
In the name of Jesus Christ our Lord

*All* **Amen.**

**(or)**

*All* **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 do we give you. Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer now follows:

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## Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord is here.                      **(or)** The Lord be with you.  
*All*    **His Spirit is with us.                      And also with you.**  
Lift up your hearts.  
*All*    **We lift them to the Lord.**  
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
*All*    **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good  
to give you thanks and praise,  
almighty God and everlasting Father,  
through Jesus Christ your Son.  
For in these forty days  
you lead us into the desert of repentance  
that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline  
we may grow in grace  
and learn to be your people once again.  
Through fasting, prayer and acts of service  
you bring us back to your generous heart.  
Through study of your holy word  
you open our eyes to your presence in the world  
and free our hands to welcome others  
into the radiant splendour of your love.  
As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast  
with joyful hearts and minds  
we bless you for your mercy  
and join with saints and angels  
for ever praising you and *singing*:

*All*      **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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;  
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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection  
and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

All Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.**  
**Amen.**

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## Eucharistic Prayer F

The Lord is here. (or) The Lord be with you.

All **His Spirit is with us. And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,

Lord God of truth,

for by the breath of your mouth

you have spoken your word,

and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image

and placed us in the garden of your delight.

Though we chose the path of rebellion

you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law

and taught us by your prophets

to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,

we echo the song of the angels in heaven,

evermore praising you and *singing*:

All **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 God, you are the most holy one,  
enthroned in splendour and light,  
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ  
you reveal the power of your love  
made perfect in our human weakness.  
Embracing our humanity,  
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;  
loving us to the end,  
he gave himself to death for us;  
dying for his own,  
he set us free from the bonds of sin,  
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

On the night he gave up himself for us all  
he 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.

Therefore we proclaim the death  
        that he suffered on the cross,  
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,  
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high  
and we long for his coming in glory.

All Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died:**  
**Christ is risen:**  
**Christ will come again.**

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,  
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation  
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
form us into the likeness of Christ  
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Look with favour on your people  
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.  
Bless the earth,  
heal the sick,  
let the oppressed go free  
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth  
to feast with [N and] all your saints  
at the table in your kingdom,  
where the new creation is brought to perfection  
in 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.

All **Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel.*

## **The Lord's Prayer**

*All*      As our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
*All*      **Though we are many, we are one body,**  
**because we all share in one bread.**

## ***Agnus Dei***

*All*      **Jesus, Lamb of God:**  
**have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus, bearer of our sins:**  
**have mercy on us.**  
**Jesus redeemer of the world:**  
**give us your peace.**



**(or)**

**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.**

### **Giving of Communion**

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ  
which he gave for you,  
and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,  
and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

**All We do not presume  
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,  
trusting in our own righteousness,  
but in your manifold and great mercies.  
We are not worthy  
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table.  
But you are the same Lord  
whose nature is always to have mercy.  
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,  
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ  
and to drink his blood,  
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body  
and our souls washed through his most precious blood,  
and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us.  
Amen.**

*All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion or a blessing.  
During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*A post communion prayer may be said, followed by*

*All*     **Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

## **Notices**

## **The Blessing**

*This or another suitable blessing is used*

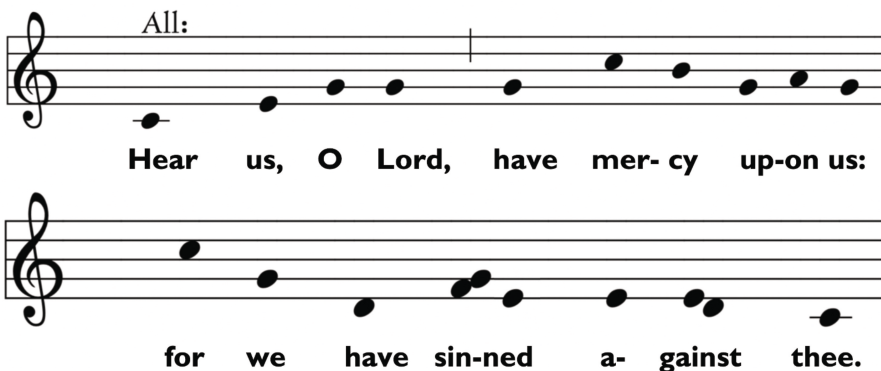
Christ give you grace to grow in holiness,  
to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

*All*     **Amen.**

## **Recessional Hymn**

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

## The Lent Prose (10<sup>th</sup> Century Mozarabic Hymn)



*Cantor* To thee, Redeemer, on thy throne of glory:  
lift we our weeping eyes in holy pleadings:  
listen, O Jesu, to our supplications.

*All* **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

*Cantor* O thou chief cornerstone, right hand of the Father:  
way of salvation, gate of life celestial:  
cleanse thou our sinful souls from all defilement.

*All* **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

*Cantor* God, we implore thee, in thy glory seated:  
bow down and hearken to thy weeping children:  
pity and pardon all our grievous trespasses.

*All* **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

*Cantor* Sins oft committed, now we lay before thee:  
with true contrition, now no more we veil them:  
grant us, Redeemer, loving absolution.

*All* **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

*Cantor* Innocent captive, taken unresisting:  
falsely accused, and for us sinners sentenced,  
save us, we pray thee, Jesu, our Redeemer.

*All* **Hear us, O Lord, have mercy upon us:  
for we have sinned against thee.**

‘MY GRACE  
IS SUFFICIENT FOR YOU,  
FOR POWER IS MADE PERFECT  
IN WEAKNESS’

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