

Holy Cross Greenford Magna



Cure the sick and say 'The kingdom of God has come near to you'

Sunday 18 October 2020
THE FEAST OF ST LUKE

Mass at 8am and 9.30am

*The Angelus bell is rung 10 minutes before each mass.
Please join in the prayers and responses printed in **bold**.*

GREETING

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

Amen.

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

PRAYER OF PREPARATION (COLLECT OF PURITY)

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.**

WORDS OF WELCOME AND INTRODUCTION

Welcome today as we celebrate the Feast of St Luke and give thanks for the good news proclaimed in the Gospel according to Luke. St Paul describes Luke as *the beloved physician*, and he is the patron saint of doctors, carers and all health workers. In our mass today we remember and give thanks and pray for all who work in health care in our hospitals and surgeries and homes; from our congregation and parish, our families, and places of work; those who treat and care for us; those who, through their work are suffering with exhaustion or have lost their lives.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Let us open our hearts to God, naming our sins and regrets and asking for the work of his grace to heal, forgive and strengthen us.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgement;
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the God of love
bring you back to himself,
forgive you your sins,
and assure you of his eternal love.

Amen.

COLLECT FOR ST LUKE

Let us pray

O God, Source of all being, our beginning and our end,
we praise you for those who have served you faithfully.

For the sake of Jesus Christ,
replenish our hope in your eternal kingdom,
that we may have life in all its fullness,
unfettered by the fear of death.

Amen

FIRST READING (Isaiah 35.3-6)

A Reading from the Prophet Isaiah

Strengthen the weak hands,
and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart,
'Be strong, do not fear!
Here is your God.
He will come with vengeance,
with terrible recompense.
He will come and save you.'
Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened,
and the ears of the deaf unstopped;
then the lame shall leap like a deer,
and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy.
For waters shall break forth in the wilderness,
and streams in the desert;

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

As you are able, please stand

GOSPEL (Luke 10.1-9)

Alleluia, alleluia.

Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees.
Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear!

Alleluia.

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.

Glory to you, O Lord.

After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, 'The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, "Peace to this house!" And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, "The kingdom of God has come near to you."

This is the Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, O Christ

SERMON REFLECTIONS from members of the congregation

THE PROFESSION OF FAITH

Let us declare our faith in God.

**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 strengthen us
with power from on high.**

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

Amen.

PRAYERS

Faithful God, we thank you for the gift of faith, love and healing. We thank you for our Church and for the life and fellowship we have at Holy Cross. We pray that you continuously strengthen our Christian life during these times of constant change and the challenges brought by Covid19. We pray for our community here at Greenford, for us to be united and support each other.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Loving God, we thank you for our healthcare workers and key workers who have become your healing and serving hands for the last few months. We thank you for their knowledge, expertise, service and sacrifice. Bless our National Health Service and all the people who are in charge of making decisions that affect the quality of care and service given to those who need it.

Lord, in your mercy
Hear our prayer

Creator God, we pray for our leaders and for our government to act with compassion and integrity as we prepare to avoid the second wave of Covid19. We pray for support and help for the homeless and marginalised, for those who have been hit by poverty and have insufficient financial support due to redundancy.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Gracious God, we pray for those who are sick physically and mentally. May they find comfort and healing in your presence and love. Today we pray for Gemma Robinson, Undene Scantlebury, Georgie Calver, Norman Dorival, Norman Wearing, Lucy Jumah, Wayne Boyce, Jackie Morris, Lisa Vincent, Jo Hadler, Catherine Johnson, Stella Prats, Christopher Mgutshini, Patrick Foran, The Parish Family, Sally Cameron, Magda Pavlova, Michael Lewis, John Scully, Alan Kingshott, Ronnie Perring, Morgan Bishop, The McCullugh Family, Little Beng, Melissa Heckick, Betsy Messenger and Tebelo Sibanda.

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

Comforting God, we pray for those who have died recently and for their families especially to all healthcare workers and key workers and their families. We pray for Joan Bird, Cecily Bennett, Reuben Sibanda, Tom Drinkwater who have died recently.

We also remember and pray whose anniversaries fall at this time. Dorothy Pedley Apollo Kitandwe Stephen Newell Warren Mendelow Eva Hanlon and Gerry Bolwell

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer

We thank you Father that you hear us when we pray:

Merciful Father accept these our prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen

THE PEACE

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptised into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace and builds up our common life.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER *(Prayer A)*

Wise and gracious God,

you spread a table before us;

nourish your people with the word of life

and the bread of heaven.

Amen

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 thanks and praise

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
From sunrise to sunset this day is holy,
for Christ has risen from the tomb
and scattered the darkness of death
with light that will not fade.

This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people,
unfolds for us your word,
and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread.
And though the night will overtake this day
you summon us to live in endless light,
the never-ceasing Sabbath of the Lord.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
to proclaim your glory,
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.**

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.

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, 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:

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

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As Jesus has 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.

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Every time we eat this bread
and drink this cup,
**we proclaim the Lord's death
until he comes.**

AGNUS DEI (Lamb of God)

Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.

COMMUNION

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin 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.**

*Please come up to Communion one at a time.
Please extend your arms fully and stretch out your hand to receive the bread.
Communion is distributed without speaking and so we all say:
The Body of Christ.
Amen*

During Communion, reflective music is played

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray
**God of all compassion,
we give you thanks for St Luke,
the beloved physician.
As we turn to you for healing,
for ourselves and for our broken world,**

**we pray for your wholeness and restoration,
that we may find the path of healing
in the footsteps of Jesus
and in the power of your Spirit.
Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion.
Whatever you do, in word or deed,
**do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus,
giving thanks to God the Father through him.**

The Lord bless you and keep you,
the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you,
the Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace,
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be upon you and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

ORDER OF SERVICE

Did you know?

Next week you can go paperless by downloading this Order of Service from
www.greenfordmagna.info

LOOKING AHEAD

Next Saturday Church Annual Meeting 11am via Zoom

Next Sunday Last Sunday after Trinity

with thanksgivings and reflections in celebration of Black History Month

Sunday 1 November Feast of All Saints

Additional 3pm Service for those who have died in recent years
and those on our Anniversary of Death Prayer Calendar

Please note that this will replace our All Souls' Mass