

Sunday @ 9

6th Sunday after Pentecost

Sunday 5th July 2026

We join together, both those at St Luke's, and those at home using the internet or telephone

If you are at home, find somewhere comfortable, light a candle, and connect to our service via Zoom on the internet (<https://zoom.us/j/7210725462>) or by telephone (07 3185 3730, meeting ID 721 072 5462). Contact the Parish Office for the password. Follow the order of service below.

Gathering as God's people

Hymn: What a friend we have in Jesus

What a friend we have in Jesus,
all our sins and griefs to bear!
What a privilege to carry
everything to God in prayer!
O what peace we often forfeit,
O what needless pain we bear –
all because we do not carry
everything to God in prayer!

Have we trials and temptations?

Is there trouble anywhere?
We should never be discouraged:
take it to the Lord in prayer!
Can we find a friend so faithful,
who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness –
take it to the Lord in prayer!

Are we weak and heavy-laden,
cumbered with a load of care?

Precious Saviour, still our refuge!

Take it to the Lord in prayer!
Do thy friends despise, forsake thee?
Take it to the Lord in prayer!
In His arms He'll take and shield thee,
thou wilt find a solace there.

Joseph Scriven (1819–86)

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

'Come to me, all you that are weary and are
carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest,'
says the Lord. 'Take my yoke upon you, and learn
from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart.'

Matthew 11.28–29

The Ministry of the Word

Prayer for the day

O God, your Son has taught us that those who give
a cup of water in his name will not lose their
reward: open our hearts to the needs of your
children, and in all things make us obedient to
your will, so that in faith we may receive your
gracious gift, eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Children's ministry

Prayer before the reading of scripture

Thank you, Father,
for making yourself known to us
and showing the way of salvation
through faith in your Son.
We ask you now to teach and encourage us
through your word,
so that we may be ready to serve you;
for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.

First Reading: Romans 7:14-25

Hymn: A new commandment

A new commandment I give unto you,
that you love one another as I have loved you,
that you love one another as I have loved you.

By this shall all men know
that you are My disciples,
if you have love one for another.
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From John 13
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Gospel reading: Matthew 11:15-19,25-30

The Sermon

The Baptism of Percy Grenfell-Dexter

Baptism processional hymn: Baptised in water

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit

Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King

Heirs of salvation, trusting his promise

Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit

There in the tomb with Christ our King

One with his rising, freed and forgiven

Thankfully now God's praise we sing.

Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit

Marked with the sign of Christ our King

Born of one Father, we are his children

Joyfully now God's praise we sing.

Michael Seward / Eugene Hancock

Source: Musixmatch;

The Meaning of Baptism

*An explanation of the Christian
understanding of Baptism is read.*

The Presentation

We welcome Percy who comes to be baptised. I
invite his sponsors to present him now.

*We present Percival Rose Grenfell-Dexter
to be baptised.*

Will you accept the responsibilities placed upon
you in bringing Percy for baptism?

I will.

Are you willing to answer on behalf of Percy?

I am.

By your own prayers and example, by your
friendship and love, will you encourage Percy in
the life and faith of the Christian community?

I will, with God's help.

The Decision

Before God and this congregation, you must affirm
that you turn to Christ and reject all that is evil:

Do you turn to Christ?

I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you reject selfish living, and all that is false and
unjust?

I reject them all.

Do you renounce Satan and all evil?

I renounce all that is evil.

Almighty God deliver you from the powers of
darkness, and lead you in the light of Christ to his
everlasting kingdom. *Amen.*

Will you, by God's grace, strive to live as a
disciple of Christ, loving God with your whole
heart, and your neighbour as yourself, until your
life's end?

I will, with God's help.

The minister says to the congregation:

You have heard these our brothers and sisters
respond to Christ. Will you support them in this
calling?

We will.

The Prayers

Prayers are led by a member of the congregation

The Baptism

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

*Water is poured into the font and prayers
are offered.*

The response to each prayer is:

Thanks be to God

The Apostle's Creed is said together

I now ask you to affirm as yours the faith of the
Church.

Do you believe in God the Father?

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

Do you believe in God the Son?

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose from the dead;

he ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father;

from there he will come to judge

the living and the dead.

Do you believe in God the Holy Spirit?

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

**the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith:
We believe in one God:
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*The minister baptises by pouring water over
Percy saying,*

Percival Rose Grenfell-Dexter, I baptise you in the
name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

After Baptism

*The priest makes a cross on Percy's
forehead, saying,*

Percy, I sign you with the sign of the cross to show
that you are marked as Christ's own for ever.

Live as a disciple of Christ:
fight the good fight,
finish the race,
keep the faith.
Confess Christ crucified,
proclaim his resurrection,
look for his coming in glory.

A lighted candle is presented.

God has brought you out of darkness
into his marvellous light.

Shine as a light in the world
to the glory of God the Father.

God has called you into his Church.
We therefore receive and welcome you
as a member with us of the body of Christ,
as a child of the one heavenly Father,
and as an inheritor of the kingdom of God.

Baptism certificate is presented.

The Greeting of peace

We are the body of Christ.
His Spirit is with us.

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

Please say hello to everyone!

The Offertory

Hymn: The power of your love

Lord, I come to you:
let my heart be changed, renewed,

flowing from the grace that I found in you.
And, Lord I've come to know
the weaknesses I see in me
will be stripped away
by the power of your love.

*Hold me close, let your love surround me;
bring me near, draw me to your side:
and as I wait, I'll rise up like the eagle,
and I will soar with you:
your Spirit leads me on
in the power of your love.*

Lord, unveil my eyes:
let me see you face to face,
the knowledge of your love as you live in me.
Lord renew my mind
as your will unfolds in my life
living every day
in the power of your love.

Hold me close, let your love surround me...

Geoff Bullock

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Thanksgiving for offered gifts

Blessed are you, Lord, God of all creation.
Through your goodness we have these gifts to
share. Accept and use our offerings for your glory
and for the service of your kingdom.
Blessed be God for ever

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 our thanks and praise.

Loving God...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that when we turned away...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that on the cross...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

We thank you that in baptism...

Lord our God,
We give you thanks and praise

And so with everyone who believes in you,
with all the saints and angels,
we rejoice and praise you, saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.

...to remember all he has done for us:

Christ has died.
Christ is risen.
Christ will come again.

...in songs of never-ending praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power
are yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Breaking of bread and the Communion

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

We who are many are one body,
For we all share in the one bread.

The gifts of God for the people 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 your peace.

Communion is shared

Post Communion Prayer

Father of all
we give you thanks and praise
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.
Keep us in this hope that we have grasped;
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name.

The sending out of God's people

Notices

Hymn: Let us sing to the God of salvation

Let us sing to the God of salvation,
let us sing to the Lord our rock!
Let us come to his house with thanksgiving,

let us come before the Lord and sing!

*Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour,
Praise the Lord our everlasting King.
Every throne must bow before him,
God is lord of everything!*

In his hands are the earth's deep places
and the strength of the hills is his;
all the sea is the Lord's, for he made it,
by his hands the dry land was formed.

Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour....

Let us worship the Lord our Maker,
let us kneel to the Lord our God;
for we all are the sheep of his pasture,
he will guide us by his powerful hand.

Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour....

Let today be the time when you hear him!

May our hearts not be hard or cold,
lest we stray from the Lord in rebellion,
as his people did in time of old.

Praise our Maker, praise our Saviour....

Richard Bewes

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Blessing

Go forth into the world in peace;
be of good courage;
hold fast that which is good;
render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted;
support the weak; help the afflicted;
give honour to all;
love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of
the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing ...Amen

Dismissal

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

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