

**ALL AGE EUCHARIST 13 OCTOBER 2024**

**Today our theme is:  
BLACK HISTORY SUNDAY**

**MAIKER** – Welcomes us to St Luke’s for All Age worship.

HYMN – When I needed a neighbour.

Liz - In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit **Amen**

WE ARE WELCOMED BY THE PRESIDENT

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

WE TELL GOD ABOUT THE THINGS WE’VE GOT WRONG THIS WEEK – BRADLEY, FREDA AND SHIRLEY HELP US MAKE OUR CONFESSION

BRADLEY – Good morning everyone.

Discrimination means treating some people unfairly compared to other people.

Think about when you’ve seen people being treated unfairly (*count to 20 slowly in your head*) .....

Now think about whether you’ve ever been treated unfairly (*count to 20 slowly in your head*) .....

Tell God how it made you feel to see that unfairness (*count to 20 slowly in your head*) .....

Last week we asked some young people how it made them feel to be unfairly treated and this is what they said.....

FREDA - Upset

SHIRLEY - Annoyed

FREDA - Angry and offended

SHIRLEY – It makes me realise people make assumptions

FREDA - It lowers my self esteem and motivation

SHIRLEY - It makes me feel stereotyped – they’re not really interested in me

FREDA - It’s disappointing

SHIRLEY – It makes me wonder why are you doing that?

BRADLEY - Sometimes discrimination is based on people’s skin colour, culture or ethnic origin.

This is called RACISM.

So let's sit quietly to think about what we need to say sorry to God for.  
(count to 20 slowly in your head) ... ..

BRADLEY - Loving God, we confess that our world is not yet the world you've called us to create.

There is discrimination among us.  
And so there is hurt and anger.

**ALL - For our part, please forgive us**

Loving God, we confess that sometimes we've thought ourselves less than others.  
And so we've forgotten how precious we are.

**ALL - For our part, please forgive us**

Loving God, we confess that sometimes we've thought ourselves better than others.  
And so we've forgotten how precious they are

**ALL - For our part, please forgive us**

**Loving God, we confess that sometimes we don't notice how wonderful it is that we're all different**

**And so we've not celebrated your gift of diversity**

**For our part, please forgive us**

*We are quiet and still for a moment*

WE RECEIVE GOD'S FORGIVENESS

REVD LIZ - We've hurt other people. We've hurt ourselves. We've hurt God.  
But none of that has changed how God feels about us.  
God loves us. Always has and always will.  
And there's nothing we can do to change that.

May the God of love bring us back to himself,  
forgive us our sins, and keep telling us about his eternal love

**Amen.**

WE SING THE PERUVIAN GLORIA – Call and response led by Revd Owen

Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory to the Father

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
Glory to the Father**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Alleluia! Amen! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory be to Jesus

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory be to Jesus**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Alleluia! Amen! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit

**Glory to God, glory to God,  
glory to the Spirit**

To God be glory forever!

**To God be glory forever!**

Alleluia! Amen! **Alleluia! Amen!**

Alleluia! Amen! **Alleluia! Amen!**

WE PRAY THE SPECIAL PRAYER FOR TODAY

RESPONSES FROM KAYLEA AND OWEN

God is good **All the time**

All the time **God is good**

KAYIN AND MURRAY INTRODUCE US TO TODAY'S THEME

HYMN

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine, I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine, let it shine, let it shine

Hide it under a bushel? No! I'm gonna let it shine.....

Everywhere I go, I'm gonna let it shine.....

WE LISTEN TO THE GOSPEL BROUGHT TO US by Juliana and Mary

WE RESPOND TO THE WORD OF GOD – REVD LIZ SHARES SOME THOUGHTS

Including inviting people to make the person into them – however they want

Then YP to collect them up and we'll place them on the 'mountain'

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WE SAY TOGETHER WHAT WE BELIEVE – LUKE LEADS THE CONGREGATION IN THE CREED

LUKE - Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

LUKE - Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

LUKE - Do you believe and trust  
in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

LUKE - This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

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

**Amen.**

WE PRAY FOR THE CHURCH AND THE WORLD - PRAYERS LED BY Kenya, Jayne, Sean,  
Victor and Flourish



## KENYA

We're going to use our hands to pray. You can still close your eyes if that helps you to talk to God.

*Hold up your thumb.....*

Our thumbs are closest to our bodies.....

So let's pray for the people who are closest to us

Our family

And our friends.....

Wherever you are

Whoever you're with

Close your eyes and pray for the people closest to you.....

*(Count to 20 in your head)*

Bless our family and friends, God

May they know and share your love.

Amen

*A candle is lit by Justin*

JAYNE - Hold up your pointing finger next to your thumb.....

This is the finger we use to point

So let's pray for people who show the way for us.....

Mums and dads

Teachers and doctors.....

Wherever you are

Whoever you're with

Close your eyes and pray for the people who show the way.....

*(Count to 20 in your head)*

Bless the people who guide us, God

May they guide us into truth

Amen

*A candle is lit by Justin*

VICTOR - Hold up your tallest finger.....  
This is the tallest finger  
So let's pray for people who lead us.....  
Governments  
And people in authority.....  
Wherever you are  
Whoever you're with  
Close your eyes and pray for the people who lead.....  
(Count to 20 in your head)  
Bless the people who lead us, God  
May they lead us according to your ways  
Amen

*A candle is lit by Justin*

FLOURISH - Hold up your weakest finger – some people call it their ring finger.....  
This is the weakest finger  
So let's pray for people aren't strong.....  
Who are hurting, sick  
Or lost.....  
Wherever you are  
Whoever you're with  
Close your eyes and pray for the people who are weak.....  
(Count to 20 in your head)  
Bless the people who are weak, God  
May they know your love and strength  
Amen

*A candle is lit by Justin*

SEAN - Hold up your little finger.....  
This is the littlest finger  
So lastly, let's pray for ourselves.....  
For me  
All by myself.....  
Wherever you are  
Whoever you're with  
Close your eyes and pray for you  
(Count to 20 in your head)  
Bless me, God  
Help me to know I am yours forever  
Amen

*A candle is lit by Justin*

KENYA

Take our prayers Lord Jesus

Make them holy

Make them beautiful.

**Amen**

WE SHARE THE PEACE

God makes peace within us, let's claim it.

God makes peace between us, let's share it.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you**

Let's offer one another a sign of peace.

HYMN – Let us build a house where love can dwell

And all can safely live

A place where saints and children tell

How hearts learn to forgive

Built of hopes and dreams and visions

Rock of faith and vault of grace

Here the love of Christ shall end divisions

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where prophets speak

And words are strong and true

Where all God's children dare to seek

To dream God's reign anew

Here the cross shall stand as witness

And a symbol of God's grace

Here as one we claim the faith of Jesus

All are welcome, all are welcome

All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where love is found

In water, wine and wheat

A banquet hall on holy ground

Where peace and justice meet

Here the love of God, through Jesus

Is revealed in time and space

As we share in Christ the feast that frees us

All are welcome, all are welcome  
All are welcome in this place

Let us build a house where hands will reach  
beyond the wood and stone  
to heal and strengthen, serve and teach,  
and live the Word they've known.  
Here the outcast and the stranger  
bear the image of God's face;  
let us bring an end to fear and danger.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

Let us build a house where all are named,  
their songs and visions heard  
and loved and treasured, taught and claimed  
as words within the Word.  
Built of tears and cries and laughter,  
prayers of faith and songs of grace,  
let this house proclaim from floor to rafter.  
All are welcome, all are welcome,  
all are welcome in this place.

WE PREPARE THE TABLE

WE PRAY THE EUCHARISTIC PRAYER WITH QUESTIONS FROM **NGADHO**

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.**

*Ngadho- Why is it right to give thanks and praise?*

*Answer Listen, and we will hear.*

Lord of all life, you created the universe, where all living things  
reflect your glory. You give us this great and beautiful earth, to  
discover and to cherish.

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

We thank you, loving Father, because, when we turned away,  
you sent Jesus, your Son. He gave his life for us on the cross



and shows us the way to live. Send your Holy Spirit that these gifts of bread and wine may be for us Christ's body and his blood.

*Ngadho - Why do we share this bread and wine?*

*Answer Listen, and we will hear.*

On the night before he died, when darkness had fallen, Jesus took bread. He gave thanks, broke it, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my body, given for you. Do this to remember me.'

After they had eaten, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and shared it with his disciples, saying: 'This is my blood, poured out for you and for many, for the forgiveness of sins.

So Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate his love, his death, his risen life. As you feed us with these gifts, send your Holy Spirit, and change us more and more to be like Jesus our Saviour.

*Ngadho - How do we follow Jesus Christ?*

*Answer Listen, and we will hear.*

Help us, Father, to love one another, as we look forward to that day when suffering is ended, and all creation is gathered in your loving arms. And now with Luke, Richard, Thomas and all your saints we give you glory, through Jesus Christ, in the strength of the Spirit, today and for ever. **Amen.**

WE PRAY THE PRAYER JESUS TAUGHT US

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us this day 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 forever Amen.**

WE BREAK THE BREAD

Jesus says, I am the bread of life, whoever eats of this bread will live forever.

**Lord, our hearts hunger for you; give us this bread always**

WE'RE INVITED TO RECEIVE COMMUNION

God's holy gifts for God's holy people

**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father**

## COMMUNION HYMN

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

#### RESPONSES FROM KAYLEA AND OWEN

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All the time **God is good**

#### NOTICES INCLUDING BIRTHDAYS

## THE SENDING OUT

#### REVD LIZ

The Bible is full of people who had dreams, who imagined.  
The Bible is full of dreamers – those who received visions from  
God.

Those whose imaginations were filled with hopes of what  
could be.

Those who know it doesn't have to be like this.

'I have a dream,' said Martin Luther King.

Let's cherish the gift of imagination.

Let's challenge what's soulless, visionless and unimaginative  
in our society.

Let's dare to dream, and imagine what we, what the world,  
could become.

**God, we commit ourselves to your vision.**

**We are your rainbow people, beautiful in our diversity.**

**Show us how to celebrate our differences.**

**Listening to each other's voices.**

**Honouring stories. Amen**

WE RECEIVE GOD'S BLESSING –

May God, who.....

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord

**In the name of Christ, Amen**

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, oh

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, we are marching, oh  
We are marching in the light of God.

We are living in the love of God....

We are moving in the power of God.....