



**The Holy Communion  
with a celebration  
and thanksgiving  
for those departed  
Thursday 4th June 2009  
St George's Anglican Church  
Walpole**

**Especially celebrating and giving thanks for  
the lives of**

**Joy Luxton (née Kent)**

**4 June 1909 — 29 January 2007**

**Harold Luxton**

**12 October 1909 — 18 July 1944**

**Married 25 July 1936**

## The Holy Communion

*Please say the words printed in bold.*

### In the presence of the Lord

*The service begins with the hymn [Songs of Fellowship #40]:*

**Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here  
Come bow before Him now  
With reverence and fear  
In Him no sin is found  
We stand on holy ground  
Be still for the presence of the Lord  
The Holy One is here**

**Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around  
He burns with holy fire  
With splendour He is crowned  
How awesome is the sight  
Our radiant King of Light  
Be still for the glory of the Lord  
Is shining all around**

**Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place  
He comes to cleanse and heal  
To minister His grace  
No work too hard for Him  
In faith receive from Him  
Be still for the power of the Lord  
Is moving in this place**

**Be still.**

*A period of stillness and silence follows where we may give thanks for the lives of the departed, for those who helped build faith and community.*

Christ is risen. Alleluia.

**He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

## The prayer of preparation

Lest 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.**

## The hymn of praise: Gloria in excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to God's 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**

## The prayer of the week following The Day of Pentecost

Lest us pray:

**O God, who taught the hearts of your faithful people  
by sending to them the light of your Holy Spirit:  
grant us by the same Spirit  
to have a right judgement in all things,  
and evermore to rejoice in his holy comfort;  
through the merits of Christ Jesus our Saviour,  
who lives and reigns with you, in the unity of the same Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. Amen.**

## The Ministry of the Word

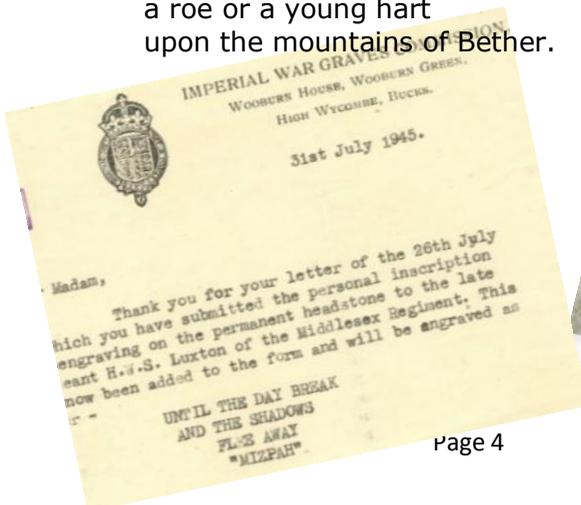
### First readings

*These readings have been chosen to reflect Joy's choice of an inscription on Harold's war grave.*

### *Song of Solomon 2.16-17 [King James Version]*

<sup>16</sup>My beloved is mine, and I am his:  
he feedeth among the lilies.

<sup>17</sup>Until the day break,  
and the shadows flee away,  
turn, my beloved, and be thou like  
a roe or a young hart  
upon the mountains of Bether.



## *Genesis 31.45-49*

<sup>45</sup> So Jacob took a stone, and set it up as a pillar. <sup>46</sup> And Jacob said to his kinsfolk, 'Gather stones,' and they took stones, and made a heap; and they ate there by the heap. <sup>47</sup> Laban called it Jegar-sahadutha: but Jacob called it Galeed. <sup>48</sup> Laban said, 'This heap is a witness between you and me today.' Therefore he called it Galeed, <sup>49</sup> and the pillar Mizpah, for he said, 'The LORD watch between you and me, when we are absent one from the other.'

## *Psalm 23*

*All sing to the tune: Crimond (Together in Song #10).*

**The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.  
he makes me down to lie  
in pastures green; he leadeth me  
the quiet waters by.**

**My soul he doth restore again;  
and me to walk doth make  
within the paths of righteousness,  
even for his own Name's sake.**

**Yea, though I walk in death's dark vale,  
yet will I fear no ill;  
for thou art with me; and thy rod  
and staff my comfort still.**

**My table thou hast furnished  
in presence of my foes;  
my head thou dost with oil anoint,  
and my cup overflows.**

**Goodness and mercy all my life  
shall surely follow me;  
and in God's house forevermore  
my dwelling place shall be.**

## Second Reading

### *Philippians 4.4-9 — Stand Firm in the Lord*

<sup>4</sup> Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. <sup>5</sup> Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. <sup>6</sup> Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

<sup>8</sup> Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable, whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything worthy of praise, think about these things. <sup>9</sup> Keep on doing the things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in me, and the God of peace will be with you.

### Hymn to welcome the Gospel [Together In Song #699]

**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 will all others know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.  
By this will all others know that you are my disciples,  
if you have love one for another.**

## The Gospel

### *John 13.31b-35*

<sup>31b</sup> Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. <sup>32</sup> If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. <sup>33</sup> Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come."<sup>34</sup> I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. <sup>35</sup> By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.'

## Reflection on the readings

### A prayer to celebrate with thanksgiving [APBA p 767]

We celebrate and give thanks to you, O Lord our God,  
for all your servants and witnesses of times past:  
for Abraham the father of believers and Sarah his wife;  
for Moses the lawgiver, and Aaron the priest;  
for Isaiah and all the prophets;  
for Mary, the mother of the Lord;  
for Peter and Paul and all the apostles;  
for Stephen the first martyr,  
for George, martyr and patron saint of this church;

for Joy and Harold  
whose lives, inspiration and profound love  
we celebrate today, with thanks and praise;

for all the martyrs, saints  
and beloved souls in every age and in every land.

In your mercy, O Lord our God,  
give us, as you gave them, the hope of salvation  
and the promise of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

### A Prayer for MU

Loving Lord

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union

as we seek to share your love

through the encouragement, strengthening  
and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit,

may we be united in prayer and worship,

and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.



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**Amen**

## Confession and absolution

*[Invitation to Confession for the Day of Pentecost]*

The Spirit of truth comes to convict of sin, of righteousness, and of judgement.

*Silence may be kept*

Let us then open our hearts and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**Merciful God,  
our maker and our judge,  
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have failed to do:  
we have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbours as ourselves;  
we repent, and are sorry for all our sins.  
Father, forgive us.  
Strengthen us to love and obey you in newness of life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*The priest says:*

Almighty God,  
who has promised forgiveness to all who turn to him in faith:  
pardon you and set you free from all your sins,  
strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## 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.**

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Offertory Hymn

### Rejoice , the Lord is King [Together In Song #216]

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice; rejoice;  
again I say, rejoice.

Jesus the Savoir reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.  
Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice; rejoice,  
again I say, rejoice.

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of earth and hell  
are to our Jesus given.  
Lift up your heart,  
lift up your voice; rejoice,  
again I say, rejoice.

Rejoice in glorious hope!  
Jesus the Judge shall come,  
and take his servants up  
to their eternal home.  
We soon shall hear  
th'archangel's voice; the trump of God  
shall sound, rejoice!

## The Great Thanksgiving [APBA p130]

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.**

It is right to praise you, faithful God,  
always and everywhere,  
for with your only begotten Son  
and life-giving Spirit,  
you are the one true God from everlasting to everlasting.  
At the dawn of time you wrought from nothing  
a universe of beauty and splendour,  
bringing light from darkness  
and order from chaos.  
You formed us, male and female, in your image,  
and endowed us with creative power.  
We turned away from you but you did not abandon us.  
You called us by name and searched us out,  
making a covenant of mercy,  
giving the law, and teaching justice by the prophets.  
And so we praise you,  
joining with your faithful people of every time and place,  
singing the eternal song:

**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.**

When the fullness of time was come,  
you sent your Son, to be born of Mary.  
Bright image of your glory,  
he learnt obedience to you in all things,  
even to death on a cross,  
breaking the power of evil,  
freeing us from sin, and putting death to flight.

You raised him from death,  
exalting him to glory,  
and the new day dawned.  
On the night he was betrayed  
your Son Jesus Christ shared food with his friends,  
his companions on the way.  
While at table he took bread,  
blessed, and broke it,  
and giving it to them, said:  
'Take, eat; this is my body.'  
He took a cup of wine,  
and, giving thanks, he gave it to them, and said,  
'This is my blood of the covenant,  
which is poured out for many.  
Do this in remembrance of me.'

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Therefore, living God, as we obey his command,  
we remember his life of obedience to you,  
his suffering and death,  
his resurrection and exaltation,  
and his promise to be with us for ever.  
With this bread and this cup  
we celebrate his saving death until he comes.

Accept, we pray, our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,  
and send your Holy Spirit upon us and our celebration  
that all who eat and drink at this table  
may be strengthened by Christ's body and blood  
to serve you in the world.  
As one body and one holy people,  
may we proclaim the everlasting gospel  
of Jesus Christ our Lord,  
through whom, with whom, and in whom,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all glory is yours, eternal God, now and for ever.

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

## The French Connection

*Harold was killed in action in the Town of Cuverville, Normandy, France on 18<sup>th</sup> July 1944.*

*In 1994 Joy was made a Citizen of Honour of the Town of Cuverville. As was her wish, the urn containing her ashes after cremation, have been interred in Harold's War Grave, Ranville, France (close to Cuverville).*

*In honour of this French Connection we will hear a recording of the monastic fraternity of Jerusalem (Les Fraternités Monastiques de Jérusalem) singing The Lords Prayer (in French).*

## Notre Père

Notre Père, qui es aux cieux,  
Que ton nom soit sanctifié,  
Que ton règne vienne,  
Que ta volonté soit faite sur la terre comme au ciel.  
Donne-nous aujourd'hui notre pain de ce jour.  
Pardonne-nous nos offenses  
Comme nous pardonnons aussi à ceux qui nous ont offensés.  
Et ne nous soumetts pas à la tentation,  
mais délivre-nous du mal,  
car c'est à toi qu'appartiennent le règne,  
la puissance et la gloire, aux siècles des siècles.  
Amen.

## The Prayer of Approach

Let us pray.

**We do not presume  
to come to 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 we may evermore dwell in him,  
and he in us. Amen.**

## **The Breaking of Bread and the Communion**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**Have mercy on us**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**Have mercy on us**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world,  
**Grant us your peace.**

As this broken bread was once many grains,  
which have been gathered together and made one bread:  
**so may your Church be gathered  
from the ends of the earth into your kingdom.**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Come let us take this holy sacrament of the body and blood of Christ in remembrance that he died for us, and feed on him in our hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The sacrament is given with the following words.*

The body of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was given for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

**Amen**

*and*

The blood of our Lord Jesus Christ, which was shed for you, preserve your body and soul to everlasting life.

**Amen**

## The Sending out of God's People

Giver of life and love,  
we thank you that in this heavenly banquet  
you invigorate and renew us.  
Living in the unity of the Spirit,  
may we boldly use your gifts  
to continue your work in the world.

Father,

**we offer ourselves to you  
as a living sacrifice  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory.**

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## Hymns used in this service

The hymns and psalm used in this thanksgiving service are those used in the service arranged by Joy on her eightieth birthday: Sunday 4th June 1989.

Two hymns have been added (both known favourites of Joy):

- † Be still for the presence of the Lord
- † Rejoice, the Lord is King.



The 1989 service sheet was kindly printed by Joy's friends Ruth and Mark Drake-Brockman and the service led by Revd Kevern Rapkin, Rector of the Parish of Rockingham-Safety Bay at that time.

## May the Mind of Christ my Saviour [Together In Song 609]

**May the mind of Christ my saviour  
Live in me from day to day  
By His love and power controlling  
All I do and say**

**May the word of God dwell richly  
In my heart from hour to hour  
So that all may see I triumph  
Only through His power**

**May the peace of God my Father  
Rule my life in everything  
That I may be calm to comfort  
Sick and sorrowing**

**May the love of Jesus fill me  
As the waters fill the sea  
Him exalting, self denying  
This is victory**

**May I run the race before me  
Strong and brave to face the foe  
Looking only unto Jesus  
As I onward go.**

### **Blessing**

God stir up within you the gift of the Spirit  
that you may confess Jesus Christ as Lord  
and proclaim the joy of the everlasting gospel  
wherever you may be;

and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be  
among you and remain with you always.

**Amen**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord:

**In the name of Christ. Amen**

