

# St Peter's Church Darwen

## Eucharist for the Third Sunday of Lent

### The Gathering

*At the entrance of the ministers a hymn may be sung. Please stand.*

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

**All      Amen.**

The Lord be with you.

**All      And also with you.**

*The prayer of preparation may be used.*

**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

*One of the following is used:*

Jesus, full of the Holy Spirit, returned from the Jordan and was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, where for forty days he was tempted by the devil. Let us confess our sins remembering before God the times when we have fallen from temptation to sin.

*A short period of silent reflection.*

**All     Almighty God, our heavenly Father,  
we have sinned against you and against our neighbour  
in thought and word and deed,  
through negligence, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.  
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your name. Amen**

*Or, with suitable penitential words these responses may be used:*

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

*The president declares God's forgiveness.*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon and deliver *you* from all *your* sins,  
confirm and strengthen *you* in all goodness,  
and keep *you* in life eternal,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
**All     Amen.**

## The Collect

*Please remain standing for the Collect of the day.*

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary,  
shared the life of a home in Nazareth,  
and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself:  
strengthen us in our daily living  
that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence  
to bind together and to heal;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**All      Amen.**

## ***The Liturgy of the Word***

### Readings

*Please sit.*

#### **First Reading: Exodus 2.1-10**

Now a man from the house of Levi went and married a Levite woman. The woman conceived and bore a son; and when she saw that he was a fine baby, she hid him for three months.

When she could hide him no longer she got a papyrus basket for him, and plastered it with bitumen and pitch; she put the child in it and placed it among the reeds on the bank of the river. His sister stood at a distance, to see what would happen to him.

The daughter of Pharaoh came down to bathe at the river, while her attendants walked beside the river. She saw the basket among the reeds and sent her maid to bring it.

When she opened it, she saw the child. He was crying, and she took pity on him.

‘This must be one of the Hebrews’ children,’ she said.

Then his sister said to Pharaoh’s daughter, ‘Shall I go and get you a nurse from the Hebrew women to nurse the child for you?’ Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Yes.’

So the girl went and called the child’s mother. Pharaoh’s daughter said to her, ‘Take this child and nurse it for me, and I will give you your wages.’

So the woman took the child and nursed it. When the child grew up, she brought him to Pharaoh’s daughter, and she took him as her son. She named him Moses, ‘because’, she said, ‘I drew him out of the water.’

This is the word of the Lord

**All Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading: Colossians 3.12-17**

As God’s chosen ones, holy and beloved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with one another and, if anyone has a complaint against another, forgive each other; just as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive.

Above all, clothe yourselves with love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in the one body. And be thankful.

Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and admonish one another in all wisdom; and with gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns, and spiritual songs to God.

And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord  
**All Thanks be to God.**

*A hymn may be sung as we prepare to hear the Gospel reading.*

### **Gospel Reading**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

**All Glory to you, O Lord.**

### **Gospel: John 19.25b-27**

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene.

When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.'

Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

*At the end*

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

## **Sermon**

*Please sit.*

*At the end of the sermon we keep a few moments silence.*

## **The Creed**

*Please stand.*

**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 as we pray.*

*One of these responses may be used:*

Lord, hear us.

or

Lord, meet us in the  
silence

**All Lord, mercifully hear us.**

**and hear our prayer.**

*At the end of the prayers:*

Merciful Father,

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

## ***The Liturgy of the Sacrament***

### **The Peace**

*Please stand.*

Since we are justified by faith,  
We have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please exchange a sign of Peace with those around you.*

### **Preparation of the Table**

*A hymn may be sung as the gifts of the people are collected and  
presented with offerings of bread and wine and the altar is prepared.  
If you are a taxpayer please use a yellow Gift Aid envelope. found in  
each pew, for your offering.*

God of our journey,  
as we walk with you on your path of obedience,

sustain us on our way and lead us to your glory;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All      Amen.**

## **The Eucharistic Prayer**

The Lord be with you.

**All      And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All      We lift them up unto the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

*The president gives praise for God's mighty acts and all respond:*

**All      Holy, holy, holy, 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.**

*The president recalls the Last Supper and one of these acclamations may be used.*

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All      Dying you destroyed our death,**

**rising you restored our life:**

**Lord Jesus, come in glory**

*or*

Great is the mystery of faith:

**All      Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The prayer continues and leads into the doxology and the response*

**All      Amen.**

*or*

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

## **The Lord's Prayer**

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

*Please sit or kneel.*

**All      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.**

## **Breaking of Bread**

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

**All      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 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 Christ 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.**

*The Presider and people receive Communion. If you prefer to receive a blessing then please keep your head bowed at the altar rail.*

*To the words of administration, each person replies   **Amen.***

*During communion the choir may sing an anthem and hymns may be sung.*

*At the end of communion a moment of silence may be kept.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

Loving God, as a mother feeds her children at the breast  
you feed us in this sacrament with the food and drink of eternal life:  
help us who have tasted your goodness  
to grow in grace within the household of faith;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**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 may be given here and the final hymn may be sung.*

## ***The Dismissal***

*The president may use this or another suitable blessing.*

The Lord be with you.

**All     And also with you.**

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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All      In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*or*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**All      Thanks be to God.**

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