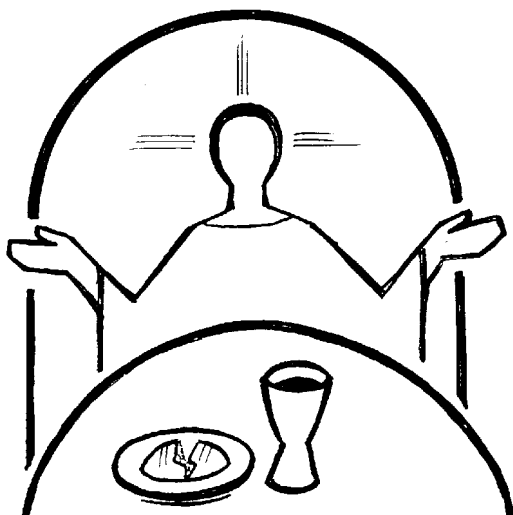


# **ST PETER'S CHURCH, DARWEN**

## **EUCCHARIST FOR THE SIXTH SUNDAY** **AFTER TRINITY**

**A VERY WARM WELCOME.**

We hope that you will find something of



the presence of God in our worship

# **Gathering to worship God**

## **Greeting**

Let us worship God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

This is the day that the Lord has made.

**All: We will rejoice and be glad in it.**

*The Presider welcomes everyone and introduces the Eucharist.*

## **Opening Prayer**

**All: Lord, direct our thoughts, and teach us to pray.  
Lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in  
truth, through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**Amen.**

## Saying sorry to God

### Confession

God our Father,  
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.  
For turning away from you,  
and ignoring your will for our lives;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

For behaving just as we wish,  
without thinking of you;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

For failing you by what we do  
and think and say;  
Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

For letting ourselves be drawn  
away from you

by temptations in the world about us;

Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

For living as if we were ashamed

to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us:

**All: save us and help us.**

*The Presider says the words of forgiveness.*

Almighty God, who is all forgiveness,

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 prayer of the day is said.*

## **The Collect: Prayer of the Day**

God of glory, the end of our searching,  
help us to lay aside all that prevents us from seeking your  
kingdom,  
and to give all that we have  
to gain the pearl beyond all price,  
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*The Presider introduces a period of silent prayer with the words,*

*‘Let us pray.’*

Creator God, you made us all in your image:  
may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all  
that we do;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Hearing and Responding to the Word of God**

*We listen to the reading(s)*

### **First Reading: Proverbs 25.6-7**

Do not put yourself forward in the king’s presence  
or stand in the place of the great,

for it is better to be told, 'Come up here,'  
than to be put lower in the presence of a noble.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

**Second Reading: Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16**

Let mutual affection continue. Do not neglect to show hospitality to strangers, for by doing that some have entertained angels without knowing it.

Remember those who are in prison, as though you were in prison with them, those who are being tortured, as though you yourselves were being tortured.

Let marriage be held in honour by all, and let the marriage bed be kept undefiled, for God will judge the sexually immoral and adulterers.

Keep your lives free from the love of money, and be content with what you have, for he himself has said, 'I will never leave you or forsake you.' So we can say with confidence,

"The Lord is my helper;  
I will not be afraid.  
What can anyone do to me?"

Remember your leaders, those who spoke the word of God to you; consider the outcome of their way of life, and imitate their faith.

Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.

Through him, then, let us continually offer a sacrifice of praise to God, that is, the fruit of lips that confess his name. Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Then we stand with the Presider for the Gospel reading*

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

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

**Gospel Reading: Luke 14.1, 7-14**

On one occasion when Jesus] was going to the house of a leader of the Pharisees to eat a meal on the Sabbath, they were watching him closely.

When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable.

‘When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host, and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, ‘Give this person your place,’ and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place.

‘But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, ‘Friend, move up higher’; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’

He said also to the one who had invited him,

“When you give a luncheon or a dinner, do not invite your friends or your brothers and sisters or your relatives or rich neighbours, in case they may invite you in return, and you would be repaid. But when you give a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, and the blind. And you will be blessed because they cannot repay you, for you will be repaid at the resurrection of the righteous.’

*At the end of the Gospel reading*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

*Please sit for THE TALK*

*Please stand to say together for an*  
**Affirmation of Faith**

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

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

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

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

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?

**All: We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**All: This is our faith**

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

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*This response is used:*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

*And at the end:*

Merciful Father,

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

*Please stand for* **The Peace**

Blessed are the peacemakers:  
they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and  
share his peace.  
The peace of the Lord be always with  
you.

**All: and also with you.**



## The Preparation of the Altar

*The altar is prepared with bread and wine.*

### Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you

**All: and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

It is always right to give you thanks

God our Creator,

loving and faithful, holy and strong.

You made us and the whole universe,

and filled your world with life.

**All: Holy, Holy, Holy.**

You sent your Son to live among us,

Jesus our Saviour, Mary's child.

He suffered on the cross;  
he died to save us from our sins;  
he rose in glory from the dead.

**All    Holy, Holy, Holy.**

You send your Spirit to bring new life  
to the world  
and clothe us with power from on high.  
And so we join the angels  
to celebrate and say:

**All:    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**

Father, on the night before he died,  
Jesus shared a meal with his friends.

He took the bread, and thanked you.  
He broke it, and gave it to them,  
saying:

Take and eat; this is my body given for  
you.  
Do this to remember me.

After the meal, Jesus took the cup of  
wine.

He thanked you, and gave it to them,  
saying:

Drink this, all of you.

This is my blood, the new promise of  
God's unfailing love.

Do this to remember me.

Jesus Christ has died.

**All: Jesus Christ has died.**

Jesus Christ is risen.

**All: Jesus Christ is risen.**

Jesus Christ will come again.

**All: Jesus Christ will come again.**

Father, as we bring this bread and wine,  
and remember his death and resurrection,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that we who share these gifts  
may be fed by Christ's body and his blood.

Pour your Spirit on us  
that we may love one another,  
work for the healing of the earth,  
and share the good news of Jesus,  
as we wait for his coming in glory.

For honour and praise belong to you  
Father, with Jesus your Son, and the Holy Spirit:  
one God for ever and ever.

**All: Amen.**

*Please sit for*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

*As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:*

*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 the Bread**

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

***All:* Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

*All say:*

**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.

### **Giving of Holy Communion**

*The Presider says*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes

away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive  
you, but only say the word and  
I shall be healed.**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All are invited to God's table.

*Everyone makes their way to the altar,*

*to receive Holy Communion or a blessing*

*Gluten-free wafers are available – please ask.*

*When all have received Holy Communion,  
We pray together*

## **The Post Communion Prayer**

Lord of all mercy,  
we your faithful people have celebrated that one true  
sacrifice  
which takes away our sins and brings pardon and peace:  
by our communion keep us firm on the foundation of the  
Gospel and preserve us from all sin;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Eternal God**

**we thank you for nourishing us with  
these heavenly gifts;  
may our communion strengthen us in faith,  
build us up in hope,  
and make us grow in love  
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord  
Amen.**

*Please remain seated for*

**THE NOTICES.**

## Going out to serve God

To a troubled world

**All: peace from Christ.**

To a searching world

**All: love from Christ.**

To a waiting world

**All: hope from Christ.**

## The Blessing

The God of hope fill you with all joy  
and peace in Believing.

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit  
be amongst you and remain with you and those you  
love always.

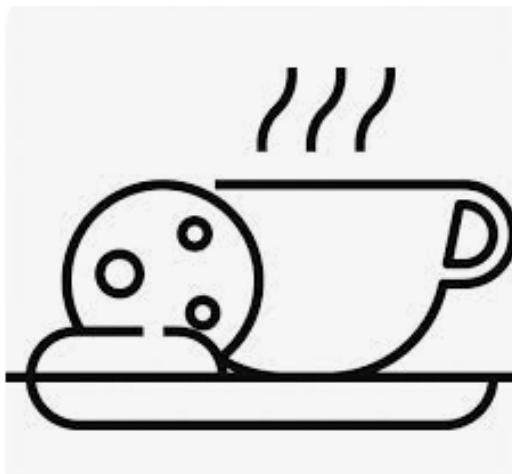
**All: Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

*The Minister departs*

*Please stay and join us for a drink and a biscuit and a chat together.*



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