

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

## **EUCHARIST FOR HARVEST FESTIVAL**



***We gather***

*A hymn may be sung*

The Lord be with you

**All And also with you.**

### **Presentation of gifts**

Thank you, God for your goodness that blesses us and the earth.  
You are generous

**All Thank you, God.**

Thank you, God for the people who made this food and those who will  
share in it. You are generous

**All Thank you, God.**

Thank you, God for this place, this town and this church and for your  
faithful love over many generations. You are generous

**All Thank you, God.**

We offer our gifts in thanksgiving for all that God has given to us.

*Gifts for the Darwen Food Larder may be brought forward*

## **We say sorry**

Harvest makes us of how much we have to enjoy, but it also makes us aware of how often we fail to take care of the world and those around us. It's also autumn, a time when the leaves fall, reminding us that sometimes we need to let go of things so that new things can happen. We call to mind the wrong choices we have made, the things we have not bothered to do, and the things we did on purpose that have hurt other people, hurt ourselves and hurt God.

Lord God, we are selfish, we are greedy, we are wasteful of all that you have given us. Sometimes we forget to say thank you.

Lord have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

Sometimes we ignore the needs of others, Christ have mercy

**All Christ have mercy**

Sometimes we just can't be bothered to live your way.

Lord have mercy

**All Lord have mercy**

## **Absolution**

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.**

## Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and you give us the fruits of the earth in their season: grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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.**

## We listen to God's word

### **First reading: Deuteronomy 26.1–11**

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name.

You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, 'Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us.'

When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God:

'A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous.

'When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labour on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors;

the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey.

‘So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me. You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.’

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

**Second reading: Philippians 4.4–9**

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.

Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near.

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God.

And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. 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.

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

## **Hymn**

## **Gospel Reading**

Alleluia, alleluia.

Lift up your eyes, and see that the fields are ripe for harvesting.

Gather the fruit for eternal life.

**All Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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

### **John 6.25–35**

When they found him on the other side of the lake, they said to him, Rabbi, when did you come here?

Jesus answered them,

‘Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves.

‘Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal.’

Then they said to him, ‘What must we do to perform the works of God?’

Jesus answered them,

‘This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent.’

So they said to him,  
'What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing?  
Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'

Then Jesus said to them, '  
Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven.

For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.'

They said to him, 'Sir, give us this bread always.'

Jesus said to them, 'I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty.'

***At the end:***

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

### **We declare our 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.**

### ***We pray***

*This response is used*

Lord, in your mercy  
**All hear our prayer.**

### ***At the end:***

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

### **The Peace**

The harvest of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness,  
goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.

The peace of the Lord be always with you:

**All and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

### **Hymn**

## Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
you bring forth bread from the earth.

**All**     **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation;  
You create the fruit of the vine.

**All**     **Blessed be God for ever.**

## The 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 indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. For you have created the heavens and the earth, and formed us in your own image. In the fullness of time you sent forth your Son, your eternal Word, who laid down his life for our salvation and rose from the grave, the first-fruits of your new creation. You send forth your holy and life-giving Spirit to give life to our mortal bodies and to renew the face of the earth.

Therefore with all the heavenly hosts, we give voice to everything that you have made, and sing the eternal hymn of praise.



**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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son. On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them, and said: 'Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me'.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 'Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me'.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross. Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

**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.**

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with St Peter and all the saints to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honour are you, O Loving Father, for ever and ever,

**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.**

## **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.**

## **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 he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

*The President and people receive communion.*

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.*

## **We give thanks**

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All - Amen.**

## **Notices**

## **Hymn**

## **We go out into the world**

We have celebrated Harvest, brought our gifts, sung our hymns and remembered our God.

As we go into the world, may God help us to live our lives as people of the Harvest to share and to give, to bless and to love, through Jesus, our friend and Saviour.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May God's peace be in our hearts  
May God's peace be in our world  
And may the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit  
be with us all, now and evermore. **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

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