

ST PETER'S CHURCH, DARWEN



**DARWEN TOWN REMEMBRANCE DAY
SERVICE AND PARISH EUCHARIST
SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER 2025
9.00AM**

THE GATHERING

Please stand

THE PROCESSIONAL HYMN

During the Processional Hymn, the Clergy Party will enter Church.

1. **Eternal Father, strong to save,
whose arm doth bind the restless wave,
who bidd'st the mighty ocean deep
its own appointed limits keep:
O hear us when we cry to thee,
for those in peril on the sea.**

2. **O Christ, the Universal Lord,
who suffered death by nails and sword,
from all assault of deadly foe
sustain thy soldiers where they go;
and evermore hold in thy hand
all those in peril on the land.**

3. **O Holy Spirit, Lord of grace,
Who fills with strength the human race,
Inspire us all to know the right;
Guide all who dare the eagle's flight;
And underneath thy wings of care
Guard all from peril in the air.**

4. **O Trinity of love and pow'r,
our brethren shield in danger's hour.
From rock and tempest, fire and foe,
protect them whereso'er they go,
thus evermore shall rise to thee,
praise from the air, the land and sea.**

*Verses 1,4: William Whiting (1825-1878);
verses 2,3: BE*

*Tune: MELITA 88 88 88
John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)*

THE GREETING

Blessèd are the peacemakers:

All 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.

Please sit

THE ACT OF PENITENCE

Lord God, our Father, maker of all:

we praise you for your great work creating the world.

Give us the skill to build a society where all may thrive,
and forgive us when we use your gifts poorly.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus Christ, Son of the living God, Prince of Peace:

as we thank you for your life among us,

forgive us when we fail to live together as one family.

Help us to dwell together in love and peace,

seeking one another's welfare, bearing one another's burdens,
and sharing one another's joys.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, Lord of grace, fulfiller of humanity:

give us the strength to face the future,

and wisdom to learn from the past

as we remember those who have given their lives
in the service of justice and peace.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

THE 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.

Please stand

THE GLORIA

**All Glory in the highest to the God of heaven! Peace to all your
People through the earth be given!
Mighty God and Father, thanks and praise we bring,
singing Hallelujah to our heavenly king.**

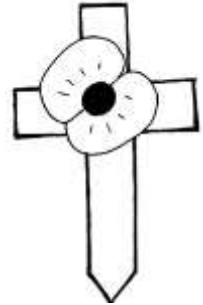
**Jesus Christ is risen, God the Father's Son!
With the Holy Spirit you are Lord alone!
Lamb once killed for sinners, all our guilt to bear,
show us now your mercy, now receive our prayer.**

**Christ the world's true Saviour, high and holy One,
seated now and reigning from your Father's throne:
Lord and God, we praise you! Highest heaven adores:
in the Father's glory, all the praise be yours!**

THE COLLECT

*The Presider introduces a period of silent prayer with the words
'Let us pray together in silence':*

Almighty God, our refuge and strength,
bring near the day when wars shall cease,
and poverty and pain shall end,
that earth may know the peace of heaven,
through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.



All Amen.

Please sit

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

THE READING

A reading from the book of Job.

Job 19: 23-27

'O that my words were written down,
O that they were inscribed in a book!
O that with an iron pen and with lead
they were engraved on a rock for ever!
For I know that my Redeemer lives,
and that at the last he will stand upon the earth;
and after my skin has been thus destroyed,
then in my flesh I shall see God,
whom I shall see on my side,
and my eyes shall behold, and not another.
My heart faints within me!

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Please stand

THE GRADUAL HYMN

1. I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love;
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.
2. And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.

Cecil Arthur Spring-Rice (1859-1918)

Tune: THAXTED

THE GOSPEL READING

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

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

Luke 20: 27-38

We all turn to face the Gospel, which is read from the middle of the people to symbolise Christ teaching among his people.

Some Sadducees, those who say there is no resurrection, came to him and asked him a question, 'Teacher, Moses wrote for us that if a man's brother dies, leaving a wife but no children, the man shall marry the widow and raise up children for his brother.

Now there were seven brothers; the first married, and died childless; then the second and the third married her, and so in the same way all seven died childless. Finally the woman also died. In the resurrection, therefore, whose wife will the woman be? For the seven had married her.'

Jesus said to them, 'Those who belong to this age marry and are given in marriage; but those who are considered worthy of a place in that age and in the resurrection from the dead neither marry nor are given in marriage. Indeed they cannot die any more, because they are like angels and are children of God, being children of the resurrection. And the fact that the dead are raised Moses himself showed, in the story about the bush, where he speaks of the Lord as the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob. Now he is God not of the dead, but of the living; for to him all of them are alive.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Please sit for

THE SERMON

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Please stand for

THE CREED

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.

Please sit or kneel

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray for all who suffer as a result of conflict,
and ask that God may give us peace:
for the service men and women
who have died in the violence of war,
each one remembered by and known to God;
Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

For those who love them in death as in life,
offering the distress of our grief and the sadness of our loss;
Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

For all members of the who are in danger this day,
remembering family, friends and all who pray for their safe return;
Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

For civilian women, children and men
whose lives are disfigured by war or terror,
calling to mind in penitence the anger and hatreds of humanity;
Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

For all who bear the burden and privilege of leadership,
political, military and religious; asking for gifts of wisdom
and resolve in the search for reconciliation and peace;
Lord in your mercy:

All hear our prayer.

We pray for those for whom our prayers have been
asked at this time, for the lonely, the bereaved,
the sick and the dying by name we remember...

We commend into the Father's care
all who have recently parted this life: for...

In a few moments of silence let us bring our prayers and needs
to the Lord.

A few moments of silence are kept for reflection and prayers.

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

Please stand

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

THE PEACE

Jesus said, 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you.

I do not give to you as the world gives.'

John 14.27

The peace of Lord be always with you:

All and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

THE OFFERTORY HYMN

- 1. Abide with me, fast falls the eventide;
the darkness deepens; Lord, with me abide:
when other helpers fail, and comforts flee,
help of the helpless, O abide with me.**
- 2. Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day;**

earth's joy grow dim, its glories pass away;
change and decay in all around I see;
O thou who changest not, abide with me.

3. I need thy presence ev'ry passing hour;
what but thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r?
Who like thyself my guide and stay can be?
Through cloud and sunshine, Lord, abide with me.
4. I fear no foe with thee at hand to bless;
ills have no weight, and tears no bitterness.
Where is death's sting? Where, grave, thy victory?
I triumph still, if thou abide with me.
5. Hold thou thy cross before my closing eyes;
shine thorough the gloom, and point me to the skies;
heav'n's morning breaks, and earth's vain shadows flee;
in life, in death, O Lord, abide with me.

Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847)

*Tune: EVENTIDE 10 10 10 10
William Henry Monk (1823-1889)*

THE OFFERTORY PRAYER

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

All All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

THE PREPARATION OF THE ALTAR

As the grain once scattered in the fields
and the grapes once dispersed on the hillside
are now reunited on this table in bread and wine,
so, Lord, may your whole Church soon be gathered together
from the corners of the earth into your kingdom.

All Amen.

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 right to praise You, Father Lord of all creation;
in your love, you made us for Yourself.

When we turned away, you did not reject us
but came to meet us in Your Son.

**All You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with You.**

In Christ, You shared our life that we might live in Him and He in us.

**All He opened His arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.**

On the night He was betrayed at supper with His friends
He took bread and gave You thanks
He broke it and gave it to them, saying
'Take, eat this is My Body which is given for you:
do this in remembrance of me'

**All Father, we do this in remembrance of Him:
His body is the Bread of Life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
He gave you thanks and said:
'Drink this, all of you; this is My Blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this in remembrance of me'.

All Father, we do this in remembrance of Him: His Blood is shed for us.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

**All As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.**

With Your whole Church throughout the world,
we offer you this sacrifice of praise,
and lift our voices to join the eternal song of Heaven, saying:

**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.**

Please sit or kneel

THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray -

**All Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name:
thy kingdom come; thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

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

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

THE AGNUS DEI *is said*

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.

THE INVITATION TO COMMUNION

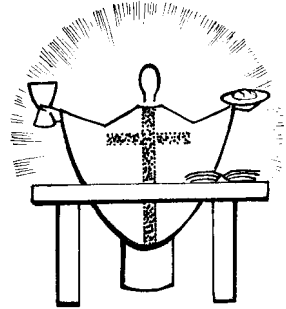
God's holy gifts for God's holy people:

All Jesus Christ is holy; Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

*If you wish to receive communion by intinction
please go to the right side (lectern) of the altar.*

*For both forms of communion,
please go to the left side (organ) of the altar.*

*If you would like to receive a blessing,
please bring this booklet with you.*



THE COMMUNION HYMN

1. 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.
2. 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.
3. 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.

Words and Music: David J Evans (b.1957)

When all have received Holy Communion, a time of silence is kept.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

God of love,
may the death and resurrection of Christ
which we have celebrated in this eucharist bring us,
with the faithful departed, into the peace of your eternal home.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ,
our rock and our salvation,
to whom be glory for time and for eternity.

All **Amen.**

All **Ever-living God,**
we remember those whom You have gathered
from the storm of war into the peace of Your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE NOTICES

Please stand

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

God is our refuge and strength,
a very present help in trouble.

Psalms 46:1

Let us remember before God,
and commend to his sure keeping
those who have died for their country in war;
those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure;
and all who have lived and died in the service of humanity.

A member of the Royal British Legion says

They shall grow not old as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them.

All We will remember them.



‘The Last Post’

2 Minutes Silence

‘Reveille’



*Representatives of Organisations and other members of the public
come forward to lay wreaths or offer other symbols of remembrance.*

The Presider says

Almighty and eternal God,
from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted,
either by death or life:
Hear our prayers and thanksgiving
for all whom we remember this day;
fulfil in them the purpose of your love;

and bring us all, with them, to you eternal joy;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

THE KOHIMA EPITAPH

A member of the Royal British Legion says

When you go home tell them of us and say,
for your tomorrow we gave our today.

THE ACT OF COMMITMENT

The Presider says:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.
Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All We will.

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all your peoples,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful now and always.

All Amen.

THE NATIONAL ANTHEM

1. **God save our gracious King,
long live our noble King,
God save the King.
Send him victorious,
happy and glorious,
long to reign over us:
God save the King.**

2. **Thy choicest gifts in store
on him be pleased to pour,
long may he reign:
may he defend our laws,
and every give us cause
to sing with heart and voice
God save the King!**

Verses 1 and 2: unknown (17th Century)

Tune: NATIONAL ANTHEM

THE DISMISSAL

Please stand

THE BLESSING

Go forth into the world in peace, be of good courage;
hold fast to that which is good; render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the faint hearted; support the weak; help the afflicted;
honour everyone, love and serve the Lord,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you
and all those you love and remember this day and always.

All Amen.

THE FINAL HYMN

1. The day thou gavest, Lord, is ended:
the darkness falls at thy behest;
to thee our morning hymns ascended;
thy praise shall sanctify our rest.
2. We thank thee that thy Church unsleeping,
while earth rolls onward into light,
through all the world her watch is keeping,
and rests not now by day or night.
3. As o'er each continent and island
the dawn leads on another day,
the voice of prayer is never silent,
nor dies the strain of praise away.
4. The sun that bids us rest is waking
our brethren 'neath the western sky,
and hour by hour fresh lips are making
thy wondrous doing heard on high.
5. So be it, Lord; thy throne shall never,
like earth's proud empires, pass away;
thy kingdom stands, and grows for ever,
till all thy creatures own thy sway.

John Ellerton (1826-1893)

*Tune: ST CLEMENT 98 98
Clement Cotterill Scholefield (1839-1904)*

THE DISMISSAL

Go in peace, to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The choir, clergy, and congregation depart Church.



THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE **AT THE WAR MEMORIAL** **BOLD VENTURE PARK**

Following the service today at St Peter's Parish Church, Darwen.
An Act of Remembrance Service and Wreath Laying will take place
at the War Memorial in Bold Venture Park at 10.45am.

A free shuttle bus will be available after the service
from Darwen Bus Station at 10.10am to depart at 10.20am.

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