

St Peter's Church Darwen

The Eucharist for Christ the King



The Gathering

A hymn may be sung

The Greeting

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.

Prayer of Preparation

From all eternity bright and beautiful

All God is good

Alpha and Omega, integrity and holiness

All God is good

Truth and vulnerability, majesty and mystery

All God is good

God was in the beginning
All Bringing wonder and light
God is in the present
All Bringing truth and love
God will be in the future
All Bringing hope and truth.

Prayers of Penitence *Invitation to confession*

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is close at hand'.

So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

A moment of silent reflection is kept.

**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**

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.

Gloria in excelsis

**Glory to God in the highest
and peace to his 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 sins 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 Collect

Let us pray:

God the Father,
help us to hear the call of Christ the King
and to follow in his service,
whose kingdom has no end;
for he reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, one glory.

All Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Readings & Sermon

First Reading: Jeremiah 23.1-6

Woe to the shepherds who destroy and scatter the sheep of my pasture!

Therefore thus says the Lord, the God of Israel, concerning the shepherds who shepherd my people: It is you who have scattered my flock, and have driven them away, and you have not attended to them. So I will attend to you for your evil doings, says the Lord.

Then I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the lands where I have driven them, and I will bring them back to their fold, and they shall be fruitful and multiply.

I will raise up shepherds over them who will shepherd them, and they shall not fear any longer, or be dismayed, nor shall any be missing, says the Lord.

The days are surely coming, says the Lord, when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch, and he shall reign as king and deal wisely, and shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. In his days Judah will be saved and Israel will live in safety. And this is the name by which he will be called:

‘The Lord is our righteousness.’

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Second Reading: Colossians 1.11-20

May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light.

He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers — all things have been created through him and for him.

He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything.

For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to dwell, and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading:

Alleluia, alleluia.
Blessed is the King who comes
In the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven,
And glory in the highest heaven.

All Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Gospel: Luke 23.33-43

When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left.

Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'

There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.' One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong'.

Then he said,
'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

At the end of the reading:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

Let us declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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

The prayers are introduced with suitable words. One of these responses may be used

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us. or Lord, in your mercy Hear our prayer.

At the end:

Merciful Father,

or Lord of the Church

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

**hear our prayer
and make us one in heart
and mind to serve you
with joy forever.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The President introduces the Peace with a suitable sentence.

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together
and complete the whole.

Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

(Those in church will wave to each other)

Preparation of the Table

A hymn may be sung.

The altar is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.

The gifts of the people may be collected.

The president takes the bread and wine saying,

Blessed be God,
who enthrones us with Christ in the heavenly realms.

May we feed upon the bread of God
and drink the royal wine of heaven.

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 up unto the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.

For with the oil of gladness
you have anointed Christ the Lord,
your only Son,
to be our great high priest and king of all creation.
As priest, he offered himself once for all
upon the altar of the cross
and redeemed the human race by this perfect sacrifice of
peace.

As king he claims dominion over all your creatures,
that he may bring before your infinite majesty
a kingdom of truth and life,
a kingdom of holiness and grace,
a kingdom of justice, love and peace.

And so with angels and archangels
and all the heavenly host,
we proclaim your glory
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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.

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 memory 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 the 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 bread of life and cup of salvation,
We proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in
glory.
Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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 honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All Amen.

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 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.**

The Agnus Dei may be said or sung

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

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.**

The President and people receive communion.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

Please use the quiet time to pray and reflect.

Prayer after Communion

Stir up, O lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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.**

The Dismissal

Notices may be given. A hymn may be sung.

Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will,
that you may reign with him in glory;
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.

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