

# **Morning Service Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

## **Consecration Sunday**

*You may wish to light a candle.*

### **Introduction**

Welcome as you join us for our Eucharist this morning. Today, 19<sup>th</sup> July, we celebrate the anniversary of the consecration of St. Peter's Church in 1747 by the Bishop of Chester, the Rt Revd Samuel Peploe. Liverpool was then part of Chester Diocese only becoming a separate diocese in 1880.

Our present church replaced an older church which was much nearer the sea but which was destroyed in a storm in 1739. It was decided to build a new church further inland, which they did, siting it opposite an inn!

Built as a very plain Georgian church with galleries on 3 walls, it was extended in 1872 by the then Vicar and Squire, the Revd Lonsdale Formby, who added a choir, sanctuary and side chapel, all in the Victorian style, and thankfully the two styles of architecture have blended well, making St. Peter's an attractive building in which to worship.

Today we give thanks for all have served and worshipped God in this church over the last 273 years and pray that in our lives today, and in the future, God's love may continue to be seen and experienced in and through the life and ministry of St. Peter's.

Let us worship together.

### **Opening Sentences**

Grace and peace be with you,

**and keep you in the love of Christ.**

**Hymn** Lord for the years    <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MkTrFQLy6js&t=19s>

### **The Collect of 6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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. Amen

### **Bible Readings**

**Epistle – Romans 8.12-25    read by Anne Cotsworth**

So then, brothers and sisters, we are debtors, not to the flesh, to live according to the flesh—for if you live according to the flesh, you will die; but if by the Spirit you put to death the deeds of the body, you will live. For all who are led by the Spirit of God are children of God. For you did not receive a spirit of slavery to fall back into fear, but you have received a spirit of adoption. When we cry, 'Abba! Father!' it is that very Spirit bearing witness with our spirit that we are children of God, and if children, then heirs, heirs of God and joint heirs with Christ—if, in fact, we suffer with him so that we may also be glorified with him.

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first

fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

### **Gospel Matthew 13.24-30,36-43 read by Sarah Gorman**

Jesus put before them another parable: ‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to someone who sowed good seed in his field; but while everybody was asleep, an enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and then went away. So when the plants came up and bore grain, then the weeds appeared as well. And the slaves of the householder came and said to him, “Master, did you not sow good seed in your field? Where, then, did these weeds come from?” He answered, “An enemy has done this.” The slaves said to him, “Then do you want us to go and gather them?” But he replied, “No; for in gathering the weeds you would uproot the wheat along with them. Let both of them grow together until the harvest; and at harvest time I will tell the reapers, collect the weeds first and bind them in bundles to be burned, but gather the wheat into my barn.”’

Then he left the crowds and went into the house. And his disciples approached him, saying, ‘Explain to us the parable of the weeds of the field.’ He answered, ‘The one who sows the good seed is the Son of Man; the field is the world, and the good seed are the children of the kingdom; the weeds are the children of the evil one, and the enemy who sowed them is the devil; the harvest is the end of the age, and the reapers are angels. Just as the weeds are collected and burned up with fire, so will it be at the end of the age. The Son of Man will send his angels, and they will collect out of his kingdom all causes of sin and all evildoers, and they will throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Let anyone with ears listen!

### **Sermon – Simon Macaulay**

#### **Hymn The church's one foundation**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=FHCqXL3mCwU>

### **Prayers**

Cliff Cotsworth & Robert & Edward Gorman

Almighty God, our heavenly father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith.

#### **The Church.**

We pray, Father, for our Diocesan Bishop, Paul and Beverly, Bishop of Warrington, that you may direct and guide the church here with wisdom, love and justice in all things.

We celebrate today the two hundred and seventy third anniversary of the consecration of our Church of Saint Peter here in Formby. We give thanks for all those who, in the past, have rebuilt the Church on this safe site and cared for and maintained the worship and devotion which we so much value today.

Be the guide and comfort of all our Church and its peoples and help us, the body of Christ to be the fruitful grain amongst the tares. Particularly in these troublesome times

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

#### **The World**

Our world is a troubled place. We pray for all who share the burden of ruling and are responsible for others. We remember too those who work so freely to relieve the suffering and burden of others. Particularly we give thanks for our National Health Service.

Give patience to those who rule, generosity to those who serve and your support that all may seek to live in peace and harmony together.

Lord in your mercy hear our prayer

## Baptism.

Today we, at St Peter's, celebrate the sacrament of Baptism of Scarlet Rosina Margaret and for her parents Andreas and Robyn and her Godparents Lee, Joanna, Alaina and David.

Father, we rejoice in the love and care that surround little Scarlet as she starts me Christian pilgrimage and pray that you will bring joy and happiness to her parents and Godparents in their support of her.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

## The Community

Father, you gave the rainbow as a reminder of your promise of Hope to Noah In times of the pandemic and Corona 19, that symbol has become to us a reminder of a future for us all. It has become a symbol of care and looking after each other and kindness within our community.

As things improve Father, be our guide to continue the care and to show generosity to others that we have given to each other. May we all become a better people and the rainbow be our reminder of the better things in life.

As we come to the end of the School Term we give thanks for all the teachers and school staff for their exemplary commitment in these difficult times. And we pray for our pupils that you will be their guide always.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

## The Sick

We remember in our prayers all those who are sick: - Barbara, Eileen, Graeme, and Mike together with any known to us. We remember too our housebound parishioners and those who are in hospital and nursing homes. You were broken on the cross to make us whole. Be with those who suffer – the light in their darkness and the joy to those who have lost confidence and hope.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

## The Departed

We remember those who we have known and loved and see no more. Those who have touched our lives for good and those whose year's mind fall at this time. We remember in particular Jane Milles, Cathy James and any others known to us. Lord Jesus, we remember that those who have died that we have eternal life. Grant rest to those that we have known and loved who are now in your nearer presence. Of your charity grant that they may dwell in the light perpetual.

Lord in your mercy Hear our prayer

May the bright light of Christ Who is risen in glory Scatter the weeds of darkness from our hearts and minds And from this world.

Rejoicing in the fellowship of St Peter, St Margaret of Antioch and all your saints we commend ourselves and all Christian peoples top your unfailing love.

Merciful Father, Accept our prayers for the sake of your son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

## The Peace

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel: peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

## **Taking of the Bread and Wine**

God of all creation,  
you bring forth bread from the earth  
and fruit from the vine.  
By your Holy Spirit  
this bread and wine will be for us  
the body and blood of Christ.



The Lord is here.

**All: His Spirit is with us.**

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 indeed to give you thanks  
most loving God,  
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.  
And now we give you thanks  
for the witness of this church over the years  
praying that the Holy Spirit will lead us into all truth  
and give us power to proclaim your gospel to all people  
and to serve you as a royal priesthood

Therefore with angels and archangels,  
and with all the company of heaven,  
we proclaim your great and glorious name,  
for ever praising you and 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.**

To you indeed be glory, almighty God,  
because on the night before he died  
your Son, Jesus Christ, took bread;  
when he had given you thanks, he broke it,  
and gave it to his disciples, and said:  
Take, eat, this is my body  
which is given for you;  
do this to remember me.

After supper he took the cup;  
when he had given you thanks,  
he gave it to them and said:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood  
poured out for you;  
do this as often as you drink it,

to remember me.

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

Therefore, loving God,  
recalling now Christ's death and resurrection,  
we ask you to accept  
this our sacrifice of praise.  
Send your Holy Spirit upon us,  
that we may be fed with the body and blood of your Son  
and be filled with your life and goodness.  
Strengthen us to do your work,  
and to be your body in the world.  
Unite us in Christ  
and give us your peace.

All this we ask through your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord,  
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit  
be all honour and glory,  
now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

Wherever you may be let us pray together with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

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

### **Prayer after Communion**

Lord God, you feed us with the living bread from heaven;  
renew our faith,  
increase our hope,  
and strengthen our love.  
We thank you for your goodness and guiding in the past  
and commend ourselves for all that lies ahead  
that we may be witnesses of your love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **Hymn**

**Go forth and tell** <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XNyDd9qtuk0>

## **The Blessing**

May the boldness of the Spirit transform you, may the gentleness of the Spirit lead you, may the gifts of the Spirit equip you to serve and worship God;; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and all whom you love this day and always.  
**Amen.**