

## **Morning Service**

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July 2020**

*You may wish to light a candle.*

### **Introduction**

Welcome to our online service as we worship together both near and far. A warm welcome to those who may be joining us for the first time and we hope this gives a flavour of who we are in St Peter's and do encourage others to join us online. We welcome those joining us from Dublin, Derbyshire and Lisburn as well as here in Formby.

We are delighted that our Curate Simon has now been licenced and is our preacher this morning. As has been announced churches can open for individual prayer and St Peter's will open each Sunday and Wednesday from 10am to 12noon and you are welcome to drop in. We will have a short said Eucharist on Sunday at 9.30am.

Today we give thanks for 72 years of the amazing work of the NHS and at 5pm we are asked to show our appreciation and if you live near St Peter's you will hear the bells ring.

Wherever you are we hope that our time together will help you feel the joy and peace that comes from worshipping together. Our website has the July Parish Magazine and the Sunday Club at Home page. If you have any prayer requests or we can help in anyway do contact us. And I ask do keep looking out for one another.

Let us worship together.

### **Opening Sentences**

Grace and peace be with you,

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

**Hymn** I will sing the wondrous story <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=nAcpYr9l6Tk>

### **The Collect**

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

**Amen**

### **Bible Readings**

**Epistle – Romans 7:15-25a**

read by Mike Hastie

I do not understand my own actions. For I do not do what I want, but I do the very thing I hate. Now if I do what I do not want, I agree that the law is good. But in fact it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. For I know that nothing good dwells within me, that is, in my flesh. I can will what is right, but I cannot do it. For I do not do the good I want, but the evil I do not want is what I do. Now if I do what I do not want, it is no longer I that do it, but sin that dwells within me. So I find it to be a law that when I want to do what is good, evil lies close at hand. For I delight in the law of God in my inmost self, but I see in my members another law at war with the law of my mind, making me captive to the law of sin that dwells in my members. Wretched man that I am! Who will rescue me from this body of death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!

## **Gospel – Matthew 11:16-19, 25 - 30**

read by Caroline Speakman

‘But to what will I compare this generation? It is like children sitting in the market-places and calling to one another, “We played the flute for you, and you did not dance; we wailed, and you did not mourn.”

For John came neither eating nor drinking, and they say, “He has a demon”; the Son of Man came eating and drinking, and they say, “Look, a glutton and a drunkard, a friend of tax-collectors and sinners!” Yet wisdom is vindicated by her deeds.’

At that time Jesus said, ‘I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and the intelligent and have revealed them to infants; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father; and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.

‘Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light.’

## **Sermon – Simon Macaulay**

**Hymn**      **Lord of all hopefulness**      <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LCBjxVP6GWE>

## **Prayers**

by Peter Davies

We pray for the witness of the Church. We pray for those who carry the responsibilities of church leaders – those who are looked on to say and do the right things at the right time.

We pray for those who have been licensed as curates in the diocese – especially Simon Macauley who will be ministering in our parish and Gordon MacLeod who will be joining the Maghull and Melling team. We pray for all who share in the life and work of the Church: in ministry, in teaching, in pastoral care and in fellowship. Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

We pray for our nation – that divisions may be healed and that we can live in peace with one another. Help us to understand the needs of others and to respect their opinions, and help us to share in the cause of justice, freedom and goodwill.

Bless and guide our Queen and government, and to all those in authority. Grant them wisdom in the exercise of their duties – and teach us to exercise our responsibility to one another that we may serve You faithfully and look after those around us.

Lord, in Your mercy....hear our prayer.

We pray for our local community. We remember the children and staff at Trinity St Peter’s School. We pray for those who are in nursing homes, especially those in Halcyon House and Woodlands. We pray for those who are unwell, remembering Jane, Barbara, Graeme, Mike and any others known to us, and we remember the families and friends of those who have died recently. We pray for those in hospital and, on the 72nd anniversary of the National Health Service, give thanks for those who work in our hospitals with such devotion and care for others.

Lord, in Your mercy..... hear our prayer.

We thank You for the gift of love: the love we are able to share among us; the love which is never ending; the love which goes beyond all description. Help us to deepen our love for You and for one another; and help us to be true and faithful in our relationships with You and with those around us. Lord, in Your mercy.....hear our prayer.

Grant to us lives which show faithfulness, gentleness, self-control, patience, kindness and goodness; and to all those we meet let us share love, joy and peace. Amen.

## **The Peace**

The fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace.  
If we live in the Spirit, let us walk in the Spirit.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you  
**And also with you**

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

The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
that we should always sing of your glory,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord:  
And now we give you thanks that,  
though the heaven of heavens cannot contain you,  
and your glory is in all the world,  
yet you chose to hallow our homes for your worship at this time,  
and in them you pour forth gifts of grace  
upon your faithful people.  
And so, with the saints and angels around your throne  
we join to glorify your name, for ever praising you.

**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.**

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.  
We proclaim his death and resurrection  
until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**



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.

**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**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise,  
that when we were still far off  
you met us in your Son and brought us home.  
Dying and living, he declared your love,  
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.  
May we bring life and hope to others;  
and we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world.  
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,  
so we and all your children shall be free,  
and the whole earth live to praise your name;  
through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Hymn Let all the world in every corner sing**

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8XBJYphWv4g>

### **The Blessing**

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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.**