

St. Peter's Church, Formby



Remembrance Sunday

The Gathering

Hymn *During which flags are presented.*

In the name of the Father,
and of the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.
Amen.



The Greeting

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

We are here to worship Almighty God, who loves us and who gave Jesus Christ for the life of the world, and who by his Spirit leads us in his way of peace and truth.

On this Remembrance Sunday we remember those who have lived and died in his service and in the service of others; those whose lives, in world wars and conflicts past and present, have been given and taken away. We pray for all who still suffer because of war and all who are in need; for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to bear the consequences of fighting and terror.

We ask for God's help and blessing that we may do his will, that we may seek peace and be peacemakers.

Confession

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil divisions and hatreds. Let us confess our share in what is wrong, when we have failed to stand up and speak out for what is true and right and good.

So we say,
Lord forgive us
All: as we forgive others.

When we have spoken words that were angry, divisive or untrue.
Lord forgive us
All: as we forgive others.

When we have done things that have hurt or excluded others
Lord forgive us
All: as we forgive others.

We confess that we have nurtured thoughts which were cruel and bitter.

Lord forgive us

All: as we forgive others.

When we have acted from purely selfish motives, neglecting the needs of others.

Lord forgive us

All: as we forgive others.

For all that we have done wrong in thought and word and deed.

Lord forgive us

All: as we forgive others.

Absolution

Almighty God who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy on 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. **Amen.**

**Glory be to God in heaven,
songs of joy and peace we bring,
thankful hearts and voices raising,
to creation's Lord we sing:
Lord, we thank you, Lord, we bless you,
Glory be to God our King,
Glory be to God our King.**

**Lamb of God, who on your shoulders
bore the load of this world's sin,
only Son of God the Father,
you have brought us peace within:
Lord, have mercy, Christ, have mercy,
now your glorious reign begin,
now your glorious reign begin.**

Special Prayer of Remembrance

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we remember with thanksgiving those who made the supreme sacrifice for us in times of war. We pray that the offering of their lives may not have been in vain. By your grace enable us this day to dedicate ourselves afresh to the cause of justice, freedom and peace; and give us the wisdom and strength to build a better world, for the honour and glory of your name; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Word

Epistle:

At the end the reader will say

This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.



Hymn

Gospel:

We remain standing and face the reader of the Gospel.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All: Glory to you, O Lord

At the end the reader will say

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Prayers

All may sit or kneel

Let us offer our prayers to God for the world, the church, our families and all those who are in need at this time.

The response to 'Lord, in your mercy' is – 'hear our prayer'

The prayers conclude with.

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

The Peace *All stand*



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.

And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory Hymn

THE MINISTRY OF THE SACRAMENT

The priest takes the bread and wine and says

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

Blessed be God forever.

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

Blessed be God forever.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

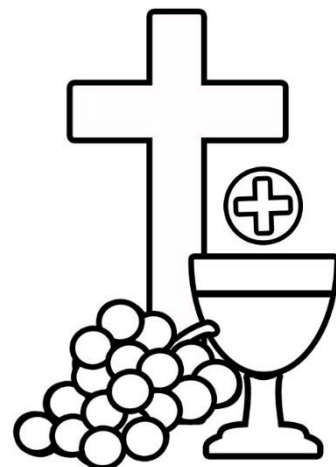
Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise

All may sit or kneel



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.
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.
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.
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.
Father, we do this in remembrance of him: his blood is shed for all.

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

**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.**

We say together the prayer Christ 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**

The 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 one bread.

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 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. Remember that he died for you and lives for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

All are welcome to receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited for a blessing and are asked to keep their hands at their side.



An Act of Remembrance

The Vicar says

Let us remember before God, and commend to his safe 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 the peoples of the world.

An older person says

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old; age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person says

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

All: **We will remember them.**

The Last Post

Silence

Reveille

The Vicar says

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



An Act of Commitment

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all makes for peace?

We will.

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

We will.

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

We will.

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: may we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen redeemer.

Amen.

Hymn

Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the King, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's people, life everlasting; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the peace of Christ
Thanks be to God.

The Sending Out

The National Anthem.

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.

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



In Flanders fields the poppies blow
Between the crosses, row on row,
That mark our place; and in the sky
The larks, still bravely singing, fly
Scarce heard amid the guns below.

We are the Dead. Short days ago
We lived, felt dawn, saw sunset glow,
Loved, and were loved, and now we lie
In Flanders fields.

Take up our quarrel with the foe:
To you from failing hands we throw
The torch; be yours to hold it high.
If ye break faith with us who die
We shall not sleep, though poppies grow
In Flanders fields.

Major John McCrea 1915



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