

**St. Peters' Church,
Formby**



**Welcome to our
Harvest Festival**



The Gathering

Hymn

During which flags are presented, and then harvest gifts are brought forward to the chancel steps.

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.

The land has produced a harvest,
Our God has blessed us.
God has richly blessed us,
Praise him, everyone on earth.



Penitence

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

The whole creation is suffering, and cries out with pain. Our sin affects the world of nature. Let us confess our sins against God and God's creation.

God our Father, we are sorry for the times when we have used your gifts carelessly, and acted ungratefully. Father, in your mercy; ***forgive us and help us.***

We enjoy the fruits of the harvest, but sometimes forget that you have given them to us. Father, in your mercy; ***forgive us and help us.***

We belong to a people who are full and satisfied, but sometimes ignore the cry of the hungry. Father, in your mercy; ***forgive us and help us.***

We are thoughtless, and do not care enough for the world you have made. Father, in your mercy; ***forgive us and help us.***

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.**

We sing to the glory of God

**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.**

The Harvest Collect

Eternal God, you crown the year with your goodness and give us the fruits of the earth in their season: Grant that we may use them to your glory, for the relief of those in need and for our own well-being; 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:

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

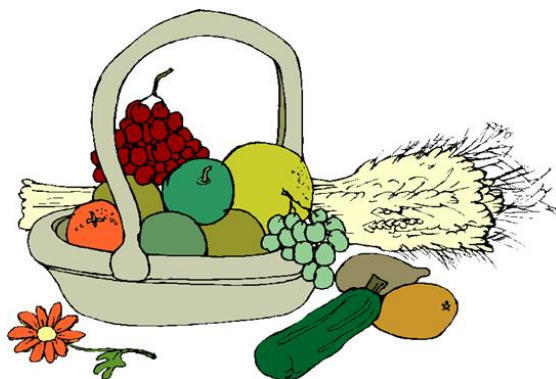
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

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.



The Address

Harvest Affirmation *All stand*

Creator God, this is your world, the world that you have made;

This is the world for which Jesus died that all may fully live; this is the world in which you call us to care and to serve.

Help us to give ourselves in love.

In a world rich with plentiful resources, In a world where neighbours are hungry, poor and powerless, In a world where our brothers and sisters demand both bread and justice,

Help us to give ourselves in love.

You have called your church to echo the voice of the poor. You have called us to speak out against oppression and injustice. You have called us to give and work for the liberation of all humankind.

Help us to give ourselves in love.

All power and authority are in your hands. You are the God who makes all things new. You are the God of hope who calls us to have courage and faith.

Help us to give ourselves in love.

Prayers *All may sit or kneel*

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, let us pray to the Father.

The response to 'Lord of the Harvest' is – **'In your mercy hear us'**

The intercessions conclude with.

Merciful Father,

accept these our prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.



The Peace *All stand*

Those who sow in peace raise a harvest of righteousness.

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.

All: 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.

All: 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.

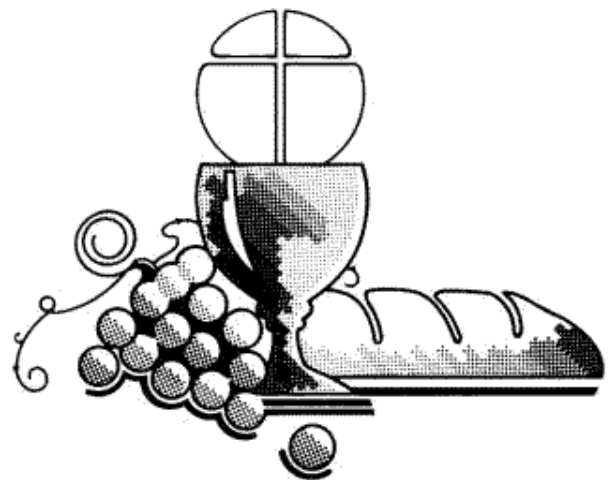
It is right to give him thanks and praise

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

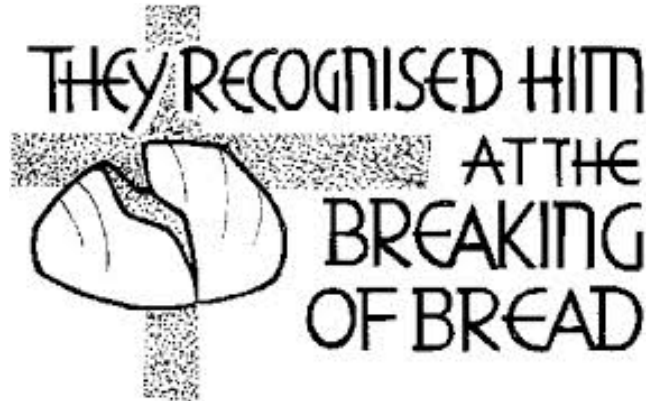
We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

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.**

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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

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communicants of other Christian churches are welcome to receive Communion with us. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to come to the altar rail for a blessing.

Let us pray. *Remain sitting or kneeling for the concluding prayers*

Eternal God heavenly Father; you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. ***Amen.***

Lord of the harvest, we rejoice in the beauty and bounty of your world, and for the cycle of seed time and harvest. Teach us to remember that we do not live by bread alone and grant us always to feed on him who is the true bread from heaven, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Announcements may be made before the concluding hymn.

Hymn *Flags are returned*

Blessing

The Lord be with you
And also with you

May God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who is the source of all goodness and growth, pour his blessing on all things created, and upon you his people, that you may use his gifts to his glory and the welfare of all peoples: and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you and all whom you love and care for, this day and always. Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ
All: Thanks be to God.

