

# **St Peter's Church, Formby**



## **The Eucharist on Easter Day**

We meet with joy to worship God on Easter Day.

And our joy is this, that Jesus who was crucified, dead and buried, is now alive for evermore, our risen and reigning Lord.

As we celebrate his resurrection, we pray that his joy may abide in our hearts and that our lives may always proclaim his risen presence and love.

*Living Lord Jesus,  
come among us in your risen power  
and make your presence known to us  
in Word and Sacrament this Easter Day.  
Speak your message of peace to our hearts;  
show us your wounded hands and side;  
and send us forth in your service  
in the power of your Holy Spirit,  
to the glory of your name. Amen.*

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*Let the peace of this church surround you as you sit or kneel quietly. Let the hurry and worry of your life fall away from you. You are God's child. He loves you and cares for you. He is here with you now – and always.*

Lord, thank you  
for your presence here,  
for the opportunity to pray,  
for the promise of peace,  
for the kindness of people,  
for friendship and fellowship,  
for all whom I love  
and those who love me  
for your love towards me  
for the cross of Christ,  
and all he suffered and endured for me.  
Help me to show my gratitude in this time of worship  
and in my daily life. Amen.

## **The Gathering**

### **Opening Hymn**

*The president says*

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

*All:* **Amen.**

*The president greets the people*

The Lord be with you

*All:* **and also with you.**

Alleluia, Christ is risen

*All:* **He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**



## **Welcome**

### **The Blessing of the Easter Candle**

*The sign of the cross is traced on the Candle, together with the letters Alpha and Omega and the numbers of this year. And the president says,*

Christ yesterday and today,  
the beginning and the end,  
Alpha and Omega,  
all time belongs to him,  
and all ages;  
to him be glory and power;  
through every age and for ever.

*All:* **Amen.**

*Five grains of incense are inserted into the candle representing the five wounds of Christ. The president says,*

By his holy and glorious wounds  
May Christ our Lord guard us and keep us.

*All:* **Amen.**

*The candle is lit. The president says,*

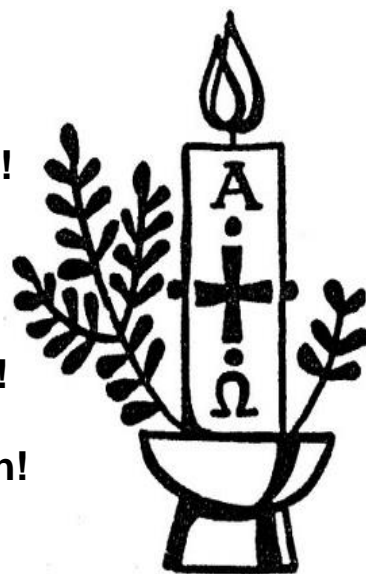
May the light of Christ, rising in glory,  
dispel the darkness of our hearts and minds.

*The Easter Candle is carried to the chancel steps as all sing:*

**Sing, choirs of heaven! Let saints and angels sing!  
Around God's throne exult in harmony!  
Now Jesus Christ is risen from the grave!  
Salute your King in glorious symphony!**

**Sing, choirs of earth! Behold, your light has come!  
The glory of the Lord shines radiantly!  
Lift up your hearts, for Christ has conquered death!  
The night is past, the day of life is here!**

**Sing, Church of God! Exult with joy outpoured!  
The gospel trumpets tell of victory won!  
Your Saviour lives; he's with you evermore!  
Let all God's people sound the long Amen!**



## **Invitation to Confession**

*A minister says*

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he lives to God.  
Let us renew our resolve to have done with all that is evil  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith. *Romans 6.10*

Like Mary at the empty tomb,  
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors,  
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.  
Christ, have mercy.

*All:* **Christ, have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room,  
we are slow to believe.  
Lord, have mercy.

*All:* **Lord, have mercy.**

*The president says,*

May the God of love and power  
forgive you and free you from your sins,  
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,  
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Kyrie eleison**

Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

Christ, have mercy

**All: Christ, have mercy**

Lord, have mercy

**All: Lord, have mercy**

## **The Collect**

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

## **The Epistle**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

## **Gradual Hymn**



## **The Gospel Reading** *(Remain standing and face the reader)*

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

*All:* **Glory to you, O Lord.**

*At the end of the Gospel, the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All:* **Praise to you, O Christ.**



## **Sermon**

## **The Creed**

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

*All:* **Christ died for our sins  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he was buried;  
he was raised to life on the third day  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
afterwards he appeared to his followers,  
and to all the apostles;  
this we have received,  
and this we believe. Amen.**

## **Prayers of Intercession**

*The president says*

In joy and hope let us pray to God.

*These responses are used*

Jesus, Lord of life,

*All:* **In your mercy hear us.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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



# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

*The president says*

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,  
'Peace be with you.'  
Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you

**All: and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*



## Offertory Hymn

### Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

Risen Lord Jesus Christ,  
we believe you, and all we have heard is true.  
When you break bread  
may we recognize you as the fire that burns within us,  
that we may bring light to your world.

**All: Amen.**

*The president says*

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.**

*The congregation may sit or kneel*

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy,  
at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise,  
holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

But chiefly are we bound to praise you  
because you raised him gloriously from the dead.  
For he is the true paschal lamb who was offered for us,  
and has taken away the sin of the world.  
By his death he has destroyed death,  
and by his rising to life again he has restored to us everlasting life.

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

*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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,  
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,  
and as we follow his example and obey his command,  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us his body and his blood;

who, in the same night that he was betrayed,  
took bread and gave you thanks;  
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying:  
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.



Therefore, heavenly Father,  
we remember his offering of himself  
made once for all upon the cross;  
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;  
we look for the coming of your kingdom,  
and with this bread and this cup  
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,  
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,  
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts  
in the presence of your divine majesty,  
renew us by your Spirit,  
inspire us with your love  
and unite us in the body of your Son,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.



Through him, and with him, and in him,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,  
we worship you, Father almighty,  
in songs of everlasting praise:

*All:* **Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

*Let us pray 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**

*The president breaks the consecrated 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 the one bread.**

*The Agnus Dei*

**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**

*The president says*

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.

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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

*All communicant members of Christian Churches are welcome to receive communion. Those who do not wish to receive communion are invited to the altar rail for a blessing and are asked to keep their hands at their side.*

## **Hymn during Communion**

## Prayers after Communion

*Remaining sitting or kneeling for the Post Communion Prayers.*

**All: 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 who share Christ's body live his risen life;  
we who drink his cup bring life to others;  
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.**

## The Dismissal

### Closing Hymn

*The president says*

The Lord be with you

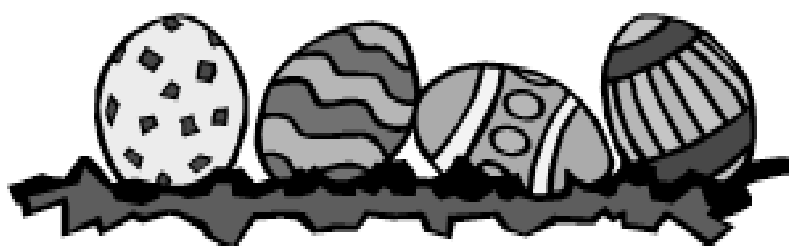
**All: And also with you.**

God the Father, by whose glory Christ was raised from the dead,  
strengthen you to walk with him in his risen life;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you, and all that you love and care for,  
this day and always. **Amen.**

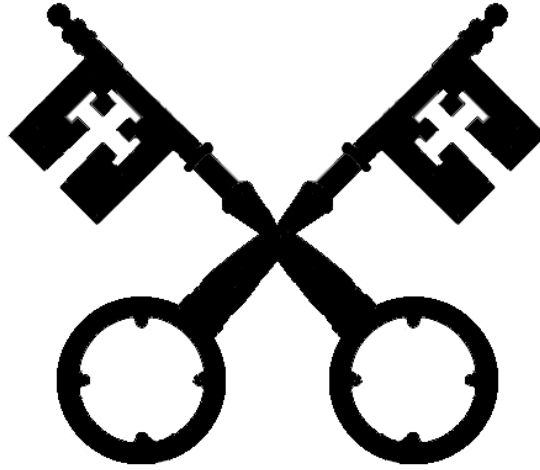
*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**



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