

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



## **The Eucharist Easter to Pentecost**

## **EASTER TO PENTECOST**

As there are 40 days in Lent, so there are 40 days between Easter and Ascension - as there are also 40 days between Christmas and Candlemas.

During these 40 days the Risen Christ appeared again and again to his followers, not only in the garden where his tomb was, but also in the Upper Room, on the road to Emmaus and by the Sea of Galilee. Indeed, Paul says in 1 Corinthians 15:6 that Jesus “appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time.”

Before his Ascension he gave his followers ‘the great commission’, “Go into all the world and proclaim the good news to the whole creation.” With that command came two promises – that he would be with them always to the end of the age, and that ten days later they would be strengthened and empowered by the Holy Spirit.

As Christmas began the story of Jesus’ life on earth, so Ascension Day completes it, with his return to his Father in heaven, where, Paul tells us in Romans 8:34, that “Christ Jesus who died, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, intercedes for us.”

Almighty God and Father, we thank you  
that the head that once was crowned with thorns  
is crowned with glory now.  
We celebrate with joy the resurrection and ascension of Jesus.  
Give us grace to acknowledge his rule  
in our lives as well as with our lips,  
and to serve his kingdom;  
for the honour and glory of his name. Amen

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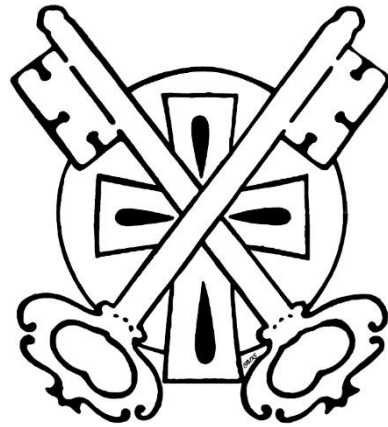
## **The Gathering**

### **Opening Hymn**

*The president says*

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

*All:* **Amen.**



### **The Greeting**

*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**

### **Invitation to Confession**

*Eastertide to Ascension*

Christ our passover lamb has been sacrificed for us.  
Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil  
and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

*After Ascension*

The Spirit of the Lord fills the world  
and knows our every word and deed.  
Let us then open ourselves to the Lord  
and confess our sins in penitence and faith.

### **Kyrie eleison**

Lord, have mercy

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

Christ, have mercy

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

Lord, have mercy

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

**All: Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.  
In your mercy  
forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

*The president says*

Almighty God,  
who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon 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.

**All: Amen.**

**All: Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy upon us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

**The Collect**    *The Collect and readings are printed in the bulletin.*

## **The Liturgy of the Word**

### **Reading**

*At the end the reader says*

This is the word of the Lord.

*All:*    **Thanks be to God.**

### **Gradual Hymn**

### **Gospel Reading**

*Remain standing*

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.

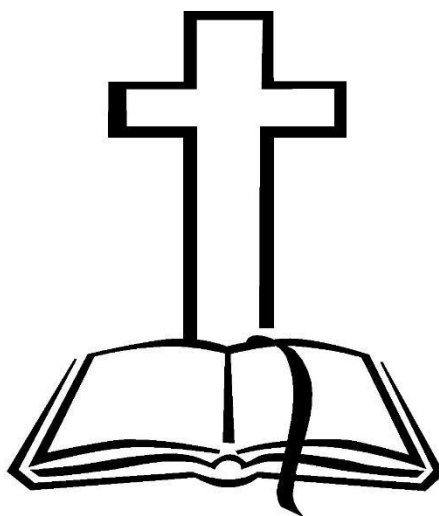
*All:*    **Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Sermon**

### **The Creed**    - *We stand*

Let us declare our faith in the risen 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*

Let us join our prayers with those of our Saviour Christ,  
seeking the Father's blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.

*We kneel or sit for the intercessions.*

*These responses are used unless otherwise announced.*

Lord, in your mercy

**All: hear our prayer.**

*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** - *All Stand*

*The president introduces the Peace*

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.  
If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**All: and also with you.**

*A minister says*

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*Peace  
be with  
you*

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

*The president says*

Lord of all and source of our joy,  
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.  
Keep us in the love of Christ,  
and as we break bread together,  
may we be one with Christ in faith and hope and love,  
now and forever.

*All:* **Amen.**

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.**

*Sit or kneel for the prayer of thanksgiving*

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.

And now we give you thanks  
Because in his victory over the grave a new age has dawned.  
Your Son's resurrection empowered his disciples  
and your Spirit's fire enlivens your church.  
Christ is the King of glory  
who has overcome the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

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.**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;  
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,  
and according to your holy will,  
these gifts of bread and wine  
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;  
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

*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 and our celebration,  
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.**



Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**All: 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*

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

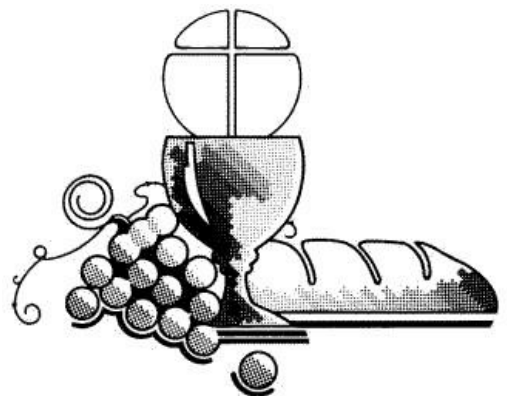
**All: Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

### **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**

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 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 welcome to come forward for a blessing and we ask that you keep your hands at your side.*

*Gluten free wafers are available so please let the vicar know when coming to receive.*

## **Prayer after Communion**

*The Post Communion Prayer is said*

**All: We thank you, Father, that you have  
fed us in this sacrament,  
and united us with Christ.  
May we who have been spiritually nourished  
be ready to follow you all our days;  
we ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## **The Dismissal**

### **Closing Hymn**

*The president says*

The Lord be with you  
**All: And also with you.**

### **The Blessing**

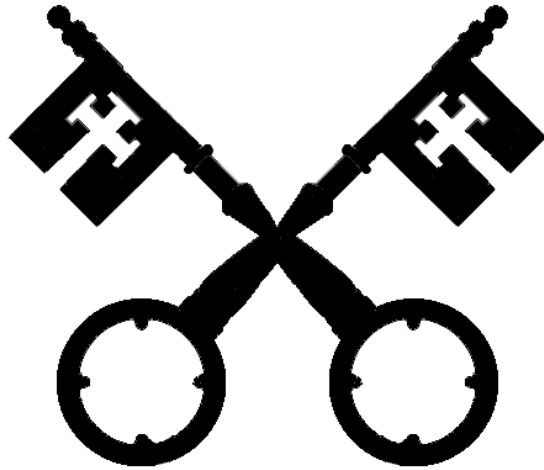
The God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be with you this day and always. **Amen.**

*A minister says*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**All: Thanks be to God.**

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