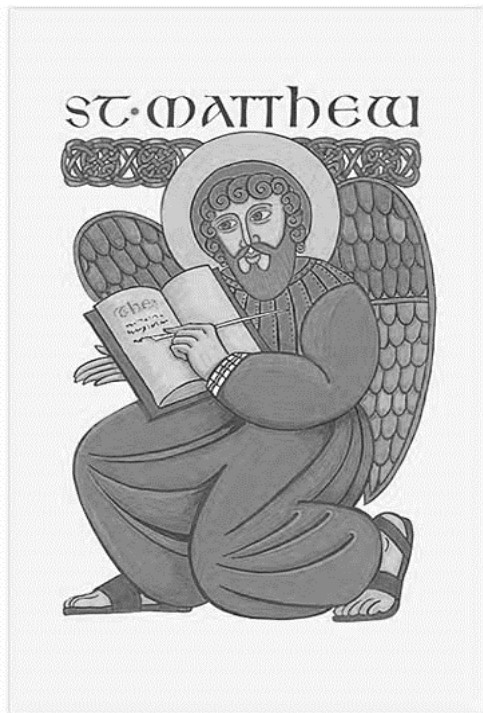


**Welcome to Holy Communion
at St Oswald's Church Lower Peover.**



**Celebrating the witness of
St Matthew the Apostle and Evangelist**

The Gathering

The Lay Minister offers Words of Welcome,
reads the Banns, and gives any other notices.

The Minister: + In the name of the Father,
and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

All: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

St Matthew Day Acclamation

The Lay Minister: Jesus said, 'I am with you always, to
the end of the age.' *Matthew 28.20*

***All:* His Spirit is here. Let us with all the Saints and the
Angels lift our voices and give him our worship and our
praise! Alleluia!**

Hymn 250

**All creatures of our God and King,
lift up your voices, let us sing:
alleluia, alleluia!**

**Bright burning sun and golden beams,
pale silver moon that gently gleams,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Great rushing winds and breezes soft,
you clouds that ride the heavens aloft,
O sing now, alleluia!
Fair rising morn, with praise rejoice,
stars nightly shining, find a voice:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Swift flowing water, pure and clear,
make music for your Lord to hear,
alleluia, alleluia!
Fire, so intense and fiercely bright,
you give to us both warmth and light,
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Earth ever fertile, day by day
unfold your blessings on our way,
O sing now, alleluia!
All flowers and fruits that in you grow,
God's glory let them also show:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**All you with mercy in your heart,
forgiving others, take your part,
alleluia, alleluia!
All you that pain and sorrow bear,
praise God, and cast on God your care:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**And even you, most gentle death,
waiting to hush our final breath,
O sing now, alleluia!
You lead back home the child of God,
for Christ our Lord that way has trod:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

**Let all things their creator bless,
and worship God in humbleness,
alleluia, Alleluia!
Praise God the Father, praise the Son,
and praise the Spirit, Three-in-One:
alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

The Prayers of Penitence (*please sit or kneel*)

The Minister: We run the race set before us, surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses. Therefore let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which clings so closely, By bringing them to Jesus in penitence and faith.

***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 Absolution

The Minister: 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.**

Gloria in Excelsis *(Please Stand)*

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 on 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 *(Please sit or kneel)*

The Lay Minister: Almighty God, whose blessed Son called Matthew the tax collector to be an apostle and evangelist: Give us grace to forsake the selfish pursuit of gain and the possessive love of riches that we may follow in the way of your Son Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. All: **Amen**

The Epistle Reading

The Epistle Reading is taken from 2 Corinthians 4:1-6

Therefore, since it is by God's mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ²We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practise cunning or to falsify God's word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God. ³And even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness', who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn 622 (Please Stand)

**Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the
same? Will you let my love be shown?
Will you let my name be known, will you let my life be
grown in you and you in me?**

**Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or
scare? Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in
me?**

**Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?**

**Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same? Will
you use the faith you've found to reshape the world
around. Through my sight and touch and sound in you
and you in me?**

**Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my
name. Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps
show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.**

Gospel Reading (*Please Remain Standing*)

The Lay Minister: I do not call you servants but friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father. All: Alleluia.

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to Matthew 9:9-13 *All: Glory to you O Lord.*

The Calling of Matthew:

⁹ As Jesus was walking along, he saw a man called Matthew sitting at the tax booth; and he said to him, 'Follow me.' And he got up and followed him.

¹⁰ And as he sat at dinner ^[a] in the house, many tax-collectors and sinners came and were sitting ^[b] with him and his disciples. ¹¹ When the Pharisees saw this, they said to his disciples, 'Why does your teacher eat with tax-collectors and sinners?' ¹² But when he heard this, he said, 'Those who are well have no need of a physician, but those who are sick. ¹³ Go and learn what this means, "I desire mercy, not sacrifice." For I have come to call not the righteous but sinners.'

At the end: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon (*Please be seated*)

The Creed *(Please Stand)*

All: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel)*

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy **All: hear our prayer.**

This ending may be used:

All: Merciful Father, Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Lord Jesus Christs sake Amen

The Peace: *(Please Stand)*

Minister: We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near. *Ephesians 2.19,17*

The peace of the Lord be always with you,

All: and also with you.

The Offertory:

The elements (the bread, wine, and water) used as we recall the Last Supper, are brought by members of the church community to the Lords table. In this humble act we symbolically proclaim that we the people of God are with open hearts, making a gift of ourselves, and all we have to God. As the gifts are brought forward the offertory hymn is sung, and the minister prepares the Altar for Holy communion.

Offertory Hymn 469: (Please Remain Standing)

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Come unto me and rest;
lay down, O weary one, lay down
thy head upon my breast.'**

**I came to Jesus as I was,
so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place,
and he has made me glad.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'Behold, I freely give
the living water, thirsty one,
stoop down and drink and live.'**

**I came to Jesus, and I drank
of that life-giving stream;
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,
and now I live in him.**

**I heard the voice of Jesus say,
'I am this dark world's light;
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,
and all thy day be bright.'**

**I looked to Jesus, and I found
in him my star, my sun;
and in that light of life I'll walk
till trav'ling days are done.**

The Offertory prayers: (Please or Kneel)

Father, accept all we bring before you this day.
Guide us with your love and feed us at your table as you
nourish the faith of the Church by the preaching of your
apostles. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: **Amen.**

Minister: 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 for ever.**

Minister: 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 for ever.**

Minister: Pray, my brothers and sisters,
that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable
to God, the almighty Father.

**All: May the Lord accept this sacrifice at your hands, for
the praise and glory of His name, for our good and for
the good of all his holy Church.**

The Sursum Corda (*The call to "lift up ones heart"*)

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

It is indeed right and good
that we should give you thanks, praise and glory,
almighty and everlasting God,
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.
For after his resurrection
he sent out his apostles and evangelists
to preach the gospel to all nations
and lead us in the way of truth.
Himself the chief cornerstone,
he founded his Church upon the apostles
firmly to stand for ever
as a sign of your holiness upon earth
and a living witness to all
of the way that leads to heaven.
And so with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven
we lift our voices
and join in their unending hymn of praise:

The Sanctus

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!

The Minister recalls the Last Supper with the prayers of consecration.

Minister: 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.

Minister: Great is the mystery of faith:

All: Christ has died:

Christ is risen!:

Christ will come again!

Minister: And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.

As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, So that we, in the company of the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Oswald, St Lawrence and all the saints, may praise and glorify you forever, through Jesus Christ our Lord;

+ By whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Minister: 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.**

The Fraction: (Breaking of the 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 one bread.

The Agnus Dei

**All: 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

Minister: Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. John 1:29 Rev 19:9

**All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say
the word, and I shall be healed.** Matt 8:8

The Minister offers the invitation to Communion.

Minister: 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 feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

The Minister and People receive Holy Communion or a Blessing. If you wish to receive a Blessing rather than the bread and the wine, please come forward holding your service booklet, thank you.

The Post Communion Prayers

Minister: Almighty God,
who on the day of Pentecost
sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles
with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame,
filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel:
by the power of the same Spirit
strengthen us to witness to your truth
and to draw everyone to the fire of your love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. *All: Amen*

***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 Final Hymn 81 *(Please Stand)*

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive Your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world when we disown and doubt him,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without him:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

The Final Blessing (Please Stand)

Minister: The Lord be with you:

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations, bring you, with all the saints, to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;

+ And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, remain with you and all those you love, this day and forever more. All: **Amen.**

The Sending Out

The Lay Minister: Inspired by the witness of St Matthew and all the Saints let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord. *All:* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**