

**Welcome to the Parish Church  
of St Lawrence Over Peover**



**All Age Worship:**

**The 9<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity**

**11am August 1<sup>st</sup> 2021**

The Welcome:

*The Minister and congregation greet each other in God's name and ask Him to bless us as we worship.*

*The Minister:* Grace, mercy, and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you!

*All: and also, with you!*

Hymn:

**Come, let us join our cheerful songs with angels round the throne; ten thousand thousand are their tongues, but all their joys are one.**

**'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry, 'to be exalted thus'; 'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply, 'for he was slain for us.'**

**Jesus is worthy to receive honour and pow'r divine; and blessings, more than we can give, be, Lord, for ever thine.**

**Let all creation join in one to bless the sacred name of him that sits upon the throne, and to adore the Lamb.**

Opening Prayers: *Please sit or Kneel for the collect (today's special prayer):*

*Minister:* Gracious Father, revive your church this day, and make her holy, strong, and faithful, for your glory's sake in Jesus Christ our Lord. *All:* **Amen.**

Confession:

*The Minister invites everyone to say sorry to God for all the things we have done wrong.*

Father God, we give you thanks that you have brought us together as one family to be fed by your word and by the presence of your Holy Spirit who always nourishes and guides us into ways that reflect your love to the world.

We are sorry for the things we have said, done, or left undone that have hurt you, hurt others or damaged your creation.

Trusting in your grace, mercy and love, we pray that you will forgive us, and ask that you will help us to live lives that honour you and show your truth and love to all those we meet.

We ask these things through your Son Christ our Saviour, our Lord and our Friend. Amen

*The Minister proclaims God's forgiveness.*

The Absolution

+ 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.**

Thanking God (The Gloria)

*The Minister invites the congregation to say thank you to God for his forgiveness and blessings by saying the Gloria.*

**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.**

Hymn: (The Gradual) Please Stand.

**Bread of heav'n, on thee we feed,  
for thy flesh is meat indeed;  
ever may our souls be fed  
with this true and living bread;  
day by day with strength supplied  
through the life of him who died.**

**Vine of heav'n, thy blood supplies  
this blest cup of sacrifice;  
Lord, thy wounds our healing give,  
to thy cross we look and live:  
Jesus, may we ever be  
grafted, rooted, built in thee.**

The Gospel Reading (Please Stand)

*The Minister:* The Lord be with you.

*All: **And also with you.***

Hear the good news of Jesus Christ according to John.  
6:24-35

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

When the crowd saw that neither Jesus nor his disciples were there, they got into boats and looked for him. When they found him on the other side of the sea, they said to him, "Rabbi, when did you come here?"

Jesus answered them, "Very truly, I tell you, you are looking for me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you. For it is on him that God the Father has set his seal."

Then they said to him, "What must we do to perform the works of God?" Jesus answered them, "This is the work of God, that you believe in him whom he has sent."

So, they said to him, "What sign are you going to give us then, so that we may see it and believe you? What work are you performing? Our ancestors ate the manna in the wilderness; as it is written, 'He gave them bread from heaven to eat.'"

Then Jesus said to them, "Very truly, I tell you, it was not Moses who gave you the bread from heaven, but it is my Father who gives you the true bread from heaven. For the bread of God is that which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world."

They said to him, "Sir, give us this bread always." Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."

This is the good news of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, Lord Jesus!**

The Talk *(Please be seated)*

Telling others what we believe. *(Please stand)*

**All: We believe that God is Our Father in heaven; that He made the world, gives us life and helps us to grow. We believe that Jesus is the Son of Mary and the Son of God.**

**We believe he came to live with us to show us that God is love by dying and coming back to life for us all.**

**We believe Jesus is here now, alive in us and in our neighbours too.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, who helps us love others, helps us know God better and helps us to be more like Jesus.**

**We believe in God's family the Church and we believe in Gods promise that we will live with him forever in Heaven. Amen**

The Family Prayers (*Please sit or kneel*).

Jesus made this special promise to his followers, 'Where two or three meet together in my name, I am there among them.' We give thanks that he is with us today as we bring our prayers to God.

Lord God, we pray for our families and friends. We thank you for people who mean so much to us. Bless them and look after them.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

Lord God, we pray for our Queen and for our leaders. Help them to carry out your wishes in everything they do.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

Lord God, we pray for our church and for Christians everywhere. Help us to serve you and to tell others of your love.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

Lord God, we pray for people who are ill, sad or lonely. Help us to be kind and caring to everyone we meet.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*

Lord God, we thank you for all the saints especially for Saint Lawrence who now rest in your loving arms. Help us to follow their example in our own lives.

In the name of Jesus *All: Hear our prayer*



The Lord's Prayer:

*The Minister:* Gathering our prayers and praises into one, 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  
forever and ever Amen.**

*The Minister: Thank you loving God for being with us as we have prayed:*

**All: And thank you Father God for always hearing our prayers through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

Final Hymn: (Please Stand)

**Guide me, O thou great Redeemer,  
pilgrim through this barren land;  
I am weak, but thou art mighty,  
hold me with thy pow'rful hand:  
Bread of heaven, bread of heaven,  
feed me till I want no more,  
feed me till I want no more.**

**Open now the crystal fountain  
whence the healing stream doth flow;  
Let the fire and cloudy pillar  
lead me all my journey through:  
Strong Deliv'rer, strong Deliv'rer  
be thou still my strength and shield,  
be thou still my strength and shield.**

**When I tread the verge of Jordan,  
bid my anxious fears subside;  
Death of death, and hell's destruction,  
land me safe on Canaan's side:  
Songs and praises, songs of praises,  
I will ever give to thee,  
I will ever give to thee.**

The Blessing:

*The Minister:* The Lord be with you.

**All: and also with you!**

*The Minister:* The Lord bless you, and keep you;

The Lord make His face shine on you,

and be gracious to you;

The Lord lift up His countenance on you,

and bring you His peace.'

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

The Sending out:

*As the service ends the Minister encourages the church family having now been nourished by Prayer and Word to take what they have learnt about Gods good news and his never ending love back out into the world.*

*Minister:* Nourished by streams of living water and in the knowledge that we are fed by the bread of life who is Jesus Christ our Lord, let us go in his peace and bear the fruits of his love in our lives, in our homes and in the world! **All: In the name of Christ, Amen!**

*The Ministers and People Depart*