

**The Parish Church of St Lawrence Over Peover
Said Morning Prayer
13th September 2020
Holy Cross Sunday
14th Sunday after Trinity**

Minister: Welcome and Notices.

*Minister: Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you
All: and also with you.*

Opening Prayer: Please sit or Kneel.

Minister: Let us pray: Heavenly Father, creator and author of all things, as we gather in your mighty presence this day send Your Holy Spirit upon us, Inspire our hearts with a generous faith towards one another and renew our lives with an unquenchable passion for your name. May all we say and do here at St Lawrence's', reflect your light in the darkness and speak only of your compassion, grace and love. We ask this in the name of Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

Confession:

Minister: God shows his love for us in that, while we were still sinners, Christ died for us. Let us then show our love for him by confessing our sins in penitence and faith. Romans5:8

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen

Absolution:

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.

The Word:

Minister: Alleluia, alleluia. We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your holy cross you have redeemed the world.

All Alleluia.

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

Minister: Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
According to John 3:13-17 *All* **Glory to you Oh Lord.**

No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

‘For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

‘Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All **Praise to you Oh Christ.**

The Sermon: *Please be seated.*

The Creed: *Please stand.*

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession: Please sit or kneel.

*The Intercessory response is: Lord in your mercy: All: **Hear our prayer.***

Intercessor: Let us pray to the Father through his Son,
who suffered on the cross for the world’s redemption.

Fill with your Spirit Christ’s broken body, the Church thinking of all for whom Saint Lawrence’s is a spiritual home and give to Christian people everywhere a deep longing to take up the cross

and to understand its mysterious glory.

*Intercessor: Lord in your mercy: All: **Hear our prayer.***

Bless those who lead the Church's worship around the world, thinking especially today of our Archbishops; Justin and Stephen, and our own Bishop Mark as he leads this diocese In the preaching of the word and the celebration of the sacraments, may their ministry and that of all your ministers lay and ordained, draw your people close to you and bring peace and healing to your world at this challenging time.

*Intercessor: Lord in your mercy: All: **Hear our prayer.***

Look in your mercy upon the world you loved so much
that you sent your Son to suffer and to die.
Strengthen those who work to share the reconciliation won at such a cost upon the cross, and
may the power of your love shown by your Son be demonstrated each day by the way we live
our own lives.

*Intercessor: Lord in your mercy: All: **Hear our prayer.***

Bring healing by the wounds of Christ to all who suffer in body mind or spirit, this morning we
pray especially for all who are weighed down by pain and injustice.
Help the lonely and the betrayed, the suffering and the dying,
to find strength in the companionship of Jesus.

*Intercessor: Lord in your mercy: All: **Hear our prayer.***

Welcome into paradise all who have left this world in your friendship. According to your
promises, bring them with all your saints to share in the benefits of Christ's death and
resurrection.

*Intercessor: Lord in your mercy: All: **Hear our prayer.***

**All: Merciful Father, accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, Our Saviour Jesus Christ
Our Lord, Amen**

*Today as we think about the message of love seen in the cross, and to allow us a further
moment to reflect and pray, we will continue our time of Intercession by listening to a short
piece of music, during which you are invited to come forward and light a candle representing
the prayers of our own hearts and to leave them with Christ at foot of the cross.*

After a moment of quiet we say the Holy Cross Acclamation.

The Acclamation

The Minister: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
All: **by your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

The Minister: God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong. *All:* **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

We preach Christ crucified, the power of God and the wisdom of God. *All:* **By your holy cross, you have redeemed the world.**

God forbid that I should glory, save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ. *All:* **We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you.**

Minister: We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you;
All: **Because by your holy cross, you have redeemed us and all the world.** (*cf 1Corinthians 1, Galatians 6*)

The Collect:

The Minister: Let us pray:
Almighty God, who in the passion of your blessed Son made an instrument of painful death to be for us the means of life and peace: grant us so to glory in the cross of Christ that we remembering that love may gladly offer ourselves for his sake; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. *All:* **Amen**

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**

Final Prayers and Blessing:

Minister: Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us the family of the church to comfort one another until he comes again: give us grace to glory in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, for he is our salvation, our life and our hope, who reigns as Lord, now and for ever. *All: Amen*

The Blessing:

The Minister: Please stand for God's Blessing:

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you, and all those you love, this day and forever more. *All Amen.*

The Dismissal:

Minister: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ Amen.