

Welcome to St Oswald's Lower Peover

On this Holy Cross Sunday

The 14th Sunday after Trinity 6th September 2020

The Gathering

Words of welcome, Banns, introduction and invitation to prepare our hearts for Holy Communion.

The President greets the people.

+ In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

The Prayer of Preparation is said.

All: Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hidden: cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

The President offers an invitation to all to confess their sins with the Kyrie.

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. *Romans 5:8*

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us to one another and the Father:

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

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:

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

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:

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

The President proclaims God's forgiveness in 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.**

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 is said: (Please be seated)

The President: 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 Readings:

A Reading taken from 1 Corinthians 11:17-26,33

Now in the following instructions I do not commend you, because when you come together it is not for the better but for the worse. For, to begin with, when you come together as a church, I hear that there are divisions among you; and to some extent I believe it. Indeed, there have to be factions among you, for only so will it become clear who among you are genuine.

When you come together, it is not really to eat the Lord's supper. For when the time comes to eat, each of you goes ahead with your own supper, and one goes hungry and another becomes drunk. What! Do you not have homes to eat and drink in? Or do you show contempt for the church of God and humiliate those who have nothing? What should I say to you? Should I commend you? In this matter I do not commend you!

For I received from the Lord what I also handed on to you, that the Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said,

'This is my body that is for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' In the same way he took the cup also, after supper, saying, 'This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.' For as often as you eat this bread and drink the cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

This is the word of the Lord. **All Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Reading (Please Stand)

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

The President: A reading from the Holy Gospel 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.

At the end: The President: 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 be seated)

The Intercessory response is:

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

And at the end

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

The Peace:

The President: Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you *All* **and also with you.**

Preparation of the Altar and the Elements:

Prayer at the Preparation of the Table

The President: Merciful God, through the death of your beloved Son you transformed an instrument of shame into a sign of hope and glory. Receive all we bring before you this day, and renew us in the mystery of his love; through the same Jesus Christ, the Lord of glory. *All: Amen.*

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.

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.

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 his holy Church.

The Sursum Corda

(The call to "lift up one's heart" is said before the Priest sings the Eucharistic Prayer)

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

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 Priest praises God for His mighty acts in the Eucharistic Prayer:

It is indeed right and good, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Today we celebrate with songs of praise the cross, the victory-sign of Christ. Once through the fruit of the forbidden tree we fell, now through this tree our Saviour cancels all our sin. An instrument of shameful death has become for Christ a throne of glory. The power of the life-giving cross reveals the judgement that has come upon the world and the triumph of Christ crucified. 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!

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 for ever, 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. **All Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

The President: 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.

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 is said:

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

The President offers the invitation to communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper. **All: Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The President offers the invitation to come to the altar.

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 President and people receive Holy Communion or a Blessing.

After Communion has been received a moment of reflective silence may be kept. Before the Holy Cross Acclamation and Post Communion prayers are said:

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.

(1 Corinthians 3, Galatians 6)

The President: Faithful God, whose Son bore our sins in his body on the tree and gave us this sacrament to show forth his death until he comes: 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**

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 Blessing and Dismissal

The President: Please Stand for God's Blessing:

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

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 always.+ 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.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **All: In the name of Christ. Amen.**

The ministers and people depart.