

The Parish Church of St Faith, Great
Crosby

The Eucharist
from
Ascension Day to
Pentecost



The Gathering

Hymn

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

Amen.

Alleluia! Christ is risen

He is risen indeed, alleluia

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you.

and also with you.

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

What God has prepared for those who love him, he has revealed to us
through the Spirit; for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord, who has
prepared good things for those who love him.

A period of silent reflection may follow.

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:

Christ, have mercy

Christ, have mercy

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided :

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy

Absolution

The president pronounces God's love and forgiveness:

May the God of love and power
+forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Gloria

All sing or say:

**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

*To which all respond: **Amen.***

The Liturgy of the Word

All sit.

The Old Testament Reading

At the end of the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Remain seated for:

The Psalm

Remain seated for:

The Epistle

At the end of the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

All stand for

The Gospel

Alleluia, Alleluia

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to...

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ

All Sit.

Sermon

There may be a short period of silence after the sermon, then all stand for:

The Affirmation of Faith

We say together in faith

**Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

**for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

**for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

**the Spirit and the Bride say, 'Come!'
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

cf Revelation 4.8, 11; 5.9; 22.17,

The Prayers

All kneel or sit. Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered. The following response may be used:

Leader: Lord, come to bless us

Response: and fill us with your Spirit.

The prayers may be ended as follows:

Generous God,
you sent your Holy Spirit upon your Messiah at the river Jordan,
and upon the disciples in the upper room:
in your mercy fill us with your Spirit,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy forever. Amen**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us, and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Offertory hymn

Preparation of the Table

Father, by your Holy Spirit, you keep the Church in unity and in truth.
As we break bread together,
may we be one in Christ in faith and hope and love,
now and forever. **Amen.**

Yours Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours: all things come of you, and of your own do we give you.

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God
It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest
who has entered once for all
into the heavenly sanctuary,
evermore to pour upon your Church
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,
who calls us to be united in prayer
as were his disciples in the upper room
while they awaited his promised gift,
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.

Therefore, all creation yearns with eager longing
as angels and archangels sing the endless hymn of praise:

**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:

**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 Faith...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.

Amen.

All kneel or sit for:

The Lord's Prayer

As we await the coming of God's Holy Spirit, let us pray with confidence
as our Saviour has taught us:

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 Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body, because we all
share in one bread.**

Agnus Dei

All say or sing:

**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 your peace.**

OR

Jesus, Lamb of God: have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, Redeemer of the World, grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Alleluia. Christ our Passover has been sacrificed for us.

Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Welcome

At the distribution of communion, the minister says to each communicant:

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ *and each responds: **Amen.***

After communion there may be silence, and on Sundays the Regina Coeli.

Prayer After Communion

All stand for the post-communion prayer, to which all respond:

Amen.

Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

The Dismissal

Hymn

Acclamation

Christ has gone up on high.

Alleluia.

God raised Christ from the dead

and enthroned him at his right hand in the heavenly realms

God put all things in subjection beneath his feet

and gave him as head over all things to the Church.

We died, and our life lies hidden with Christ in God.

We set our minds on things above.

When Christ, who is our life is revealed,

we too will be revealed with him in glory

Christ has gone up on high.

Alleluia.

Blessing:

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
+the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be amongst you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ, Amen. Alleluia, alleluia.

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