

The Parish Church of St Faith, Great Crosby

# The Eucharist on Holy Cross Day



## *The Gathering*

### *Hymn*

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

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*

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. cf Romans 5.8

*A period of silent reflection may follow.*

Lord Jesus, you came to reconcile us  
to one another and to the Father:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you heal the wounds of sin and division:  
Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you intercede for us with your Father:  
Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

*Absolution*

*The president pronounces God's love and forgiveness:*  
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. **Amen.**

*The Gloria*

*All sing:*

**Glory to God, we give you thanks and praise;  
of heav'nly joy and earthly peace we sing.  
We worship you, to you our hearts we raise,  
Lord God, almighty Father, heav'nly King.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, the Father's only son,  
you bore for us the load of this world's sin.  
O Lamb of God, your glorious vict'ry won,  
receive our pray'r, grant us your peace within.**

**Alone, O Christ, you only are the Lord,  
at God's right hand in majesty most high:  
who with the spirit worshipped and adored:  
with all the heav'nly host we glorify.**

## *The Collect*

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 may gladly suffer for his sake;  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.  
**Amen.**

## *The Liturgy of the Word*

*All sit.*

### *The Old Testament Reading: Numbers 21.4-9*

From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom; but the people became impatient on the way. The people spoke against God and against Moses, 'Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we detest this miserable food.' Then the Lord sent poisonous serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many Israelites died. The people came to Moses and said, 'We have sinned by speaking against the Lord and against you; pray to the Lord to take away the serpents from us.' So Moses prayed for the people. And the Lord said to Moses, 'Make a poisonous serpent, and set it on a pole; and everyone who is bitten shall look at it and live.' So Moses made a serpent of bronze, and put it upon a pole; and whenever a serpent bit someone, that person would look at the serpent of bronze and live.

*At the end of the Reading:*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Remain seated for:*  
*Psalm 22: 22-28*

***Refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

I will tell of your name to my people; •  
in the midst of the congregation will I praise you.

Praise the Lord, you that fear him; •  
O seed of Jacob, glorify him;  
stand in awe of him, O seed of Israel.

***Refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

For he has not despised nor abhorred the suffering of the poor;  
neither has he hidden his face from them; •  
but when they cried to him he heard them.

***Refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

From you comes my praise in the great congregation; •  
I will perform my vows  
in the presence of those that fear you.

***Refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

The poor shall eat and be satisfied; •  
those who seek the Lord shall praise him;  
their hearts shall live for ever.

***Refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

All the ends of the earth  
shall remember and turn to the Lord, •  
and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

***Refrain: My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?***

*Remain seated for:*  
*The Epistle*  
*Philippians 2.6-11*

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.

Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name  
that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue should confess  
that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.

*At the end of the Reading:*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## *The Gospel*

*John 1:43-end*

Alleluia, alleluia.

We adore you O Christ and we bless you  
because by your Holy Cross you have redeemed the world.

**Alleluia.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, O 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 of the Gospel:*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

*All Sit.*

*Sermon*

## *The Liturgy of Baptism*

### *The Presentation of the Candidates*

Faith is the gift of God in baptism. In baptism, the Lord is adding to our number those whom he is calling. People of God, will you welcome *these candidates* and uphold them in their new life in Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

*If the candidates are children, the following questions are used:*

Parents and godparents, the Church receives *these children* with joy.

Today, we are trusting God for their growth in faith. Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith and walk with them in the way of Christ?

**With the help of God, we will.**

In baptism, these children begin their journey in faith. You speak for them today. Will you care for them, and help them to take their place within the life and worship of Christ's Church?

**With the help of God, we will.**

### *The Decision*

*Parents and Godparents answer on behalf of their children.*

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his marvellous light. To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him.

Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ?

**I turn to Christ**

Do you repent of your sins?

**I repent of my sins**

Do you renounce evil?

**I renounce evil**

## *The Signing with the Cross*

*The minister, using the holy oil, signs each candidate with the cross.*

Christ claims you for his own; receive the sign of the cross.

*Parents and godparents or sponsors may sign the children/candidates with the cross.*

Do not be afraid to confess the faith of Christ crucified.

**Fight valiantly as a disciple of Christ  
against sin, the world and the devil,  
and remain faithful to Christ to the end of your life.**

May almighty God deliver you from the powers of darkness, restore in you the image of his glory, and lead you in the light and obedience of Christ. **Amen.**

## *Prayer Over the Water*

Praise God who made heaven and earth  
**who keeps his promise forever.**

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

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ  
was baptized in the river Jordan, we thank you for the gift of water  
to cleanse and revive us.

Saving God,  
**give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of the Red Sea  
you led your people out of slavery  
to freedom in the Promised Land.

Saving God,  
**give us life.**

We thank you that through the deep waters of death  
you brought your Son,  
and raised him to life in triumph.

Saving God,  
**give us life.**

+Bless this water, that your servants who are washed in it may be made one with Christ in his death and resurrection, to be cleansed and delivered from all sin.

Send your Holy Spirit upon them,  
bring them to new birth in the household of faith,  
and raise them with Christ to full and eternal life;  
for all might, majesty, authority and power are yours,  
now and forever.

**Amen.**

### *The Profession of Faith*

Let us profess together the faith of the Church:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son, Jesus Christ?

**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.**

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit?

**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.**

This is the faith of the Church:

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

## *The Baptism*

*The minister baptizes each candidate.*

N, I baptize you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

May God, who has received you by baptism into his Church, pour upon you the riches of his grace, that within the whole company of Christ's pilgrim people, you may daily be renewed by his anointing Spirit and come to the inheritance of the saints in glory.

**Amen.**

## *The Giving of a Lighted Candle*

*Each candidate is given a candle which has been lit from the Paschal candle.*

God has delivered us from the dominion of darkness and has given us a place with the saints in light.

You have received the light of Christ:  
walk in this light all the days of your life.

**Shine as a light in the world to the glory of God the Father.**

## *Commission*

*The baptism certificate may be given.*

## *The Welcome*

There is one Lord, one faith, one baptism: N, by one Spirit, we are all baptized into one body.

**We welcome you into the fellowship of faith; we are children of the same heavenly Father; we welcome you.**

*The service continues with the intercessions and the peace.*

## *The Prayers*

*All kneel or sit. Prayers of intercession and thanksgiving are offered.*

As a royal priesthood, let us pray to the Father through Christ who ever lives to intercede for us, saying:

Your name be hallowed

**Your kingdom come**

Reveal your kingdom among the nations;  
may peace abound and justice flourish.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

Send down upon us the gift of the Spirit  
and renew your Church with power from on high.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

Deliver the oppressed, strengthen the weak,  
heal and restore your creation.

Especially for ...

Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

Rejoicing in the fellowship of the Church on earth,  
we join our prayers with all the saints in glory.

Your name be hallowed.

**Your kingdom come.**

Merciful Father...

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*All stand for the Peace*

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.

**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*All stand and sing:*

*Offertory hymn*

*Preparation of the Table*

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.

*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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise

through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,  
through whom you have created all things;

who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;  
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,  
he lived on earth and went about among us;  
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;  
he put an end to death by dying for us;  
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;  
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

And now we give you thanks  
because, for our salvation,  
he was obedient even to death on the cross.  
The tree of shame was made the tree of glory;  
and where life was lost, there life has been restored.

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:

**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*

Trusting in the mercy and compassion of God,  
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:*

**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*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.  
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

*The Angelus is rung after communion and a short period of  
silence is kept.*

*Prayer After Communion*

*All stand for the post-communion prayer:*

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. **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.**

*Notices*

*The Dismissal*

*Hymn*

*Acclamation*

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

*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 always.

**Amen.**

*Dismissal*

Go in the peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

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