

The Parish Church of St Faith, Great Crosby

# The Eucharist in Holy Week





## *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*

Christ himself carried up our sins in his body to the tree,  
so that, free from sins,  
we might live for righteousness;  
by his wounds we have been healed.

*A period of silent reflection may follow.*

Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have failed you as did your  
first disciples. We ask for your mercy and your help.

When we take our ease, rather than watch with you, Lord  
forgive us:

**Christ have mercy**

When we bestow a kiss of peace yet nurse enmity in our hearts,  
Lord forgive us:

**Christ have mercy**

When we strike out at those who hurt us rather than stretch out  
hands to bless, Lord forgive us:

**Christ have mercy**

When we deny we know you for fear of the world and its scorn,  
Lord forgive us:

**Christ 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 Collect*

## *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.**

### *The Gospel*

### *The Gospel Acclamation*

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

Christ humbled himself and became obedient unto death, even death on a cross. Therefore, God has highly exalted him and given him that name that is above all other names.

**Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

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.*

*There may be a short homily or period of quiet reflection.*

*The Prayers*

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

*The prayers may be ended as follows:*

Holy God,  
Holy and strong,  
Holy and immortal,  
Have mercy upon us

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

*The Liturgy of the Sacrament*

*The Peace - All stand*

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.**

*All stand and sing:*

*Offertory hymn*

*Prayer at the Preparation of the Table*

Jesus, true vine and bread of life,  
ever giving yourself that the world might live,  
let us share your death and passion:  
make us perfect in your love. **Amen.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer*

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

*OR*

The Lord is here  
**His Spirit is with us.**

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 and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels  
for ever praising you and saying [singing]

**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.

Christ is the bread of life:

**When we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus,  
until you come in glory.**

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 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.*

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,  
**we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.**



*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*

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.**

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

The Body of Christ

The Blood of Christ

*and each responds: **Amen.***

*Prayer After Communion*

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

**Amen.**

*The Dismissal*

*Hymn*

*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 peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ, Amen.**

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