

The Parish Church of St Faith, Great Crosby

Solemn Eucharist
for the **Patronal Feast**
of **St Faith,**
Virgin and Martyr



Sunday 11th October 2015 11am

President & Preacher:
The Bishop of Burnley

The Gathering

Hymn:

**Christ is made the sure Foundation,
Christ the Head and Cornerstone;
Chosen of the Lord, and precious,
Binding all the Church in one,
Holy Zion's help forever,
And her confidence alone.**

**All that dedicated city,
Dearly loved of God on high,
In exultant jubilation,
Pours perpetual melody,
God the One in Three adoring
In glad hymns eternally.**

**To this temple, where we call Thee,
Come, O Lord of Hosts, today;
With Thy wonted loving-kindness
Hear Thy servants as they pray.
And Thy fullest benediction
Shed within its walls always.**

**Here vouchsafe to all Thy servants
What they ask of Thee to gain;
What they gain from Thee forever
With the blessed to retain,
And hereafter in Thy glory
Evermore with Thee to reign.**

**Laud and honour to the Father,
Laud and honour to the Son,
Laud and honour to the Spirit,
Ever Three and ever One;
Consubstantial, co-eternal,
While unending ages run.**

The Bishop greets the people in God's name

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

Amen.

Peace be with you.

and also with you.

There may be words of welcome, followed by a period of silent reflection.

Prayer of Preparation:

All say:

**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

Invitation to Confession

The Deacon introduces the Confession

The saints were faithful unto death
and now dwell in the heavenly kingdom for ever.
As we celebrate their joy,
let us bring to the Lord our sins and weaknesses,
and ask for his mercy.

Kyrie Confession

We are often slow to follow the example of Christ.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We often fail to be known as Christ's disciples.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We often fail to walk the way of the cross.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Absolution

The Bishop pronounces God's love and forgiveness:

May the God of love bring you back to himself,

+forgive you your sins, and assure you of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Gloria

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Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the High - est.

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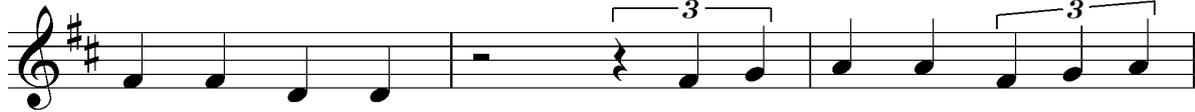
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa - ther.

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Lord God, Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world: have

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hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

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Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the High - est.

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For you a - lone are the Ho - ly one, You a - lone are the Lord,

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You a - lone are the most high, Je - sus Christ,

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with the Ho - ly Spi rit, in the Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

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Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the High - est.

The Collect

Almighty God,
by whose grace and power your holy martyr Faith
triumphed over suffering and was faithful unto death:
strengthen us with your grace,
that we may endure reproach and persecution
and faithfully bear witness to the name
of Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
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

Old Testament Reading: Isaiah 43.1-7: (God restores all things)

A Reading from the Prophecy of Isaiah

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob,
he who formed you, O Israel:
Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you
are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you;
and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you;
when you walk through fire you shall not be burned,
and the flame shall not consume you.
For I am the Lord your God, the Holy One of Israel, your Saviour.
I give Egypt as your ransom, Ethiopia and Seba in exchange for you.
Because you are precious in my sight, and honoured, and I love you,
I give people in return for you, nations in exchange for your life.
Do not fear, for I am with you; I will bring your offspring from the
east, and from the west I will gather you;
I will say to the north, 'Give them up',
and to the south, 'Do not withhold';
bring my sons from far away and my daughters from the end of the
earth — everyone who is called by my name,
whom I created for my glory,
whom I formed and made.'

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

Psalm: 126

***Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us
and we rejoiced.***

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, •
then were we like those who dream.
Then was our mouth filled with laughter •
and our tongue with songs of joy.

***Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us
and we rejoiced.***

Then said they among the nations, •
'The Lord has done great things for them.'
The Lord has indeed done great things for us, •
and therefore we rejoiced.
Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, •
as the river beds of the desert.

***Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us
and we rejoiced.***

Those who sow in tears •
shall reap with songs of joy.
Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, •
will come back with shouts of joy,
bearing their sheaves with them.

***Refrain: The Lord has done great things for us
and we rejoiced.***

Epistle: Romans 8.35-end (Nothing can separate us from the love of God)

A reading from St Paul's Letter to the Romans

Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?
As it is written,

'For your sake we are being killed all day long;
we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.'

No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

At the end of the Reading:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

The Gospel

Alleluia, alleluia.

Alleluia, Alleluia

Whoever would become my followers,
let them deny themselves
and take up their cross and follow me. John 15.16

Alleluia, Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to JOHN.
(John 12.24-36: *The grain of wheat that dies and bears much fruit*)

Glory to you, O Lord.

[Jesus said]: Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say—“Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself.’ He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. The crowd answered him, ‘We have heard from the law that the Messiah remains for ever. How can you say that the Son of Man must be lifted up? Who is this Son of Man?’ Jesus said to them, ‘The light is with you for a little longer. Walk while you have the light, so that the darkness may not overtake you. If you walk in the darkness, you do not know where you are going. While you have the light, believe in the light, so that you may become children of light.’

After Jesus had said this, he departed and hid from them.

At the end of the Gospel:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – The Bishop of Burnley

All stand as the Bishop leads the Rite of Dedication of God's People

As we remember St Faith, who gave her life for the love of Christ, we remind ourselves of our commitment, as God's priestly pilgrim people here in Crosby, to offer ourselves as a holy, living and reasonable sacrifice.

A moment of silence is kept.

We proclaim not ourselves, but Christ Jesus as Lord
**And ourselves as servants of the Gospel,
for Jesus' sake.**

For the God who said, Let light shine out of darkness,
Has caused the light to shine within us.

To give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God
In the face of Jesus Christ.

Will you continue in the apostles' teaching, and fellowship, in the breaking of bread, and of prayers?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you persevere in resisting evil, and, whenever you fall into sin, repent and return to the Lord?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you proclaim by word and example, the good news of God in Christ?
With the help of God, we will.

Will you acknowledge Christ's authority over human society, by praying for the world and its leaders, by defending the weak, and by seeking peace and justice?
With the help of God, we will.

Let us pray.

Most High and Everlasting God,
**accept us now, as we remember St Faith,
who gave her life for love of you
and for the sake of your Kingdom.
We affirm once again our promise and vow to you
to dedicate our own lives
to the service of our Lord Jesus Christ in this place,
by serving God in all our neighbours,
and by living obediently the life of the Gospel,
God being our helper. Amen.**

May Christ dwell in your hearts through faith, that you may be
rooted and grounded in love, and bring forth the fruit of the Spirit.
Amen.

The people are sprinkled with water.

The Creed

Let us confess together our faith in God.

**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.

The Prayers

We pray for strength, with our Patron, Faith,
to follow Jesus.

Saying,
Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Jesus said: 'Whoever wishes to be great among you
must be your servant.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Silence.

Jesus said: 'Unless you change
and become humble like little children,
you can never enter the kingdom of heaven.'

Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Silence.

Jesus said: 'Happy are the humble;
they will receive what God has promised.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Silence.

Jesus said: 'Be merciful as your Father is merciful;
love your enemies and do good to them.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Silence.

Jesus said: 'Love one another, as I love you;
there is no greater love than this,
to lay down your life for your friends.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Silence.

Jesus said: 'Go to people everywhere
and make them my disciples,
and I will be with you always, to the end of time.'
Saviour, we hear your call.

Help us to follow.

Silence.

God of mercy, **you know us and love us
and hear our prayer:
keep us in the eternal fellowship of
Our Blessed Lady, St Faith and all the angels and saints,
and of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Once we were far off,
but now in union with Christ Jesus we have been brought near
through the shedding of Christ's blood,
for he is our peace. Ephesians 2.13

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn:

**Thy hand, O God, has guided
thy flock, from age to age;
their wondrous tale is written,
full clear, on every page;
thy people owned thy goodness,
and we their deeds record;
and both of this bear witness;
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy heralds brought glad tidings
to greatest as to least;
they bade them rise, and hasten
to share the great King's feast;
and this was all their teaching,
in every deed and word,
to all alike proclaiming
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Through many a day of darkness,
through many a scene of strife,
the faithful few fought bravely,
to guard the nation's life.**

**Their gospel of redemption,
sin pardoned, hope restored,
was all in this enfolded:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**And we, shall we be faithless?
shall hearts fail, hands hang down?
shall we evade the conflict,
and cast away our crown?
Not so: in God's deep counsels
some better thing is stored;
we will maintain, unflinching,
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

**Thy mercy will not fail us,
nor leave thy work undone;
with thy right hand to help us,
thy victory shall be won;
and then, by all creation,
thy name shall be adored,
and this shall be their anthem:
one Church, one Faith, one Lord.**

Preparation of the Table and Taking of the Bread and Wine

God of faithfulness,
your servant Faith praised you in her death.
Receive all we bring before you this day,
and give us the strength of will
to proclaim your righteousness and love.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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 and good, our duty and our salvation,
always and everywhere to give you thanks,
holy Father, almighty and eternal God.
For following the example of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ,
your holy martyr Faith shed her blood
for the glory of your name.
Her death reveals your power made perfect
in our human frailty.
You choose the weak and make them strong
in bearing witness to you through Jesus Christ our Lord.
With joyful hearts we echo on earth
the song of the angels in heaven
as they praise your glory without end

5 Ho - ly, Ho - ly, Ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and
8 might, Hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry.
12 Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high -
16 est. Bles sed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san na, Ho - san na, Ho - san na in the high - est.

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, all the angels 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.

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 Bishop breaks the consecrated bread saying:

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

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Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: have mer-cy on us.
Lamb of God, you take a-way the
sins of the world: Grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

I heard a great multitude crying, Alleluia!

The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

**Blessed are those
who are called to the supper of the Lamb.**

Communion Hymn:

**In our day of thanksgiving one psalm let us offer
for the saints who before us have found their reward;
when the shadow of death fell upon them,
we sorrowed,
but now we rejoice that they rest in the Lord.**

**In the morning of life, and at noon, and at even,
he called them away from our worship below;
but not till his love, at the font and the altar,
had girt them with grace for the way they should go.**

**These stones that have echoed their praises are holy,
and dear is the ground where their feet have once trod;
yet here they confessed
they were strangers and pilgrims,
and still they were seeking the city of God.**

**Sing praise, then,
for all who here sought and here found him,
whose journey is ended, whose perils are past:
they believed in the Light; and its glory is round them,
where the clouds of earth's sorrow are lifted at last.**

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, silence is kept and then the Angelus is rung.

All stand for the Prayer After Communion

God our redeemer, whose Church was strengthened
by the blood of your martyr Faith
so bind us, in life and death, to Christ's sacrifice
that our lives, broken and offered with his,
may carry his death and proclaim his resurrection in the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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 may be given here.

The Dismissal

Hymn:

**A faith that lives, Lord grant to us this day:
A faith that springs to life from love divine,
A faith that's nurtured by Christ's living word,
And strengthened by his gifts of bread and wine.**

**Saint Faith our patron, teach us how to live,
To fix our eyes on God and seek his ways,
To follow closely where the saints have led,
And, finding Christ, to serve Him all our days.**

**Not by great deeds, or martyrdoms alone,
But by each sacrifice of love and care,
By work well done, discomfort gladly borne,
By ceaseless watchfulness and patient prayer.**

**Help us to keep the faith the saints held dear,
And may our lives a living witness be,
That the whole world shall see our Risen Lord,
His kingdom come, and all mankind be free.**

**Praise be to God, Creator, Lord and King,
Who with the Son and Spirit ever gives
Eternal hope, redeeming love divine,
And living, steadfast faith, a faith that lives!**

Blessing:

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Blessed be the name of the Lord
Now and forever.

Our help is in the name of the Lord
Who made heaven and earth

God give you grace to follow St Faith and all his saints
in faith and love and steadfastness
and the blessing of God almighty,
+the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

The Dismissal

The Deacon dismisses the people.

Go in the peace of Christ, Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God, Alleluia, Alleluia

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