

St. Laurence's, Chorley

All Age Eucharist

Saturday 4th July, 2026
at 17.00

Jesus is moved with compassion for the crowds and sends his followers to share in his healing, proclaiming work.

Opening Song

This Is The Day
This is the day, this is the day
That the Lord has made
That the Lord has made

We will rejoice
We will rejoice
And be glad in it
And be glad in it

This is the day that the Lord has made
We will rejoice and be glad in it
This is the day
This is the day
That the Lord has made *(repeat)*

The Gathering

✠ 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 Act of Penitence

As we pray, we reflect on the week that has passed and ask the Lord for his forgiveness and healing.
When we didn't share or were unkind:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

When we didn't listen or follow your way:
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

When we forgot to thank you for your love: Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us our sins, and bring us to everlasting life. **Amen.**

Song of Praise

**Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God,
Our God is a great big God
And He holds us in His hands.**

**He's higher than a skyscraper
And deeper than a submarine.
He's wider than the universe
And beyond my wildest dreams.
He's known me and He's loved me
Before the world began.
How wonderful to be a part
Of God's amazing plan.**

The Special Prayer for this week

Let us pray *[Brief silence]*

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails:
deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Word of the Lord

[We remain standing for the Alleluia]

The Holy Gospel

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

✠ **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Come to Me, and I Will Give You Rest

²⁵ At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; ²⁶ yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. ²⁷ All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. ²⁸ Come to me, all who labour and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. ²⁹ Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. ³⁰ For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

At the end of the Gospel

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

The Homily

The Creed

(We stand)

With our Christian brothers and sisters, we affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

**We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen**

Prayers of the People

Lord hear us,
Lord, graciously hear us
[At the end]

Merciful Father,
**Accept these prayers
For the sake of your Son,
Our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

The Peace

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

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

[An offertory song may be sung, with the chorus:]

**Blessed be God, Blessed be God.
Blessed be God for ever Amen. (Twice)**

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts. 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 always right,
wherever we are,
to thank you and to praise you,
God our Father and King for ever,
through Jesus Christ, your Son.

So here on earth,
with the angels and archangels
and with everyone in heaven
we praise your name and sing:

Holy, Holy
Holy, Holy
Holy Lord
Holy Lord

Heav'n and earth are full

Heav'n and earth are full

Of your glory

Of your glory.

Hosanna

Hosanna

In the highest

In the highest

Bless-ed

Bless-ed

Is He who comes

Is He who comes,

Comes in the Lord's name

Comes in the Lord's name

Ho – sanna

Ho – sanna

In the highest

In the highest

A – men

A – men

[The priest continues the prayer, recalling the words and actions of Jesus at the Last Supper...]

Father in heaven,
listen to the prayer we make in Jesus' name;
through the Holy Spirit's power, gentle as a dove,
may this bread and this wine be for us
Jesus' body and blood.

Father, we remember
when Jesus had supper with his friends
the night before he died, he took the bread;
he thanked you, broke it, gave it to his friends and said:

Take this and eat it – this is my body,
given for you.

Do this to remember me. ✠

After supper, Jesus took the cup of wine;
he thanked you, gave it to his friends and said:

All of you drink from this cup,
because this is my blood – the new promise of God's love.

Do this every time you drink it to remember me. ✠

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died,

Christ is risen,

Christ will come again.

Father, as we remember your Son, Jesus Christ,

who died on the cross and rose again,
we offer you these and all the gifts
you freely give to us.

Send your Holy Spirit to be with us
and all who share this bread
and drink from this cup.

Help us to trust you,
bring us closer together and welcome us,
with all your people,
into Jesus' glorious kingdom.

All honour and glory belong to you, Father,
through Jesus, your Son,
with the Holy Spirit:
one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

[All sit/kneel and silence may be kept.]

The Communion

The Lord's Prayer

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 priest breaks the consecrated bread:]

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.

This 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.

During the distribution of Holy Communion please keep a period of silence and listen to music played by the worship group.

Song during Communion: God I look to you

Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion

Let us pray [*Brief Silence*]

Loving Father, we thank you for feeding us at the supper of your Son: sustain us with your Spirit, that we may serve you here on earth until our joy is complete in heaven, and we share in the eternal banquet with Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sending Out

The Lord be with you
And also with you

.... the blessing of God almighty, ✠ the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always.
Amen.

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

Closing Hymn

**O LORD my God! When I in awesome wonder
Consider all the works Thy hand hath made;
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed;**

**Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!
Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to Thee,
How great Thou art! How great Thou art!**

**When through the woods and forest glades
I wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees;
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,**

And hear the brook, and feel the gentle breeze:

**And when I think that God, His Son not sparing,
Sent Him to die - I scarce can take it in:
That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin**

**When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, my God how great Thou art!**

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