

St. Laurence's, Chorley

All Age Eucharist

Saturday 11th July, 2026
at 17.00

As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

Opening Song

**We plough the fields and scatter
the good seed on the land,
but it is fed and watered
by God's almighty hand:
you send the snow in winter,
the warmth to swell the grain,
the breezes and the sunshine,
and soft refreshing rain.**

Refrain:

**All good gifts around us
are sent from heaven above;
we thank you, Lord, we thank you, Lord for all your love.**

You only are the Maker
of all things near and far;
you paint the wayside flower,
you light the evening star;
the winds and waves obey you;
by you the birds are fed;
much more to us, your children,
you give our daily bread.

Refrain

We thank you, our provider,
for all things bright and good,
the seedtime and the harvest,
our life, our health, our food.
No gifts have we to offer
for all your love imparts,
but that which you most welcome:
our humble, thankful hearts.

Refrain

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.

The Special Prayer for this week

Let us pray *[Brief silence]*

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

¶ The Word of God

[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.**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. And great crowds gathered about him, so that he got into a boat and sat down. And the whole crowd stood on the beach. And he told them many things in parables, saying: "A Sower went out to sow. And as he sowed, some seeds fell along the path, and the birds came and devoured them. Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and immediately they sprang up, since they had no depth of soil, but when the sun rose, they were scorched. And since they had no root, they withered away. Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. Other seeds fell on good soil and produced grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. He who has ears, let him hear."

"Hear then the parable of the Sower: When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what has been sown in his heart. This is what was sown along the path. As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy, yet he has no root in himself, but endures for a while, and when tribulation or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately he falls away. As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches choke the word, and it proves unfruitful. As for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it. He indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty."

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

**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.*

Communion Song

**1 Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee.
Take my moments and my days;
let them flow in endless praise,**

**2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love.
Take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,**

**3 Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King.
Take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,**

**4 Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold.
Take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,**

**5 Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,**

**6 Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,**

Thanksgiving Prayer after Communion

God of our pilgrimage,
you have led us to the living water:
refresh and sustain us as we go forward on our journey, in the name
of 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.

**The kingdom of God is justice and joy;
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.**

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

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