

25th October 2020

Service of Holy
Communion
Bible Sunday
[The Last Sunday
after Trinity]

Lytham St Cuthbert

VISION 2026
HEALTHY CHURCHES TRANSFORMING COMMUNITIES
and Lytham St John
Joining in Worship

*The flowers in church today have been
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The Greeting

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you,
and also with you.

Prayer of Preparation

Loving God, we have come to worship you.
Help us to pray to you in faith,
to speak your praise with gratitude,
and to listen to your word with eagerness;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prayers of Penitence

The word of God is living and active. It judges
the thoughts and intentions of the heart. All is
open and laid bare before the eyes of him to
whom we give account. We confess our sins in
penitence and faith.

Let your faithful love come unto me, O Lord,
even your salvation, according to your
promise:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

Your word is a lantern to my feet and a light
upon my path:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

I have gone astray like a sheep that is lost; O
seek your servant, for I do not forget your
commandments.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

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May the Father of all mercies cleanse you
from your sins, and restore you in his image to
the praise and glory of his name, through
Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures
to be written for our learning: help us so to
hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly
digest them that, through patience, and the
comfort of your holy word, we may embrace
and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting
life, which you have given us in our Saviour
Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now
and for ever. **Amen.**

The Epistle

Colossians 3. 12-17

As God's chosen ones, holy and beloved,
clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness,
humility, meekness, and patience. Bear with
one another and, if anyone has a complaint
against another, forgive each other; just as
the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must
forgive. Above all, clothe yourselves with love,
which binds everything together in perfect
harmony. And let the peace of Christ rule in
your hearts, to which indeed you were called
in the one body. And be thankful. Let the
word of Christ dwell in you richly; teach and
admonish one another in all wisdom; and with
gratitude in your hearts sing psalms, hymns,
and spiritual songs to God. And whatever you
do, in word or deed, do everything in the
name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God
the Father through him.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 24. 30-35

Then the sign of the Son of Man will appear in
heaven, and then all the tribes of the earth

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will mourn, and they will see 'the Son of Man coming on the clouds of heaven' with power and great glory. And he will send out his angels with a loud trumpet call, and they will gather his elect from the four winds, from one end of heaven to the other.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see all these things, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

The Creed

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.

Prayers of Intercession

The response is

Lord, hear us.

Lord, graciously hear us.

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And, at the end,
Merciful Father,
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you,
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table

Lord Jesus, you nourish us at the table of your word and the table of your sacrament; as we feed on you, the bread of life, may we daily grow into your likeness. **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer

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

For he is your eternal and creative Word, through whom all things came into being; the Word made flesh who dwelt among us, full of grace and truth.

He fulfils the Law and the Prophets, dying for our sins and rising again in accordance with the Scriptures.

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He stands among us in his risen power, opening to us his living word, and making himself known in the breaking of the bread.

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

**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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command, grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood;

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.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your

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Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in words of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

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.

Breaking of the Bread

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Giving of Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father.

When directed, please move forward in silence to receive the bread. The priest will receive the wine on behalf of us all.

Prayers after Communion

God of all grace, your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry with the bread of his life and the word of his kingdom: renew your people with your heavenly grace, and in all our weakness

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sustain us by your true and living bread; who is alive and reigns, 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.

The Blackburn Diocesan Vision Prayer for Vision 2026

Heavenly Father, we embrace your call for us to make disciples, to be witnesses and to grow leaders. Give us the eyes to see your vision, ears to hear the prompting of your Spirit and courage to follow in the footsteps of your Son, our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

The Blessing

Go now in peace, knowing that you have been born again, not of perishable seed, but of imperishable, through the living and enduring word of God;
and 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.

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