

18<sup>th</sup> October 2020

Service of Holy  
Communion

Luke the  
Evangelist

Lytham St Cuthbert  
  
and Lytham St John  
*Joining in Worship*

## The Greeting

We meet in the presence of God  
**who knows our needs, hears our cries, feels  
our pain, and heals our wounds.**

## Prayer of Preparation

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

## Prayers of Penitence

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.

Friend of sinners, you bring hope in our  
despair.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Healer of the sick, you give strength in our  
weakness.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Destroyer of evil, you bring life in our dying.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you  
pardon and forgiveness of sins, time for  
amendment of life, and the grace and  
strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Collect

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician,  
whose praise is in the gospel, to be an  
evangelist and physician of the soul: by the

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grace of the Spirit and through the  
wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your  
Church the same love and power to heal;  
through 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 Epistle

**2 Timothy 4. 5-17**

As for you, always be sober, endure suffering,  
do the work of an evangelist, carry out your  
ministry fully.

As for me, I am already being poured out as a  
libation, and the time of my departure has  
come. I have fought the good fight, I have  
finished the race, I have kept the faith. From  
now on there is reserved for me the crown of  
righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous  
judge, will give me on that day, and not only  
to me but also to all who have longed for his  
appearing.

Do your best to come to me soon, for Demas,  
in love with this present world, has deserted  
me and gone to Thessalonica; Crescens has  
gone to Galatia, Titus to Dalmatia. Only Luke is  
with me. Get Mark and bring him with you, for  
he is useful in my ministry. I have sent  
Tychicus to Ephesus. When you come, bring  
the cloak that I left with Carpus at Troas, also  
the books, and above all the parchments.  
Alexander the coppersmith did me great  
harm; the Lord will pay him back for his  
deeds. You also must beware of him, for he  
strongly opposed our message.

At my first defence no one came to my  
support, but all deserted me. May it not be  
counted against them! But the Lord stood by  
me and gave me strength, so that through me  
the message might be fully proclaimed and all  
the Gentiles might hear it. So I was rescued  
from the lion's mouth.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel Reading

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Luke 10. 1-9**

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After this the Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go. He said to them, "The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest. Go on your way. See, I am sending you out like lambs into the midst of wolves. Carry no purse, no bag, no sandals; and greet no one on the road. Whatever house you enter, first say, 'Peace to this house!' And if anyone is there who shares in peace, your peace will rest on that person; but if not, it will return to you. Remain in the same house, eating and drinking whatever they provide, for the labourer deserves to be paid. Do not move about from house to house. Whenever you enter a town and its people welcome you, eat what is set before you; cure the sick who are there, and say to them, 'The kingdom of God has come near to you.'

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

### Sermon

### The Creed

Let us say together The Apostles' Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**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.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,**

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**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.**

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

### The Peace

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

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.*

Look upon us in mercy, not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love; make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.  
**Amen.**

### Preparation of the Table

### 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.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all

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things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

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.**

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:  
Christ is risen:  
Christ will come again.**

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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 Luke, Cuthbert 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**

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**

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.**

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## Giving of 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.**

*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

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; 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.**

## 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.**

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## The Blessing

The peace of God, which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love 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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