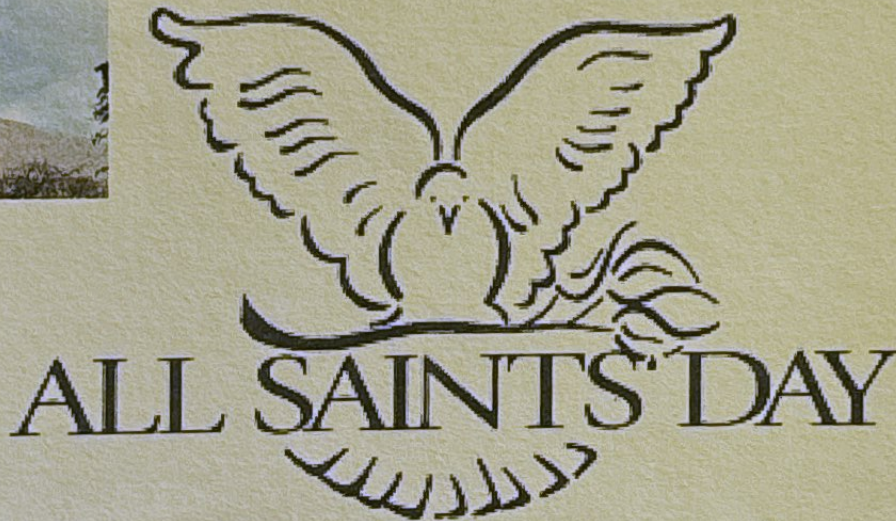


# Parish of St Paul's Sale




## Holy Communion

Welcome to St Paul's- we are a Christian community within the Church of England and we are part of the Diocese of Chester. Whilst our worship is predominantly in English, we are blessed that our worshipping community shares many languages and we'd encourage you to ask for translations and/or bring along your Bibles.

We are very glad to welcome children, there is a special prayer board at the back of church for them to put their prayers each week, books and games for little ones and bible resource sheets for older children.

If you require gluten-free wafers please inform a sidesperson/welcomer before the start of the service. You are invited to receive communion in both kinds - bread and wine, or just in one kind - we know folks are still anxious about sharing the common cup. The service may be live-streamed.

 THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND  
Diocese of Chester

*Please stand when the choir and clergy process into the church.*

## **Welcome and The Gathering**

Minister: Rejoice, people of God, praise the Lord. Let us keep the feast in honour of all God's saints, in whose victory the angels rejoice and glorify the Son of God.

We meet in the name of the +Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit,

All: **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All: **and also with you.**

### **First Hymn**

### **Prayer of Preparation**

*Confessing our sin is not simply a recitation of our faults and wrongs, but also an opportunity to receive God's mercy and share in that abundant grace. When we offer God our confession, we join the beautiful work of reconciliation, which begins with our reconciling with God.*

Leader: We pray together:

All: **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**

*Please sit or kneel*

## Invitation to Confession

Since we are surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight and the sin that clings so closely, looking to Jesus in penitence and faith.

Hebrews 12.1

Lord, you are gracious and compassionate:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

You are loving to all  
and your mercy is over all your creation:  
Christ, have mercy.

**All: Christ, have mercy.**

Your faithful servants bless your name  
and speak of the glory of your kingdom:  
Lord, have mercy.

**All: Lord, have mercy.**

**All: Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.  
Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## The Absolution

Minister: Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in life eternal,

**All: Amen.**

*Please stand*

## The Gloria

*This is an ancient hymn of praise, a reminder of the angels who sang at Jesus' birth and our thankfulness on receiving God's forgiveness and grace.*

**All:**            **Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.**

**Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:  
have mercy on us;  
You are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.**

**For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father,  
Amen.**

## The Collect - special prayer of the day

*This is a time to open our lives to Christ's love for us, we all respond at the end with 'Amen'.*

## We hear God through the Word

*There are usually two readings one from the Old Testament and one from the New Testament. These readings are printed on the weekly pew sheet for you to follow or you may like to bring your own Bible to follow the readings. A psalm may be said in between the readings.*

### First Reading

**Reader:**        **This is the Word of the Lord  
Psalm            (on the pew sheet)**

**All:**    **Thanks be to God**

### Second Reading

**Reader:**        **This is the Word of the Lord**

**All:**    **Thanks be to God**

## **The Gospel**

Minister: Alleluia, alleluia.  
Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord.  
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest heaven.  
Alleluia.  
Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to.....

**All: Glory to you O Lord.**

*and concludes:*

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

**The Sermon** - *there may be a short period of silence afterwards.*

*Please stand*

## **Acclamation of Faith**

*All are invited to participate in proclaiming together what we, as those learning to follow Jesus, believe in.*

## **The Nicene Creed**

**All: 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.

*Please sit or kneel*

### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Prayers are offered for the church, the world, those in need, the departed and those who mourn and for ourselves.*

*This may be said at the conclusion of our prayers:*

All:            Merciful Father,  
                    **Accept these prayers**  
                    **for the sake of your Son,**  
                    **our Saviour Jesus Christ.**  
                    Amen.

*Please stand*

## **The Liturgy of the Sacrament**

### **The Peace**

*Jesus tell us we are all part of the same family and that before we offer our gifts, we should be at peace with each other.*

Minister:    We are fellow-citizens with the saints and of the household of God, through Christ our Lord, who came and preached peace to those who were far off and those who were near.

*Ephesians 2.19,17*

or

Minister: 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.

*1 Thessalonians 5.23; 3.13*

Minster: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We are invited to shake hands, wave or use the BSL sign for 'peace' saying to each other 'The peace of Christ be with you' or the reply 'And also with you'. Please be aware of, and respect those who may continue to be social-distancing.*

### **Offertory Hymn**

*During this hymn, the bread and wine and offertory collection are brought to the altar. Our giving enables worship to continue in this place and allows us to serve our local community.*

*Remain standing*

### **Preparation of the Table**

To you we come, Father of lights,  
with angels and saints,  
where heaven and earth unite.  
May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread.

All: **Amen.**

*Please remain standing*

## The Eucharistic Prayer

*These are the great prayers of thanksgiving, each prayer has echoes of the stories and images in the Bible and from ancient liturgies.*

### Prayer A

Minister: The Lord be with you                      or                      The Lord is here  
All:                      **and also with you.**                      **His Spirit is with us**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.  
All:                      **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
All:                      **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Minister: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
And now we give you thanks, most gracious God,  
surrounded by a great cloud of witnesses  
and glorified in the assembly of your saints.  
The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
We, your holy Church, acclaim you.  
In communion with angels and archangels,  
and with all who served you on earth  
and worship you now in heaven,  
we raise our voice to proclaim your glory,  
for ever praising you and singing/saying:

All:                      **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.

**All:** Great is the mystery of faith;  
**Christ has died,**  
**Christ is risen,**  
**Christ will come again.**

*Or*

**All:** **Jesus Christ is Lord;**  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection**  
**have set us free,**  
**You are the Saviour of the world.**

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 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 songs of everlasting praise:

**All: Blessing and honour and glory and power  
be yours for ever and ever.  
Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us  
**All: 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**

## **Breaking of the Bread**

*Jesus broke bread for his friends at the Last Supper and this bread is broken for us to share in the same way.*

Minister: We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.

All: **Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

## **The Agnus Dei**

*When John the Baptist met Jesus he called him the Lamb of God and in this prayer we address Jesus by the same title.*

All: Jesus, Lamb of God,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
have mercy on us.  
Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
grant us peace.

## **Giving of Communion**

Minister: I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, Alleluia.  
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

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

*The consecrated bread and wine are offered and all are invited to receive either in both kinds- bread and wine, or the one kind. If you are able to come up to the altar to receive you may prefer to remain standing or you may kneel. If you are unable to use the steps please remain in your place or come to the front of the pulpit and we will come to you. If you'd prefer a prayer of blessing please keep your hands behind your back to indicate this.*

*When you receive the bread and wine please reply Amen.*

## Post Communion Prayer

Lord of heaven,  
in this eucharist you have brought us near  
to an innumerable company of angels  
and to the spirits of the saints made perfect:  
as in this food of our earthly pilgrimage  
we have shared their fellowship,  
so may we come to share their joy in heaven;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen**

## Acclamation

Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised:

**All: there is no end of his greatness.**

One generation shall praise your works to another

**All: and shall declare your power.**

All your works praise you, Lord,

**All: and your faithful servants bless you.**

They make known the glory of your kingdom

**All: and speak of your power.**

My mouth shall speak the praise of the Lord:

**All: let everything bless his holy name for ever and ever.**

## The Dismissal Gospel

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

**All: Glory to you, O Lord.**

[Jesus said], 'I have made your name known to those you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours.'

*John 17.6-9*

*At the end the reader says*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## The Blessing

May God, who kindled the fire of his love in the hearts of the saints,  
pour upon you the riches of his grace.

**All: Amen.**

May he give you joy in their fellowship  
and a share in their praises.

**All: Amen.**

May he strengthen you to follow them in the way of holiness  
and to come to the full radiance of glory.

**All: Amen.**

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

**All: Amen.**

## Notices

*We stand to sing*

## Final Hymn

## The Dismissal

Following God's saints in the ways of holiness and truth, go in the  
peace of Christ.

**All: Thanks be to God.**

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