

Holy Communion – Huyton Parish Church

April 8th 10.30 pm 18 Easter 2

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Alleluia, Christ is risen!

He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

Give thanks that God is good

Let us celebrate the feast

Give thanks that Jesus is risen

Let us celebrate the feast

Give thanks that we are alive

Let us celebrate the feast

Hymn (tune Abbot's Leigh)

Easter glory fills the heaven,
Easter light pervades the earth,
Now the Son, his triumph given,
Brings his promise of new birth.
By his awesome act of giving,
Sin and death are put to flight,
Hope and life invade our living,
New created by his light.

On that wondrous Easter morning,
To the women at the tomb,
Just as day was at its dawning,
Lord, you came and banished gloom.
Open now our hearts for hearing
Your own living word of peace,
Peace that conquers all our fearing:
Our renewal, our release.

Come, as round the table, meeting,
We would be your people here,
Taking, breaking, sharing, eating;
In the bread and wine draw near.
In our serving and forgiving
We would be your people true.
May we know, in all our living,
You in us, our life in you.

Lord of loving, Lord of glory,
Through your giving, through your
pain,
This the fullness of your story,
Earth herself is born again.
Serving you through all your creatures,
Great or small, or high or low,
We will then discern your features;
Know your Resurrection now. *Leith Fisher*

Prayers of Preparation

What God has prepared for those who love
him, he has revealed to us through the Spirit;
for the Spirit searches everything.

Therefore, let us open our hearts to the
Lord, who has prepared good things for
those who love him. [1 Corinthians 2.9](#)

Oh how I long for those times of refreshing that come from the presence of the Lord

When doubts and demons assail me,
In the dead of night and at noon,
Telling me the promise broken,
That this world has only its wounds.

Oh how I long for those times of refreshing that come from the presence of the Lord

When I cannot make sense of the Word,
When I feel a hostage to fate,
When I cannot be real with my God,
Fearing judgement and knowledge too great.

Oh how I long for those times of refreshing that come from the presence of the Lord

When I fail to be one in community –
Caught up in my own woes and pain,
Ignoring the value of others
Whose presence is all for my gain.

Oh how I long for those times of refreshing that come from the presence of the Lord

I can give you my heart once again,
Though poor and unworthy it seems,
For I know if I hold to my visions
You promise me more than false dreams.

Oh how I long for those times of refreshing that come from the presence of the Lord

Hear the words of encouragement our
Saviour Christ says to all who truly turn to
him:

Come to me, all that labour and are heavy
laden, and I will refresh you. [Matthew 11.28](#)

God so loved the world, that he gave his
only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in
him should not perish,
but have everlasting life. [John 3.16](#)

Hear what Saint Paul says
This saying is true, and worthy of full
acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the
world to save sinners. [1 Timothy 1.15](#)

Hear what Saint John says:
If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; and he is
the propitiation for our sins. | **John 2.1,2**

The Prayer for this week

The Collect is said.

Almighty Father,
you have given your only Son to die for our
sins and to rise again for our justification:
grant us so to put away the leaven of malice
and wickedness that we may always serve
you in pureness of living and truth; through
the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity
of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for
ever. **Amen.**

First Reading | John 1:1-2:2

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalms 133

Behold how good and pleasant it is ♦
to dwell together in unity.

It is like the precious oil upon the head, ♦
running down upon the beard,

Even on Aaron's beard, ♦
**running down upon the collar of his
clothing.**

It is like the dew of Hermon ♦
running down upon the hills of Zion.

For there the Lord has promised his blessing:
♦
even life for evermore.

Grant to your people, good Lord,
the spirit of unity, that they may dwell
together in your love, and so bear to the
world the ointment of your healing and the
dew of your blessing; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. **Amen**

Second Reading Acts 4:32-35

At the end the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**I will enter his gates
With thanksgiving in my heart,
I will enter his courts with praise,
I will say this is the day
That the Lord has made,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.**

**He has made me glad, he has made me
glad,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.
He has made me glad, he has made me
glad,
I will rejoice for he has made me glad.**

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Gospel John 20:19-end

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon JAS

The Creed

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son
of God.

**Though he was divine, he did not cling
to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born
in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself and was obedient
to death, even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every
name: that at the name of Jesus every
knee should bow, and every voice
proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father. **Amen.****

Hymn

Wind, wind blow on me;

wind, wind set me free!

*Wind, wind my Father sent
the blessed Holy Spirit.*

**Jesus told us all about you,
how we could not live without you,
with his blood the power bought
to help us live the life he taught
*Wind, wind blow on me;***

**When we're weary you console us,
when we're lonely you enfold us,
when in danger you uphold us,
blessed Holy Spirit.**

Wind, wind blow on me;

**When into the Church you came,
it was not in your own but Jesus' name;
Jesus Christ is still the same -
He sends the Holy Spirit.**

Wind, wind blow on me;

**Set us free to love our brothers,
set us free to live for others,
that the world the Son might see,
and Jesus' name exalted be**

Wind, wind blow on me;

*Jane and Betsy Clowe 1974 1975 Celebration/Thankyou
Music*

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end

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

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his
disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then
were they glad when they saw the Lord. *cf*
John 20.19

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 Taking of the Bread and Wine

*The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented. The
table is prepared and bread and wine are placed upon it.
The president takes the bread and wine.*

Hymn

**Love's redeeming work is done;
Fought the fight, the battle won:
Lo, our Sun's eclipse is o'er,
Lo, he sets in blood no more.**

**Vain the stone, the watch, the seal;
Christ hath burst the gates of hell;
Death in vain forbids his rise;
Christ has opened paradise.**

**Lives again our glorious King;
Where, O death, is now thy sting?
Dying once, he all doth save;
Where thy victory, O grave?**

**Soar we now where Christ has led,
Foll'wing our exalted Head;
Made like him, like him we rise;
Ours the cross, the grave, the skies.**

**Hail the Lord of earth and heav'n!
Praise to thee by both be giv'n;
Thee we greet triumphant now;**

Hail, the Resurrection thou!

Charles Wesley (1707-1788)

The Great Thanksgiving Prayer

The president says

Look here is bread!

Look here is wine!

**Let us celebrate the feast of
God!**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord

**Let us give thanks to the Lord
our God**

**It is right to give him thanks
and praise.**

To you....

**Creator God, who spoke the
universe into being through
your word,**

**Who formed us in your own
image,**

Who calls us by name,

To you we lift our hearts

**And give our thanks and
praise**

To you...

**Redeeming God, who was born
as one of us in Jesus,**

**Who told stories, restored the
lost and broken, and broke
barriers,**

**Who died and rose for us, and
lives and reigns for ever,**

To you we lift our hearts

**And give our thanks and
praise**

To you...

**Sustaining God, who is ever-
present with us through the
Holy Spirit,**

Who calls us, leads us, inspires
and upholds us,
Who brings us into a fellowship
beyond earthly ties,
To you we lift our hearts
**And give our thanks and
praise**

and now we join our voices
with those of your people of
every time and place;
as we praise you with the song
of heaven:
**Holy, holy, holy, Lord
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of
your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

Before he parted from his
friends
Jesus prepared a last supper for
them.
He took some bread, and gave
thanks for it.
Then he broke it and gave it to
them.
“Take eat; this is my body,” he
said.
When supper was all but over,
he took a cup of wine,
gave thanks for it, and gave it to
them to drink, “This cup is the
new covenant with God sealed
with my blood.
“Take and drink from it. It is
for all.”

Risen Christ,
In the breaking of bread and
pouring of wine,
Come to us.

As we do now what you once
did on earth,
Be present with us.
Breathe your Holy Spirit upon
this bread and wine.
**May they become our
spiritual food and drink.**
Breathe your Spirit upon us.
**May we be your body,
revealing your presence in
the world. Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray
**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

The president breaks the consecrated 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.**

Giving of Communion

The president says the invitation to communion
Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which
he shed for you.
Eat and drink in remembrance that he died
for you, and feed on him in your hearts by
faith with thanksgiving.

*The president and people receive communion.
Authorized words of distribution are used and the
communicant replies*

Amen.

*During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.
Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for
purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the
distribution or after the service.*

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

Lord God our Father,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ
you have assured your children of eternal life
and in baptism have made us one with him:
deliver us from the death of sin and raise us
to new life in your love, in the fellowship of
the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord
Jesus Christ. **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.**

Hymn

**Colours of day dawn into the mind,
The sun has come up, the night is
behind.
Go down in the city, into the street,
And let's give the message
To the people we meet.**

***So light up the fire and let the flame burn,
Open the door, let Jesus return,
Take seeds of his Spirit, let the fruit grow,
Tell the people of Jesus, let his love show.***

**Go through the park, on into the town;
The sun still shines on; it never goes
down.
The light of the world is risen again;
The people of darkness
Are needing our friend**

**Open your eyes, look into the sky,
The darkness has come, the sun came
to die.
The evening draws on, the sun
disappears,
But Jesus is living,
And his Spirit is near.**

*Sue McClellan (b1951) John Paculabo (b1946)
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The Dismissal

Glory to God
Jesus is risen. Alleluia!
Glory to God
What more can we say?
Glory to God
Your life is our story
Glory to God
Your love is our way

Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord
Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do
his will, working in you that which is well-
pleasing in his sight; and the blessing of God
almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you
always. **Amen.**

A minister says

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

The ministers and people depart.

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