



Welcome to
St Paul's for a service of Holy
Communion
1st June 2025
Seventh Sunday after Easter
Sunday after Ascension Day

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Alleluia. Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Hymn: Christ is made the sure foundation

Prayer of Preparation

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.

Invitation to confession

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 in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry
and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name.
Amen.**

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive *you* and free *you* from *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis: (Sung version)

The Collect

Let us pray that we may reign with the risen Christ in glory.

Silence is kept.

The Collect is said and the people respond:
Amen.

Reading

Acts 16.16–34

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: Change my heart, O God

Reading

John 17.20–26

Hear the Gospel of our Lord

Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you O Christ

Sermon

Hymn: Come on and celebrate

Profession of faith

Brothers and sisters, I ask you to profess the faith of the Church.

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

This response may be used:
Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

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

The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.
He has set his seal upon us and,
as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

cf 2 Corinthians 1.22

The peace of the risen Christ be always with you
and also with you.
Alleluia.

Hymn: I cannot tell

Preparation of the Table

Lord of all and source of our joy,
receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving.
Keep us in the love of Christ
and bring us to the vision of his glory;
through the same Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Holy Communion Prayer H

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 right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation;
in your love you made us for yourself.

When we turned away
you did not reject us,
but came to meet us in your Son.

**You embraced us as your children
and welcomed us to sit and eat with you.**

In Christ you shared our life
that we might live in him and he in us.
He opened his arms of love upon the cross
and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed,

at supper with his friends
he took bread, and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to them, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his body is the bread of life.**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine,
he gave you thanks, and said:
Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins;
do this in remembrance of me.

**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory,
send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine
may be to us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy gifts
make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.
With your whole Church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise
and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The Lord's Prayer

Rejoicing in God's new creation, 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.

The 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 one bread**

Agnus Dei

**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

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

Therefore let us keep the feast.

Alleluia.

Music for distribution of communion

Prayer After Communion

The priest prays and the people respond:

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.**

Notices

Archdeacon's Visitations

11th June – St George Chadderton

19th June – Holy Family Failsworth

24th June – Manchester Cathedral

30th June – Holy Trinity Platt

It is a legal requirement for all churchwardens to be admitted into office

The act of admission at the Visitation is an important and significant event for your Parish.

The Venerable Archdeacons of Manchester, Rochdale, Salford and Bolton further request that members of the clergy should be present at the Visitation to support the lay officers of the Parish. All members of parochial church councils are also invited to accompany the churchwardens and sidespeople.

The Blessing

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and words of God.
And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with
you and remain with you all, now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn: Lift high the cross

The Dismissal

We are raised to new life with Christ.

Go in his peace.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Exit Music