

The Parish Church of St George, Tyldesley

Bicentenary Eucharist

Sunday 21 September 2025, 10.00am

Celebrant: Revd. Dr. Matthew Porter

The Bishop of Bolton

The Gathering:

Opening Responses

Great God, your love is higher than the heavens,

Your faithfulness reaches to the skies.

Be exalted, O God, your Name be praised,

And let your glory be over all the earth.

The Lord is here,

He welcomes us now.

The Drama of Creation:

In the beginning, God made the world:

Females: ***Made it and mothered it,***

Males: ***Shaped it and fathered it;***

Females: ***Filled it with seed and with signs of fertility,***

Males: ***Filled it with life and with song and variety.***

All that is green, blue, deep and growing,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that is tender, firm, fragrant and curious,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that crawls, flies, swims, walks or is motionless,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that speaks, sings, cries, laughs or keeps silence,

God's is the hand that created you.

All that suffers, lacks, limps or longs for an end,

God's is the hand that created you.

The world belongs to God,

the earth and all its people.

Hymn 96: “Christ is Made the Sure Foundation”

Welcome and Introduction:

“September 1825”

Confession:

In your eyes, Father all are loved, created in your image,

a part of your purpose, of equal worth.

Forgive us that we have divided this world into the 'have' and 'have-nots'.

***into the rich and the poor, the 'in crowd' and the outcasts.
`Us` and `them`.***

Forgive our insensitivity, our selfishness, our greed and pride.

***help us to see others always through your eyes. Lord,
forgive us; help us to change.***

Be joyful; our saving God stretches out His hand, Reaching out towards us, to announce a loving Forgiveness. All who are truly sorry, all who Forgive, all will be forgiven. Be at peace, the Lord's Pardon makes us whole once more

I love you, come and follow me.`

Thanks be to God. Amen.

Scripture Reading:

I Timothy 2:1-7 (NRSVA)

Instructions concerning Prayer

First of all, then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgivings should be made for everyone, for kings and all who are in high positions, so that we may lead a quiet and peaceable life in all godliness and dignity. This is right and is acceptable in the sight of God our Saviour, who desires everyone to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.

For there is one God;

there is also one mediator between God and humankind,
Christ Jesus, himself human, who gave himself a ransom for all

—this was attested at the right time. For this I was appointed a herald and an apostle (I am telling the truth, I am not lying), a teacher of the Gentiles in faith and truth.

This is the Word of the Lord. ***Thanks be to God***

Hymn 843: “Ye that know the Lord is Gracious”

Gospel Reading: Luke 16:1-13 (NRSVA)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke,
Glory to you, O Lord

The Parable of the Dishonest Manager

Then Jesus said to the disciples, ‘There was a rich man who had a manager, and charges were brought to him that this man was squandering his property. So he summoned him and said to him, “What is this that I hear about you? Give me an account of your management, because you cannot be my manager any longer.” Then the manager said to himself, “What will I do, now that my master is taking the position away from me? I am not strong enough to dig, and I am ashamed to beg. I have decided what to do so that, when I am dismissed as manager, people may welcome me into their homes.” So, summoning his master’s debtors one by one, he asked the first, “How much do you owe my master?” He answered, “A hundred jugs of olive oil.” He said to him, “Take your bill, sit down quickly, and make it fifty.” Then he asked another, “And how much do you owe?” He replied, “A hundred containers of wheat.” He said to him, “Take your bill and make it eighty.” And his master commended the dishonest manager because he had acted shrewdly; for the children of this age are more shrewd in dealing with their own generation than are the children of light. And I tell you, make friends for yourselves by means of dishonest wealth so that when it is gone, they may welcome you into the eternal homes.

‘Whoever is faithful in a very little is faithful also in much; and whoever is dishonest in a very little is dishonest also in much. If then you have not been faithful with the dishonest wealth, who will entrust to you the

true riches? And if you have not been faithful with what belongs to another, who will give you what is your own? No slave can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth.'

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

Poem

God be praised, for whom thou stands
Ageing church with steeple proud
Time enhances all thy beauty
Sane symbol in a madding crowd

God be praised, for thy birthright
Ageing church with steeple proud
Within thy walls still faithful servants
Thru' thee unto him avowed

God be praised to see thy future
Ageing church with steeple proud
Be sustained in heavenly glory
Eternal strength to thee allowed

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Presentation of Artwork:

St George's Central CE Primary School and Nursery
Theme: '200 years of church and school'
School lead: Mrs Sarah Davies
Supporting Artist: Ms Kerry Howarth, of Kendal
Children from across the year groups
Community Artist
Theme: 'The House of the Lord'
Mr. Jed Maloney

Address:

The Bishop of Bolton

Declaration of Faith:

We believe in God whose goodness is more than enough for all: filling the universe with gifts of love and resounding through our lives in praise We will take hold of all that God gives with reverence and joy; we will make God known in the breaking of bread, we will share the life-giving wine, so that all may see and experience God's love.

We believe in Jesus the Christ God's greatest gift of all: who takes the smallest of seeds, a mere whisper of faith, and brings forth a harvest of good things. We will take all that Christ has given us; our gifts, our talents, our very selves, so that Christ can walk our streets once more.

We believe in God's Spirit of Truth, bringing to fruition all that has been given: gentle as a breeze or shocking as a storm, we will allow God's gifts to be stirred to life in us; breathing, laughing,

Intercessions:

Circle us, Lord,

Circle us with the light of your presence, bright within this dark world,

Enable us to be overcomers of fear and temptation,

Enable us to be victors over sin and despair,

Enable us to become that which you would desire.

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,

Circle us with the light of your presence.

Circle us, Lord,

Circle our families within the shelter of your outstretched arms,

Protect them in each moment of their daily lives,

Protect them in the decisions that they face,

Protect their homes and relationships.

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,
Circle our families with the light of your presence.

Circle us, Lord,
Circle this nation with Your love and hope,
Create a desire to listen to scripture throughout Your seasons.
Create a willingness to understand and respond,
Create a need to reach out to the Christ Child.

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,
Circle our nation with the light of your presence.

Circle us, Lord,
Circle this world with the joy of your Salvation,
Where there is sickness and disease bring healing,
Where there is hunger and despair bring hope,
Where there is torture and oppression bring release.

Lord of creation, Lord of Salvation,
Circle this world with the light of your presence.

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

The Peace

Those who sow in peace shall reap a harvest of joy and love. We are met in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

Hymn 40: 'Angel voices ever singing'

The Eucharist 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.

Indeed it is right to give you thanks and praise, O God: out of chaos and darkness you have created light and an abundance of life.

From the depths of winter, the new life of spring and the warmth of summer, you have brought forth a harvest of bounty. Your world is indeed good. Through your Son, who lived and toiled, wept and laughed among us, you were one with us in human flesh. You sent your Spirit to bring new life to tired bones and souls, causing living water to spring from dry, thirsty places and putting a new song on our lips.

So, together with all your saints and angels, with prophets and martyrs, the living and the departed, we sing to you a hymn of unending praise...

***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.

Glory and honour to you, God our life, for the gift of Jesus our Lord. Christ is the first fruit of your creation, with you before time, bringing all to completion through his death on a cross.

By your power you raised him: evil can never overcome your love. You set us free to be your body, serving you in the world.

On the night before he died, knowing that his time had come, while at supper with his disciples, Jesus took bread, gave you thanks, and broke it, saying: 'Take, eat. This is my Body, broken for you.'

After supper he took the cup, gave you thanks, and gave it to them, saying: 'Drink this, all of you. This is my Blood of the new covenant; it is poured out for you, and for all, for the forgiveness of sins. Do this to remember me.'

We do now what Christ taught us:
we remember his death and resurrection and look forward to that day when all will be complete in him.

We offer ourselves and all that we are: our gifts and talents, our strengths and weaknesses, to the glory and honour of your name.

Christ is the bread of life:

when we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

Merciful God, send now, in kindness, your Holy Spirit to settle upon this bread and wine and bless them with the fullness of Jesus.

And let that same Spirit rest on us, too, converting us from the patterns of this world, until we become more like Jesus, whose food we now share. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer:

As our Saviour has taught us, so we pray

God's love reaches out to us

Our Father in heaven

This place is sacred ground.

Hallowed be your name

May our lives reflect God's glory:

Your kingdom come

May our thoughts reflect God's thoughts
Your will be done

We long for deep peace:
On earth as it is in heaven.

Love blesses life, knowing earth will provide.
Give us this day our daily bread

Where love falls short:
Forgive our sins

Let justice prevail.
As we forgive those who sin against us

Prevent the chaos that leads to wrong-doing:
Lead us not into temptation

For grace is strong where freedom is found.
And deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and for ever. Amen.

The Breaking of the Bread:

The living bread is broken for the life of the world.
Lord, unite us in this sign.

The Giving of Communion:

This is the table, not of the church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more. So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little; Come, not because it is I who invites you - it is the invitation of the Lord. It is his will that those who want to should meet him here

Blessed be God:
Giver of the Bread of Life

The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life

Amen

Prayers after Communion:

President: In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.

Amen.

Lord, we have broken your bread and received your life. By the power of your Spirit keep us always in your love; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Notices

A Collect

Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the bicentenary of this house of prayer and rededicate it to your loving service: we praise you for the many blessings you have given to those who worship you here: and we pray that all who seek you in this place may find you, and, being filled with the Holy Spirit, may become a living temple acceptable to you; **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**

Hymn 454: ‘Lord for the years’

Closing Responses

Christ's food in our souls

Our food shared like his

Christ's life in our hands

Our lives shaped by his

Christ's love in our hearts

Our love warmed through his

Christ's peace on our path

Our path following his

The Blessing

God of seedtime and harvest: Creator, Son and Holy Spirit, bless us and strengthen us to live and blossom and bear good fruit to your praise and glory.

And now I bless you in the name of the Father, the Son and the Sacred Spirit: the One and the Three.

May God give you to drink of his cup; may the sun be bright upon you; may the night call down peace; and when you come to his household may the door be open wide for you to go in to your joy.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Tend the earth, care for God's good creation, and bring forth the fruits of righteousness. The Eucharist is ended, our mission and service must now begin.

Let us go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.