

Giving in Grace



Holy Communion

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**St Peter's Church
Woolton**



Welcome

Opening sentence

For just as you excel in all things, in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in utmost eagerness and in our love for you, excel also in this grace of giving.

2 Cor. 8:7

Grace, mercy and peace
from God our Father
and the Lord Jesus Christ
be with you

All and also with you.

**All Faithful one, whose word is life:
come with saving power
to free our praise,
inspire our prayer
and shape our lives
for the kingdom of your Son
Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Hymn

Confession

Christ came in humility to share our lives:
forgive our pride.
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ came with good news for all people:
forgive our silence.
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Blessing

May God who gives us all things for our blessing
and has given us everything in Christ
make you generous in your giving.

All Amen

May Christ who by his poverty has made us rich
strengthen you to serve
and to share with thanksgiving.

All Amen

May the Holy Spirit
who dwells in the hearts of God's people
gently test the genuineness of your love
and fill your hearts with gladness and grace.

All Amen

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

All Amen.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**All In the name of Christ.
Amen.**

After Communion

The minister leads in prayer ending with

All Dear Father God,
your love is constant.
We rejoice in the gift of your Son,
who became poor that we might become rich.
Thank you for giving us this rich food
of his body and blood.
By your Spirit
enable us to respond cheerfully,
all our days.
Amen.

All Father of all,
we give you thanks and praise,
that when we were still far off
you met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory.
May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life;
we who drink his cup bring life to others;
we whom the Spirit lights
give light to the world.
Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us,
so we and all your children shall be free,
and the whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Hymn

Christ came in love to a world of suffering:
forgive our self-centredness.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The minister declares God's forgiveness

Collect

All Lord Jesus Christ,
through your cross and resurrection
you have shared our poverty
that we might share your riches;
Grant that your grace might transform our weakness
and that our hearts may be moved to generosity
by the example of your love
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Songs

Readings

At the end the reader says

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

A prayer for Giving in Grace

All Heavenly Father,
give grace to us,
the living stones who form your Church,
to reflect prayerfully at this special time
on our love for you and our neighbour.
Make us mindful of the many gifts
you bestow upon us
and we ask that your Holy Spirit
will inspire and direct us in our choice of giving,
remembering that we are only giving back
that which is truly yours.
Strengthen us Lord to meet this challenge
according to your will.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord
who has given all
that we may live.
Amen.

Song

Let us declare our faith in God

All We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.
We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.
We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.
We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.

Giving of 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.

A prayer before the distribution

All We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs
under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.

*Communicant members of the Church of England
and full members of any other church can receive Communion here.
All are welcome to come forward to receive a blessing*

Lord of all life,
help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

All **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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 Bread .

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.**

Prayers

We pray for grace to live and to give like Jesus saying:
Lord in your graciousness

All **Grant us your grace and love**

Father God, we pray for your church in those parts of the
world where there is persecution and poverty. Through
your gracious love strengthen the hope, the hearts and
the lives of your people as they bear witness to your love
in difficult circumstances.

Especially we pray for ...
Lord in your graciousness

All **Grant us your grace and love**

Father God we pray for our own church here at St Peter's;
for our brothers and sisters in our local churches and for
our Diocese of Liverpool. Through your gracious love
renew in us the sense of privilege in our calling to serve
you and our willingness to give generously to resource
the ministry of your church both here and in places of
deepest need.

Especially we pray for ...
Lord in your graciousness

All **Grant us your grace and love**

Father God we pray for those we know who are struggling
with illness of in heart, body or mind. Through your gracious
love hold and sustain them in their weakness, grant them
peace and comfort them through the presence and the
prayers of family and friends and of this congregation.

Especially we pray for....
Lord in your graciousness

All **Grant us your grace and love**

Father God by your cross and resurrection you conquered
death yet taught us by your own tears to weep at the death
of those we love. We pray for those who grieve for one
they have loved and lost. In the midst of sorrow grant them
the assurance of your gentle presence and the rich hope of
heaven.

Lord in your graciousness

All **Grant us your grace and love**

Notices

Peace

Jesus said: 'Love one another.
As I have loved you
so you are to love one another.'

All The peace of the Lord be always with you.
and also with you.

A sign of peace is exchanged

Hymn

during which the collection will be taken

All Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour, and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you,
and of your own do we give you.

Eucharistic Prayer

All The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

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

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

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You have showered on us your grace and kindness
in giving us your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.
And so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels
praising you, and singing:

All

**Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
holy is the Lord God almighty!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord;
holy is the Lord God almighty!
who was and is and is to come!
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord;
and as we obey his command,
send your Holy Spirit,
that broken bread and wine outpoured
may be for us
the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died
he had supper with his friends
and, taking bread, he praised you.
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life
and cup of salvation,
we proclaim his death and resurrection
until he comes in glory.