**St Andrew's Church**

Orford with Longford

in the Diocese of Liverpool



**Dedication Festival**

**Sunday 2nd September 2018**

#### THE GATHERING

**Preparation:** *(please remain seated to sing)*

383 ‘Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here’

Priest: How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.

**Introit hymn:** *(stand)* 208 vv. 1, 5-9 ‘Christ is made the sure foundation’

Priest: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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.

Priest: We are a temple of God’s indwelling Holy Spirit, yet we have grieved him. The temple of our bodies does not belong to us, but was bought at the price of Christ’s precious blood. So we come, in sorrow yet with confidence, to ask forgiveness of our Father in heaven.

(After a period of silent reflection)

All: Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen

Priest: 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; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**All** 🎜 ***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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.

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)*

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.

***Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest*** *(twice)* **Amen**

**Collect:** Almighty God, to whose glory we celebrate the dedication of this house of prayer: 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**

#### **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

**A reading from the book of Genesis** *(Gen 28. 11–18)*

Jacob came to a certain place and stayed there for the night, because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones of the place, he put it under his head and lay down in that place. And he dreamed that there was a ladder set up on the earth, the top of it reaching to heaven; and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it. And the Lord stood beside him and said, ‘I am the Lord, the God of Abraham your father and the God of Isaac; the land on which you lie I will give to you and to your offspring; and your offspring shall be like the dust of the earth, and you shall spread abroad to the west and to the east and to the north and to the south; and all the families of the earth shall be blessed in you and in your offspring. Know that I am with you and will keep you wherever you go, and will bring you back to this land; for I will not leave you until I have done what I have promised you.’ Then Jacob woke from his sleep and said, ‘Surely the Lord is in this place – and I did not know it!’ And he was afraid, and said, ‘How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God, and this is the gate of heaven.’ So Jacob rose early in the morning, and he took the stone that he had put under his head and set it up for a pillar and poured oil on the top of it.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(please remain seated)* 392 ‘Bright the vision that delighted’

**A reading from the first letter of Peter** *(1 Pet 2. 1–10)*

Rid yourselves, therefore, of all malice, and all guile, insincerity, envy, and all slander. Like new-born infants, long for the pure, spiritual milk, so that by it you may grow into salvation – if indeed you have tasted that the Lord is good. Come to him, a living stone, though rejected by mortals yet chosen and precious in God’s sight. Like living stones, let yourselves be built into a spiritual house, to be a holy priesthood, to offer spiritual sacrifices acceptable to God through Jesus Christ. For it stands in scripture: ‘See, I am laying in Zion a stone, a cornerstone chosen and precious; and whoever believes in him will not be put to shame.’ To you then who believe, he is precious; but for those who do not believe, ‘The stone that the builders rejected has become the very head of the corner,’ and ‘A stone that makes them stumble, and a rock that makes them fall.’ They stumble because they disobey the word, as they were destined to do. But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God’s own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvellous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God’s people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Gradual hymn:** *(please stand)* 211 ‘We love the place, O God’

##### THE GOSPEL

Priest: Lord, we love the house of your habitation

and the place where your glory abides.

**All 🎜 … Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John *(Jn 10. 22–29)*

All 🎜 Glory to you, O Lord

At that time the festival of the Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was winter, and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the portico of Solomon. So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, ‘How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us plainly.’ Jesus answered, ‘I have told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name testify to me; but you do not believe, because you do not belong to my sheep. My sheep hear my voice. I know them, and they follow me. I give them eternal life, and they will never perish. No one will snatch them out of my hand. What my Father has given me is greater than all else, and no one can snatch it out of the Father’s hand.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ

##### The Sermon

All stand to say the Nicene Creed:

Priest: We believe in one God,

**All: 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.

The Intercession *(please kneel)*

Priest: The risen Christ is here in the midst of us.

We bring our prayers to him as Lord of the Church.

Leader: For the Church universal,

of which these buildings are a visible symbol,

**All: Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For this congregation,

as we remember your promise

that when two or three are gathered in your name

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**All:** **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

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**All:** **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For the benefactors of this place

who have died in the peace of Christ and are at rest,

**All:** **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

For a sense of fellowship with Saint Andrew our patron and all your saints.

**All:** **Lord, receive our thanks and prayer.**

O God, from living stones you prepare an everlasting dwelling-place for your majesty. Grant that in the power of the Holy Spirit, those who serve you here may always be kept within your presence. This we pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**Please remember in your prayers:**

* **those who are ill:** (4) Su Williams, Vera Wood, Peter O’Connor. Maria Parkinson (3) Lynn Burman, Michael Stringer, Michelle Smith, Paul Hogden, Joyce Hetherington, Michael Thackeray, Pauline Smith, Roy and Joan Seymour, Callum Foy, Brian Roughley (2) Mary Lowe, Jenson Wright, Bill Lowson, Zenia, Karen Wilkinson, Stephen Maunsell, Joan Clegg (1)Rob Mudd, Mark Shepherd, Marion Greatorex, Barbara Boscoe, Jacqueline Willington, Eileen Whitehead, Stephen Rawling, Stan Brand, Beryl Bentley
* **those who have died:** Michael Mullen, Mike Brayshaw
* **those whose year's mind falls at this time:**

***Sunday:*** Beryl Stokes

***Monday:*** Doris Jepson

***Thursday:*** John Holmes snr, Joseph Melia, Marjorie Roughley, Jack Carter

***Friday:*** Alice May Savage, Doug Lewis

***Saturday:*** Elsie Gough, Jean Chadwick

#### THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

**The Peace**   *(Please stand)*

Priest:Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.

Peace to this house from his Son, who is our peace.

Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All: and also with you

Priest: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Everyone is invited to share the peace with one another.

**Offertory Hymn:** 311 ‘Lord. enthroned in heavenly splendour’

EUCHARISTIC PRAYER E *(please kneel)*

Priest: The Lord is here

All 🎜 His Spirit is with us

Priest: Lift up your hearts

All 🎜 We lift them to the Lord

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

All 🎜 It is right to give thanks and praise

Priest: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, enthroned upon the praises of your people. We thank you for this house of prayer, in which you bless your family as we come to you in pilgrimage. Here you reveal your presence in sacramental signs, and make us one with you through the unseen bond of grace. Here you build your temple of living stones, and bring the Church to its full stature as the Body of Christ throughout the world, to reach its perfection at last in the heavenly city of Jerusalem, which is the vision of your peace. Therefore, in union with the heavenly Jerusalem, with angels in joyful assembly, with all whose names are written in heaven, and with the spirits of the righteous made perfect, we lift up our voices to join in the triumphal song of praise:

**All** 🎜 **Holy, holy, holy Lord; Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

Priest: 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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

All 🎜 Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

Priest: 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 Saint Andrew and all the saintsto 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, Amen, Amen, Amen**

Priest: Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour 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.

Priest: 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.

**All** 🎜 **Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us, have mercy on us, have mercy.** *(twice)*

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace**.

Priest: God’s holy gifts for God’s holy people:

All: Jesus Christ is holy,

Jesus Christ is Lord,

to the glory of God the Father

Holy Communion is administered at the front of Church. Everyone is warmly invited to receive Holy Communion at this Eucharist. Those who prefer to receive a blessing are also invited to come forward at the same time.

**Hymns during Communion:**

351 ‘In our day of thanksgiving’

Seek ye first the Kingdom of God and his righteousness,

and all these things will be added unto you: Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

You shall not live by bread alone, but by ev’ry word

that proceeds from the mouth of God; Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

Ask and it shall be given unto you, seek and ye shall find;

knock, and it shall be opened unto you; Allelu, alleluia.

*Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, Allelu, alleluia.*

**After Communion:**

Priest: Let us pray:

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

All: 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:** 81 ‘Lord for the years’

Priest: How awesome is this place.

**All: This is none other than the house of God,**

**and this is the gateway of heaven.**

Priest: I saw a ladder which rested on the ground

with its top reaching to heaven,

and the angels of God were going up and down it.

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Priest: You will see greater than this.

You will see heaven wide open,

and God’s angels ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.

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Priest: You are the temple of the living God,

and the Spirit of God dwells in you.

The temple of God is holy, and you are that temple.

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##### THE DISMISSAL GOSPEL

Priest: Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John

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All 🎜 Praise to you, O Christ

Priest:Christ, whose glory is in the heavens, fill this house and illuminate your hearts; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Priest: Like living stones precious in his sight,

go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Services and Notices for the coming week:**

**Today: 12 noon Holy Baptism**

Tues 4th: 7.00pm Parish Office and Choir Practice

Wed 5th: 7.00pm Eucharist

Thurs 6th: 10.30am Eucharist

8.00pm Thursday Ladies' Club meets at the vicarage

**Next Sunday The Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity**

**(9th Sept) 10.00am Sung Eucharist**

**After the service**: please join us for a glass of something to celebrate the Dedication. Soft drinks available. Everyone welcome.

**Car Boot Sale:** raised £476.15 – thank you to everyone who supported it.

**Advance notice:** The **PCC** will meet on Tuesday 25th at 8.00pm (not 11th)

**Dedication Festival 2nd September 2018**

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(All kneel)

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This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

**Hymn:** *(please remain seated)* 392 ‘Bright the vision that delighted’

**second reading overleaf/**

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