



ST PETER'S
ST ALBANS

Welcome to our Services
Sunday 18 September
Fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

All children are welcome at St Peter's. We have a children's corner area in church for families with children with lots of different toys and things to do during the service. Don't worry if they make a noise or move around during the service. Don't be afraid to sit near the front so your children can see what is going on. There are baby changing facilities and toilets in the corridor leading to the church hall.

Welcome

Greeting

The Lord be with you
All **and also with you.**

The steadfast love of the LORD never ceases;
All **his mercies never come to an end;**
they are new every morning;
All **great is your faithfulness.**

Opening Prayer

Loving Shepherd,
you know our names;
you care for us.
When we face darkness and death,
walk beside us.
When we hunger for your love,
fill us with your presence.
When we are fearful,
feed us at your table.
May we dwell in the house of goodness and mercy
all the days of our lives. **Amen.**

Hymn

**1 Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;
To his feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored,
forgiven,
Who like me his praise should sing?
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise the everlasting King.**

**2 Praise him for his grace and
favour
To our fathers in distress;
Praise him still the same for ever,
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.
Praise him! Praise him!
Glorious in his faithfulness.**

**3 Father-like, he tends and spares us;
Well our feeble frame he knows;
In his hands he gently bears us,
Rescues us from all our foes,
Praise him! Praise him!
Widely as his mercy flows.**

**4 Angels, help us to adore him;
Ye behold him face to face;
Sun and moon, bow down before him;
Dwellers all in time and space.
Praise him! Praise him!
Praise with us the God of grace.**

H. F. Lyte (1793-1847)

A Time for Forgiveness

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

All **God of mercy,
we acknowledge that we are all sinners.
We turn from the wrong
that we have thought and said and done,
and are mindful of all that we have failed to do.
For the sake of Jesus, who died for us,
forgive us for all that is past,
and help us to live each day,
in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.**

May God our Father forgive us our sins
and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom,
where sin and death have no dominion. **Amen.**

Our Prayer for Today

Reading - Revelation 21:1-7

This is the word of the Lord

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

**1 Ye holy angels bright,
Who wait at God's right hand,
Or through the realms of light
Fly at your Lord's command,
Assist our song,
For else the theme
Too high doth seem
For mortal tongue.**

**3 Ye saints, who toil below,
Adore your heavenly King,
And onward as ye go
Some joyful anthem sing;
Take what he gives
And praise him still,
Through good or ill,
Who ever lives!**

**2 Ye blessed souls at rest,
Who ran this earthly race,
And now, from sin released,
Behold the Saviour's face,
God's praises sound,
As in his sight
With sweet delight
Ye do abound.**

**4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
Triumph in God above:
And with a well-tuned heart
Sing thou the songs of love!
Let all thy days
Till life shall end,
Whate'er he send,
Be filled with praise.**

Richard Baxter 1615-91 and others

The Gospel Reading - John 11:17-27

When Jesus arrived, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, some two miles away, and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, while Mary stayed at home. Martha said to Jesus, 'Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask of him.' Jesus said to her, 'Your brother will rise again.' Martha said to him, 'I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on

the last day.’ Jesus said to her, ‘I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?’ She said to him, ‘Yes, Lord, I believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one coming into the world.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Talk

The Creed

Do you believe and trust in God the Father?

All **I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ?

All **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?

All **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.**

Our Prayers for Others

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All **hear our prayer.**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

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

The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Hymn

**1 All people that on earth do dwell,
Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;
Him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,
Come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**3 O enter then his gates with praise,
Approach with joy his courts unto;
Praise, laud, and bless his name always,
For it is seemly so to do.**

**5 To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,
The God whom heaven and earth adore,
From men and from the Angel-host
Be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

**2 The Lord, ye know, is God
indeed,
Without our aid he did us make;
We are his folk, he doth us feed,
And for his sheep he doth us take.**

**4 For why? The Lord our God is
good;
His mercy is for ever sure;
His truth at all times firmly stood,
And shall from age to age endure.**

William Kethe d1594

The Thanksgiving Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond;

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

The thanksgiving prayer continues until

Great is the mystery of faith:

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

The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, ending with

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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 the Bread and Invitation to Communion

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.**

The choir sing during communion.

Prayer after Communion

All **Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship,
united in prayer and the breaking of bread,
and one in joy and simplicity of heart,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hymn

Glorious things of thee are spoken, Sion, city of our God; He whose word cannot be broken Formed thee for his own abode: On the Rock of Ages founded, What can shake thy sure repose? With salvation's walls surrounded, Thy may'st smile at all thy foes.	See, the streams of living waters, Springing from eternal love, Well supply thy sons and daughters, And all fear of want remove: Who can faint, while such a river Ever flows their thirst to assuage? Grace, which like the Lord the giver, Never fails from age to age.
Saviour, if of Sion's city I through grace a member am, Let the world decide or pity, I will glory in thy name: Fading in the worldling's pleasure, All his boasted pomp and show, Solid joys, and lasting treasure None but Sion's children know.	<p style="text-align: right;"><i>John Newton 1725-1807</i></p>

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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Upcoming Dates...

<p>Sunday 18 September 8am BCP Communion Service 10am Communion Service 2pm Heritage Open Day 6.30pm Choral Evensong 7pm Sundays@7</p> <p>Monday 19 September 15 10.30am Queen's funeral screened in church with refreshments.</p> <p>Wednesday 21 September 9.30am Baby Time 1pm Lunchtime Concerts <i>Nico Buri (guitarist)</i></p>	<p>Thursday 22 September 9.30am Toddler Time</p> <p>Sunday 25 September 8am BCP Communion Service 10am Communion Service 6.30pm Themed Evensong <i>The Life and Work of Philip Larkin</i></p> <p>Saturday 24 September 4pm Licensing Service for Margaret Blake <i>at the Cathedral</i> 5pm WI Organ Recital <i>Peter Wright</i></p>
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