



ST PETER'S
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Welcome to our Service
Sunday 4 June 2023
Trinity Sunday

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. There is no Junior Church today.

Welcome and Introduction

The Lord be with you
and also with you.
Let us worship God the Creator,
who is filled with glory and power, with holiness and splendour.
Let us worship God the Saviour,
who is filled with love and compassion, with justice and peace.
Let us worship God the Spirit,
who fills us with faith and joy, with love and eternal life.

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!**

**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.**

**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.**

**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

All

Holy God,

**we know that you are always there to lead us,
yet we somehow lose our way
and fall back into selfish ways.**

**We confess that we have stumbled,
and we recognise our need for you to lift us up
and help us start again.**

**Forgive us our failings, restore us to strength,
and reconcile us with you, ourselves, and each other,
through the power of Christ and the gift of your Spirit. Amen.**

Prayer for Today

The Gloria

**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.**

**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.**

**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. Amen.**

Reading *Isaiah 40: 12-17, 27-31*

¹²Who has measured the waters in the hollow of his hand
and marked off the heavens with a span,
enclosed the dust of the earth in a measure,
and weighed the mountains in scales
and the hills in a balance?

¹³Who has directed the spirit of the LORD,
or as his counsellor has instructed him?

¹⁴Whom did he consult for his enlightenment,
and who taught him the path of justice?

Who taught him knowledge,
and showed him the way of understanding?

¹⁵Even the nations are like a drop from a bucket,
and are accounted as dust on the scales;
see, he takes up the isles like fine dust.

¹⁶Lebanon would not provide fuel enough,
nor are its animals enough for a burnt-offering.

¹⁷All the nations are as nothing before him;
they are accounted by him as less than nothing and emptiness.

²⁷Why do you say, O Jacob, and speak, O Israel,
'My way is hidden from the LORD, and my right is disregarded by my God'?

²⁸Have you not known? Have you not heard?

The LORD is the everlasting God, the Creator of the ends of the earth.
He does not faint or grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable.

²⁹He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless.

³⁰Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted;

³¹but those who wait for the LORD shall renew their strength,
they shall mount up with wings like eagles,
they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God**

Hymn

**1 May the grace of Christ our Saviour
and the Father's boundless love
with the Holy Spirit's favour
rest upon us from above.**

**2 Thus may we abide in union
with each other and the Lord,
and possess in sweet communion
joys which earth cannot afford.**

**3 To the God whose wisdom made us,
to the Son who set us free,
to the sanctifying Spirit,
glory, endless glory be! Amen.**

John Newton (1725-1807)

Gospel Reading *Matthew 28: 16-20*

¹⁶Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷When they saw him, they worshipped him; but some doubted. ¹⁸And Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord

All **Praise to you, O Christ**

Sermon

Affirmation of Faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

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

We believe in God the Father, who created all things:

All **for by his will they were created and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son, who was slain:

All **for with his blood, he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All **the Spirit and the Bride say,
'Come!' Even so come, Lord Jesus! 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 triune God be always with you

All **and also with you.**

Hymn

**1 Affirm anew the three-fold name
of Father, Spirit, Son,
our God whose saving acts proclaim
a world's salvation won.
In him alone we live and move
and breath and being find,
the wayward children of his love
who cares for humankind.**

**3 Confirm our faith in this our day
amid earth's shifting sand,
with Christ as Life and Truth and Way,
a Rock on which to stand;
the one eternal Son and Lord
by God the Father given,
the true and life-imparting Word,
the Way that leads to heaven.**

**2 Declare in all the earth his grace,
to every heart his call,
the living Lord of time and place
whose love embraces all.
So shall his endless praise be sung,
his teaching truly heard,
and every culture, every tongue,
receive his timeless word.**

**4 Renew once more the ancient fire,
let love our hearts inflame;
renew, restore, unite, inspire
the Church that bears your name;
one name exalted over all,
one Father, Spirit, Son,
O grant us grace to heed your call
and in that name be one.**

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 by singing:

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

The president recalls the Last Supper, concluding with;

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

... for ever and ever.

All **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

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.**

Prayer after Communion

All **Almighty and eternal God,
you have revealed yourself as Father,
Son and Holy Spirit,
and live and reign in the perfect unity of love:
hold us firm in this faith,
that we may know you in all your ways
and evermore rejoice in your eternal glory,
who are three Persons yet one God,
now and for ever. Amen**

Hymn

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to thee;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! all the saints adore thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before thee,
Which wert, and art, and evermore shalt be.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! though the darkness hide thee,
Though the eye of sinful man thy glory may not see,
Only thou art holy, there is none beside thee
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.**

**Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth, and sky, and sea;
Holy, Holy, Holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!**

Reginald Heber (1783-1826)

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 Events

Sunday 4 June

8am BCP Communion Service
10am Communion Service for
Trinity Sunday
6.30pm Holiday Evensong

Monday 5 June

11am Lectio Divina in the Library

Tuesday 6 June

2pm Tea on Tuesday

Wednesday 7 June

9.30am Baby Time
1pm Lunchtime Concert
*Oliver Morrell (tenor) &
Will Simms (piano)*

Thursday 8 June

9.30am Toddler Time

Sunday 11 June

8am BCP Communion Service
10am Communion Service with
Junior Church
11am *Church on the Move*
presentation during coffee
6.30pm Choral Evensong

Saturday 17 June

11am-2pm St Peter's Fest

Saturday 24 June

11am Pilgrimage sets off from
St Peter's
7.30pm Sandringham Community
Choir Concert at St Peter's