



ST PETER'S
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Welcome to our Services
Sunday 20 November
Christ the King

All children are welcome at St Peter's. We have a children's corner area 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 the church during the service. If you would rather sit in the pews, don't be afraid to be 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. This Sunday there is no Junior Church.

Welcome and Introduction

All The Lord be with you
and also with you

Hymn

**1 Crown him with many crowns,
the Lamb upon his throne.
Hark! how the heavenly anthem
drowns
all music but its own.
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king
through all eternity.**

**3 Crown him the lord of peace,
whose power the sceptre sways
from pole to pole that wars may
cease,
absorbed in prayer and praise:
his reign shall know no end,
and round his pierced feet
fair flowers of paradise extend
their fragrance ever sweet.**

**2 Crown him the Virgin's Son,
the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies
won
which now his brow adorn:
Fruit of the mystic rose,
as of that rose the stem;
the root whence mercy ever flows,
the babe of Bethlehem.**

**4 Crown him the Lord of years,
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
ineffably sublime.
Glassed in a sea of light,
Where everlasting waves
Reflect his throne –the infinite!
Who lives – and loves – and saves.**

A Time for Forgiveness

The kingdom is yours,
but we turn away from your just rule:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

The power is yours,
but we trust in our own power and strength:
Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

The glory is yours,
but we fall short of the glory of God:
Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Prayer for Today

The Choir sings Psalm 46

Reading *Colossians 1:11-20*

¹¹May you be made strong with all the strength that comes from his glorious power, and may you be prepared to endure everything with patience, while joyfully ¹²giving thanks to the Father, who has enabled you to share in the inheritance of the saints in the light. ¹³He has rescued us from the power of darkness and transferred us into the kingdom of his beloved Son, ¹⁴in whom we have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

¹⁵He is the image of the invisible God, the firstborn of all creation; ¹⁶for in him all things in heaven and on earth were created, things visible and invisible, whether thrones or dominions or rulers or powers—all things have been created through him and for him. ¹⁷He himself is before all things, and in him all things hold together. ¹⁸He is the head of the body, the church; he is the beginning, the firstborn from the dead, so that he might come to have first place in everything. ¹⁹For in him all the fullness of God was pleased to

dwell,²⁰ and through him God was pleased to reconcile to himself all things, whether on earth or in heaven, by making peace through the blood of his cross.

This is the Word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God.

Hymn

**1. The kingdom of God is justice and joy,
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy;
God's power and glory in Jesus we know,
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.**

**2. The kingdom of God is mercy and grace,
The lepers are cleansed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share,
And hope is awakened in place of despair.**

**3. The kingdom of God is challenge and choice,
Believe the Good News, repent and rejoice!
His love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross,
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.**

**4. The kingdom is come, the gift and the goal,
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole;
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call,
And all things cry glory to God all in all!**

Bryn Rees (1911-1983)

Reading *Luke 23:33-43*

³³When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. ³⁴Then Jesus said, 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.' And they cast lots to divide his clothing. ³⁵And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!' ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up

and offering him sour wine,³⁷ and saying, 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!' ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'

³⁹One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding^[e] him and saying, 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!' ⁴⁰But the other rebuked him, saying, 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation?' ⁴¹And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.' ⁴²Then he said, 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.' ⁴³He replied, 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

This is the gospel of the Lord

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Affirmation of Faith

**All I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
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.
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 At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty Word.**

**3 Name him, Christians, name
him,
with love strong as death,
but with awe and wonder
and with bated breath:
he is God the Saviour,
he is Christ the Lord,
Ever to be worshipped,
Trusted and adored.**

**2 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious
when from death he passed:**

**4 Surely, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.**

Caroline Noel (1817-77)

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 we 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;

Praise to you, Lord Jesus:

**All Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

*The Prayer continues and leads into the doxology, ending with
...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

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.**

Christ is the true bread which has come down from heaven.

All **Lord, give us this bread always.**

The Prayer after Communion

All **Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Hymn

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The heavens are not too high,
his praise may thither fly;
the earth is not too low,
his praises there may grow.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

**Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!
The church with psalms must shout,
no door can keep them out;
but above all, the heart
must bear the longest part.
Let all the world in every corner sing,
My God and King!**

George Herbert 1593 - 1632

The Blessing and Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

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Sunday 20 November

8am BCP Communion Service

10am Communion Service

6.30pm Evensong

7pm Sundays @7

Kahoots Quiz Night

Wednesday 23 November

9.30am Baby Time

1pm Lunchtime Concerts

Tim Peake (Piano)

Thursday 24 November

9.30am Toddler Time

Saturday 26 November

7.30pm Mosaic Concert

Sunday 27 November

8am BCP Communion Service

10am Communion Service

with Junior Church

6.30pm Advent Carol Service

Followed by refreshments

Saturday 3 December

10am Christmas Messy Church

11am Christingle Service

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