

WELCOME TO
ST PETER'S
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The Parish Eucharist for Easter



Welcome to St Peter's Church!

The season of Easter is the period of 50 days, spanning from Easter Sunday to Pentecost. Over this time we celebrate the joyful good news of Christ's resurrection. However, the resurrection itself is only the beginning of new life. The weeks of resurrection appearances, the ascension, and the waiting in Jerusalem for the spirit are all part of Easter as well. This is a time of grace and joy and thanksgiving, and the longest season of the church year. Easter is a season rather than a day. So even if we arrive at Easter morning without feeling full of joy, it is a promise of things to come.

Please join in saying the words in **bold print**.

If you are new, we are delighted to see you! Please do make yourself known to one of the sidespeople.

At the time of communion everyone is warmly invited to come to the altar to receive communion or a blessing. All who have previously taken communion are most welcome to receive it here. If you need a gluten-free wafer, please tell one of the sidespeople.

We usually keep the third Sunday of the month at 10am as a service for all ages. On other Sundays, children are invited to the St Peter's Rooms behind the church for activities suitable for their age group. They return to church in time for communion or a blessing. Of course, if you prefer to stay in the main church with your children, you are most welcome to do so. A selection of toys is available in the children's area straight ahead from the main church door.

Setting: Holy Trinity

Welcome and Greeting

The priest welcomes the congregation before the first hymn is sung.

Hymn

(please stand)

Praise the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ:
**he has given us new life and hope
by raising Jesus from the dead. Amen.**

God has claimed us as his own.
**He has brought us out of darkness,
He has made us light to the world.**

Alleluia! Christ is risen.
He is risen indeed, alleluia!

Prayer of Preparation

(please be seated or kneel)

**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.**

Prayers of Penitence

Jesus Christ, risen Master and triumphant Lord, we come to you in sorrow for our sins, and confess to you our weakness and unbelief.

Like Mary at the empty tomb, we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

Like the disciples behind locked doors, we are afraid to be seen as your followers. Christ have mercy. **Christ have mercy.**

Like Thomas in the upper room, we are slow to believe. Lord have mercy. **Lord have mercy.**

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from your sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Gloria in excelsis

**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 God 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. Amen. Amen. Amen.**

The Collect

Liturgy of the Word

First Reading

(please be seated)

At the end of the reading the reader says:

For the gift of the Word
Thanks be to God.

Hymn

(please stand)

Second Reading

(please be seated)

At the end of the reading the reader says:

For the gift of the Word
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

(please stand)

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

I am the first and the last, says the Lord, and the living one;
I was dead, and behold I am alive for evermore.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*
Glory to you, O Lord.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

We sing
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Sermon

After the sermon a time of silence may be kept.

The Creed

**We believe in one God,
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.**

Prayers of Intercession

(please be seated or kneel)

We may use one of the following responses:

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**
or Lord, hear us, **Lord, graciously hear us**

After the final prayer we may say:

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

Liturgy of the Eucharist

The Peace

(please stand)

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said,
'Peace be with you.'

Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn

*If you wish to donate to the mission and ministry of the church, there is
a collection plate on a stand in the main aisle opposite the door.*

Offering Bread and Wine

Be present, be present,
Lord Jesus Christ, our risen high priest,
and make yourself known in the breaking of bread.
Amen.

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.
You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace.
You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets
to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.
As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore praising you and singing:

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

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,
yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Amen. Lord, we believe.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end,
he gave himself to death for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
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.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross,
we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb,
we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ
and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth,
heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.

Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with Mary, Peter and all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

(please be seated or kneel)

Lord Jesus, remember us in your kingdom, and teach us to pray:

**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 the Bread

We break this bread
to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.
Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.
Jesus, redeemer of the world, give us your peace.**

Invitation to Communion

Everyone is invited to the altar to receive communion or a prayer of blessing. All who usually take communion are most welcome to receive it here.

Come to this table not because you must but because you may.
Come not because you have all faith but because you have some
faith and would like to grow in it.

Come because you love the Lord a little and would like to love
him more.

Come because he loves you and wants to give you everything.
Come because all is ready, and we are his Body.

or

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Anthem

Hymn

(please remain seated)

Prayer after Communion

The prayer for the day, then:

**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.**

or

**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.**

Notices

Hymn

(please stand)

The Blessing

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
through the blood of the eternal covenant,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will,
working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.
Amen.

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, Alleluia.
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.

We hope you will be able to stay for coffee (served in the Parish Room).

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