

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT
SUNDAY, MARCH 5, 2023, 10:00AM

WELCOME

We are delighted to welcome you to St Peter's this morning, as we celebrate together the Eucharist—the Mass—the gift of Christ's presence with us in bread and in wine.

You are especially welcome if you are worshipping with us for the first time. Do say hello after the service as we share tea and coffee, meeting with friends new and old.

In this service, we invite you to say the words together and to stand and sit as indicated if you are able. However, you are also welcome to stay seated throughout if you prefer. Please feel free to take this service order home with you as a reminder of the occasion or an aid to prayer.

If you have brought small children, thank you! Feel free to explore the space with them, and to use the toys and books provided at the back of Church.



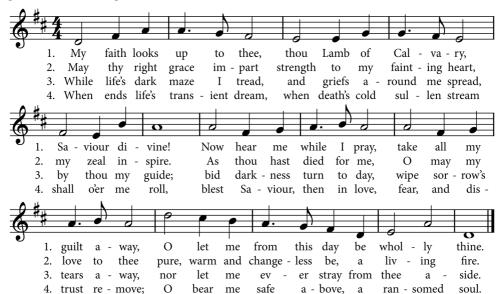
a church which worships, nurtures, and takes action

The church is open every day from 9am - 6pm for silent prayer and reflection.

GATHERING

My Faith Looks Up to Thee

please stand and sing



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Celebrant In the name of the +Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit

All Amen

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All And also with you

WELCOME

CONFESSION

Celebrant Let us acknowledge our sins, and so prepare ourselves to celebrate these sacred mysteries.

All Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.





music: Romee Day

Celebrant

May Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, +have mercy upon us, pardon and deliver us from all our sins, confirm and strengthen us in all goodness, and keep us in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen

COLLECT

Celebrant

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All



FIRST READING

Genesis 12.1-4a

please be seated

Reader A reading from the book of Genesis

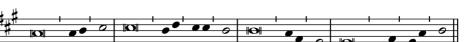
Now the Lord said to Abram, 'Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed.' So Abram went, as the Lord had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran.

Reader This is the word of the Lord

All Thanks be to God

PSALM 121





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Cantor

I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my | help to | come? My help comes from the Lord, the | maker of | heaven and | earth. He will not suffer your foot to stumble;

he who watches over you | will not | sleep.

Behold, he who keeps watch over

Israel | shall neither | slumber nor | sleep. R/

The Lord himself watches over you;

the Lord is your shade at | your right | hand,

So that the sun shall not strike you by

day, | neither the | moon by | night.

The Lord shall keep you from all evil;

it is he who shall | keep your | soul.

The Lord shall keep watch over your going out and your coming in, from | this time | forth for | evermore. R/

SECOND READING

Romans 4.1-5, 13-17

Reader

A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Romans

What then are we to say was gained by Abraham, our ancestor according to the flesh? For if Abraham was justified by works, he has something to boast about, but not before God. For what does the scripture say? 'Abraham believed God, and it was reckoned to him as righteousness.' Now to one who works, wages are not reckoned as a gift but as something due. But to one who without works trusts him who justifies the ungodly, such faith is reckoned as righteousness. For the promise that he would inherit the world did not come to Abraham or to his descendants through the law but through the righteousness of faith. If it is the adherents of the law who are to be the heirs, faith is null and the promise is void. For the law brings wrath; but where there is no law, neither is there violation. For this reason it depends on faith, in order that the promise may rest on grace and be guaranteed to all his descendants, not only to the adherents of the law but also to those who share the faith of Abraham (for he is the father of all of us, as it is written, 'I have made you the father of many nations')—in the presence of the God in whom he believed, who gives life to the dead and calls into existence the things that do not exist.

Reader

This is the word of the Lord

All

Thanks be to God

please stand for the gospel

GOSPEL

John 3.1-17 please stand

Cantor, then All



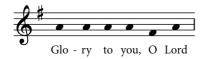
Celebrant The Lord be with you

All



Celebrant A reading from the holy gospel according to St John

All



Celebrant

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews. He came to Jesus by night and said to him, 'Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.' Jesus answered him, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother's womb and be born?' Jesus answered, 'Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit. What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit. Do not be astonished that I said to you, "You must be born from above." The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.' Nicodemus said to him, 'How can these things be?' Jesus answered him, 'Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things? 'Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that

whoever believes in him may have eternal life. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. 'Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.



SERMON

Hope Fredericks please be seated

CREED

please stand

All

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 kneel or remain standing

Intercessor Lord, in your mercy Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord

All Hear our prayer and may thy light perpetual

shine upon them

May they rest in peace

And rise in glory

Intercessor Merciful Father

All Accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ, Amen

PEACE

please stand

Celebrant Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our

Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of

the Lord be always with you.

All And also with you

OFFERTORY HYMN

The God of Abraham Praise

please remain standing to sing



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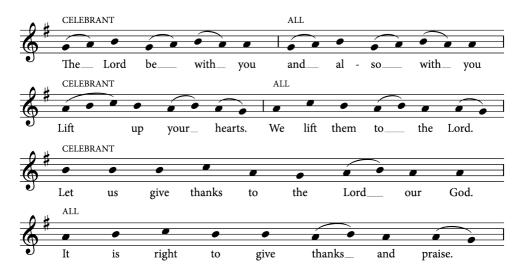
PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

Celebrant

God of mercy and compassion, your Word calls us home to faith and love. accept all we offer you this day; we ask this through Jesus Christ the Lord.

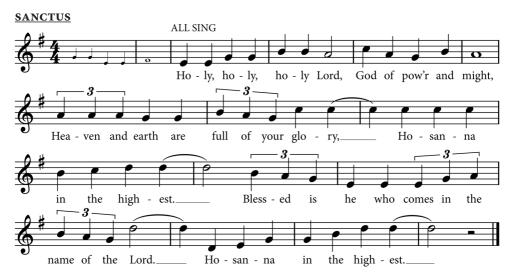
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Celebrant

It is truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, Lord, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Christ our Lord. For after he had told the disciples of his coming Death, on the holy mountain he manifested to them his glory, to show, even by the testimony of the law and the prophets, that the Passion leads to the glory of the Resurrection. And so, with the Powers of heaven, we worship you constantly on earth, and before your majesty without end we acclaim:



music: Romee Day

Celebrant

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When we turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast. From us you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; who on the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION



music: Romee Day

Celebrant

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross, his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world; rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension, and looking for his coming in glory, we celebrate this memorial of our redemption. As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, we bring before you this bread and this cup and we thank you for counting us worthy to stand in your presence and serve you. Send the Holy Spirit on your people and gather into one in your kingdom all who share this one bread and one cup, so that we, in the company of Mary our Lady, Peter our Patron, and all God's saints, may praise and glorify you for ever, through Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory are yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

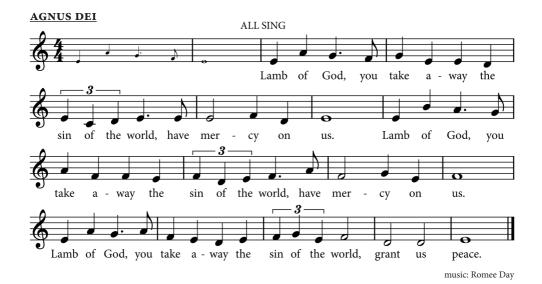
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LORD'S PRAYER

Celebrant As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

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



Celebrant Behold, Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

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

GIVING OF COMMUNION

All who have been admitted to Communion and receive Communion in their home churches are welcome to receive Communion at St Peter's.

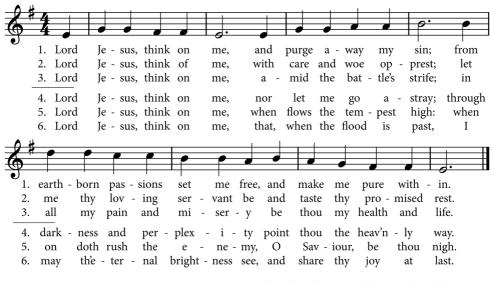
Children and those who do not wish to receive Communion are welcome to come forward to Fr Simon for a blessing. Please indicate you would like a blessing by, for example, folding your arms across your chest.

Communion is administered in both forms: bread and wine. If you wish to receive from the chalice, please drink directly rather than dipping the bread into the cup. If you feel at all unwell or have been in close contact with someone who is unwell please refrain from receiving from the chalice.

COMMUNION HYMN

Lord Jesus, Think on Me

please be seated to sing



music: southwell (damon), from *The Psalmes* in English Metre, adapt. William Damon; words: *Mnõeo Christe* by Bishop Synesius; © 2004 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

please kneel or stand

Celebrant

Almighty God, you see that we have no power of ourselves to help ourselves: keep us both outwardly in our bodies, and inwardly in our souls; that we may be defended from all adversities which may happen to the body, and from all evil thoughts which may assault and hurt the soul; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All



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

please be seated

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

please stand

Celebrant The Lord be with you

All And also with you

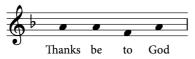
Celebrant Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with

you always.

All Amen

Celebrant Go in the peace of Christ

All



CLOSING HYMN

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy

please remain standing to sing



- 1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer cy, like the wide ness of the sea;__
- 2. There is no placewhere earth's sor rows are more felt__ than up in heav'n;
- 3. For the love of God is broad er than the scope of hu man kind,
- 4. But we make his love too nar row by false lim its of our own;
- 5. There is plen ti ful re demp-tion in the blood that has been shed;
- 6. If our love were but more sim ple, we should take_ him at his word;



- 1. there's a kind-ness in his jus-tice, which is more than li ber ty.
- 2. there is no place where earth's fail ings have such kind ly judge ment giv'n.
- 3. and the heart of the E ter nal is most won der ful ly kind
- 4. and we mag ni fy his strict-ness with a zeal_ he will not own.
- 5. there is joy for all the mem-bers in the sor rows of the Head.
- 6. and our lives would be all glad-ness in the joy_ of Christ our Lord.

music: cross of jesus, John Stainer; words: Frederick William Faber; © 2004 Kevin Mayhew Ltd.

ORGAN POSTLUDE

Please remain standing as the procession passes, after which you are welcome to sit and listen to the organ postlude.

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THIS WEEK

Morning and Evening Prayer 20 minutes of prayer and reflection to begin and end the day. All are welcome. 8:30am and 5:30pm, Monday-Wednesday and Friday.

Next Wednesday, March 8th Our Lenten devotions take place slightly earlier with Stations of the Cross at 5:00pm, 30 minutes of silent Adoration at 6:00pm, and International Women's Day Low Mass at 6:30pm, celebrated by Joanne, Bishop of Stepney.

Saturday Morning Series Continues with Silence on Saturday, March 11th at 10:00am, an opportunity to encounter God in the stillness.

Next Sunday, March 12th at 10:00am Third Sunday of Lent. Noisy Church for children continues during term time.

TOILET AND BABY-CHANGING

Accessible toilets and baby-changing facilities are available downstairs in the crypt, via the ramp at the north side of the Church.

NOISY CHURCH FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

A great way to have fun, ask questions, and explore life and faith! All children are welcome. Children must be accompanied by a parent or carer for their first time and then subsequently if under Reception age.

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WEEKDAYS



WORSHIP

SUPPORT US

There are many ways to support St Peter's financially. If you are visiting us, it's easy to make use of the gift aid envelopes or contactless donation machines in church. You can also make a single or recurring donation online via our website or the QR codes above. Weekly or monthly donations are the best means of supporting St Peter's.

Every donation is valued and goes directly to support our mission and ministry. Thank you!

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