

Holy Communion



Remembrance Sunday 8am

Welcome to St. Peter's for this act of worship and remembrance.

This time of year is marked by the theme of remembrance as we remember those who gave their lives in war so that we can enjoy the benefits we so often take for granted. We also pray for those who suffer as a result of war and those who make decisions that affect the lives of others.

At the heart of this service we express our communion with God whose love for all creation is revealed in Jesus Christ. We make this act of worship and remembrance for ourselves, for all whom we live and work with, for those whom we love but see no longer, and for those who have died in the service of this country.

We also remember those who have lost their lives due to the Coronavirus pandemic and all those who have given theirs willingly in the support and care of others.

Introduction

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit † **Amen.**

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

Welcome

Some words of welcome are given.

Prayer of Preparation

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. We are invited to confess our sins:

Let us confess to God the sins and shortcomings of the world; its pride, its selfishness, its greed; its evil decisions and hatreds.

Let us confess our share in what is wrong, and our failure to seek and establish that peace which God wills for his children.

We say together:

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy
forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly,
love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

Absolution

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

Amen.

We Praise God

We proclaim God's glory in the words of the Jubilate:

O be joyful in the Lord, all the earth; serve the Lord with gladness And come before his presence with a song.

Know that the Lord is God; it is he that has made us and we are his; We are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving and his courts with praise; Give thanks to him and bless his name.

For the Lord is gracious; his steadfast love is everlasting, And his faithfulness endures from generation to generation.

(Psalm 100)

The Collect

The collect is introduced with 'Let us pray', we then pray together:

God, our refuge and our strength, bring near the day when wars shall cease and poverty and pain shall end, that earth may know the peace of heaven through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Reading

At the end of which the reader says:

This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

The Gospel

Please stand.

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

At the end:

This is the Gospel of the Lord. **Praise be to thee, O Christ.**

Sermon

Please be seated

Please stand as we affirm our faith together:

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in one God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Intercessions

This or another response is used:

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

Then at the end:

Merciful Father

Accept these prayers, for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Peace

Please stand

To crown all things there must be love, to bind all together and complete the whole. Let the peace of Christ rule in our hearts.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of Christ's peace.

We exchange a sign of peace.

The Altar is Prepared

The table is prepared and the bread and wine placed upon it.

The president gives thanks for all the offerings:

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendour and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours. All things come from you, and of your own do we give you.

Eucharistic Prayer

Please stand

The Lord be with you and also with you.

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.

It is right to praise you, Father, Lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself
When we turned away you did not reject us, but came to meet us in your Son.
You embraced us as your children
And welcomed us to sit and eat with you

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us. He opened his arms of love on the cross and made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin.

On the night he was betrayed, at supper with his friends he took bread, and gave you thanks; he broke it and gave it to them saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: His body is the bread of life

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me.

Father, we do this in remembrance of him: His blood is shed for all.

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory, send your Holy Spirit that this bread and this wine may be to us the body and blood of your dear son. As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us one in Christ, our risen Lord.

With your whole Church throughout the world we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our voice to join the eternal song of heaven:

Holy, holy, Lord God of hosts, heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Glory be to thee, O Lord most high.

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Please sit or kneel.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

Our Father, who art in heaven hallowed be thy name thy kingdom come, thy will be done; on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory, for ever and ever.
Amen.

Breaking of 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.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: have mercy upon us.

O Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: grant us peace.

Invitation to Communion

Draw near with faith.

Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you.

Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

The Communion

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

If you would rather receive a blessing, please keep your hands down and your head bowed.

After Communion

We pray together:

You have opened to us the Scriptures, O Christ, and you have made yourself know in the breaking of the bread.

Abide with us, we pray, that, blessed by your royal presence, we may walk with you all the days of our life, and at its end behold you in the glory of the eternal Trinity, one God for ever and ever.

Amen.

Act of Remembrance

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping those who have died for their country in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; and all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

The names of the fallen are read.

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old: Age shall not weary them nor the years condemn. At the going down of the sun and in the morning we will remember them.

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The Silence

A time of silence is observed; the words from the Kohima memorial are then read:

'When you go home, tell them of us and say - For your tomorrow, we gave our today.'

Act of Commitment

Let us pledge ourselves anew to the service of God and our fellow men and women: that we may help, encourage, and comfort others, and support those working for the relief of the needy and for the peace and welfare of the nations:

Lord God our Father,
we pledge ourselves
to serve you and all mankind,
in the cause of peace,
for the relief of want and suffering,
and for the praise of your name.
Guide us by your Spirit;
give us wisdom;
give us courage;
give us hope;
and keep us faithful
now and always.
Amen.

The Blessing

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory.

And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit † be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Go in the light and peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

The clergy depart.

A Prayer for Remembrance Sunday

God of justice and peace,
we pray for those who have been injured
or disabled through war.
For those who have lost homes
and security through conflict;
for those who have lost loved relatives in wars;
for those who face danger and take risks for peace;
for all those, especially children, caught up in current conflicts;
for refugees and all those in need of aid and other help.
God of encouragement
and Saviour of the despairing,
comfort those who remember past sacrifices
and guide us in building
a just and peaceful community for all.

Amen.