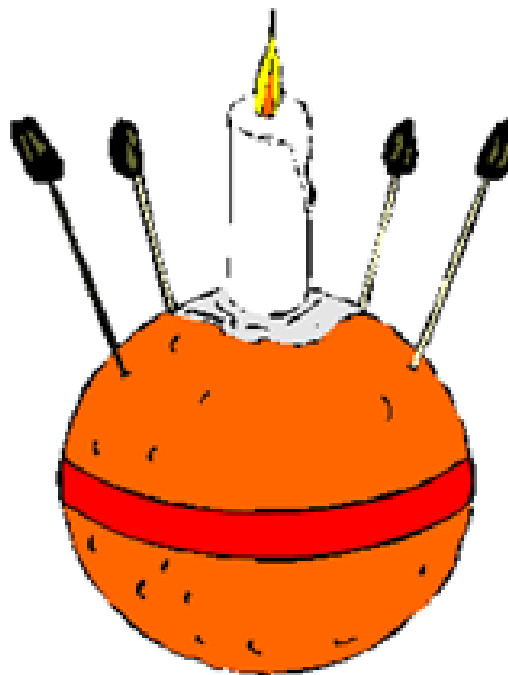




**St Peter's**

Leckhampton  
Parish Church

# Holy Communion



# Christingle

## **Welcome to St Peter's Church**

*If this is your first visit, you are particularly welcome and it is hoped that you feel at home here.*

## **Christingle**

*Today we celebrate Candlemas in the church calendar. Candlemas marks the end of the Epiphany season when we are called to take Christ's light out into the world, which we are reminded of by the Christingles.*

*Notices and any banns of marriage are read.*

## **Processional Hymn**

*Please stand to sing.*

## **Welcome**

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.**

*Please sit.*

*Some words of welcome are given.*

## **Introduction**

Today we remember that the whole world used to be in darkness. But now, because of Jesus' light, we can see how deep God's love is for us and can share this love with those who are facing dark situations.

## **Lighting of the Paschal Candle**

*The Paschal Candle is lit.*

Jesus Christ is the Light of the world.  
**Lord, fix our eyes on your shining light.**

Jesus Christ welcomes us home.  
**Lord, we thank you that we are a part of your family.**

Jesus calls us to love one another.

**Lord, help us to love all of our brothers and sisters.**

Jesus Christ calls us to outshine the darkness.

**Lord, help us to be a family to all who are in crisis.**

## **We Say Sorry**

*Please stand.*

*The deacon says:*

Let us say sorry for those things which we have done wrong and ask for God's forgiveness.

*Silence is kept.*

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

For behaving just how we wish and not thinking of you.

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

For failing you by what we do, think or say.

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

## **We are Forgiven**

May God the Father, who is love;  
Jesus the Son, who is grace;  
and God the Holy Spirit, who is truth,  
give you pardon and peace †  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.  
**Amen.**

## We Praise God

*Please stand:*

Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo-ry to the Lord, Glo -ry to the Lord God Al-migh - ty.  
Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo-ry to the Lord, Glo -ry to the Lord God Al-migh - ty. Who  
was and is and is to come, Glo - ry, Glo - ry, Glo - ry to the Lord!

## The Collect

*We pray the collect together:*

**God of love, Father of all, the darkness that covered the earth has given way to the bright dawn of your Word made flesh. Make us a people of this light. Make us faithful to your Word that we may bring your light to the waiting world. Grant this through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Reading

*Please sit.*

*The response at the end of the reading is:*

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

## Gospel Hymn

*Please stand sing.*

*Please turn to face the Gospel book.*

## The Gospel

*The choir sings the Alleluia, the congregation then repeats:*

Organ introduction



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
- lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The image shows a musical score for an Alleluia. It consists of two staves of music in G major (one sharp) and 6/8 time. The first staff begins with an organ introduction and then features a vocal line starting with a forte (f) dynamic. The lyrics 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -' are written below the first staff. The second staff continues the vocal line with the lyrics '- lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.' The music is written in a simple, melodic style with some grace notes and slurs.

*The deacon proclaims:*

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

*Then at the end:*

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

*We all sing:*

Organ introduction



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le -  
- lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

This image is identical to the one above, showing a musical score for an Alleluia with two staves of music and lyrics: 'Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - - lu - ia. al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.'

## Sermon

*Please sit.*

## Profession of Faith

*Please stand.*

Let us declare our faith together:

**We believe in God the Father,  
from whom every family  
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,  
who lives in our hearts through faith,  
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,  
who strengthens us  
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
Amen.**

## Prayers

*Please sit or kneel.*

*The response to each prayer is:*

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.*

God calls us into his marvellous light to share this light with the world and to live in love and peace with all.

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

*The deacon says:*

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

*All may exchange a sign of peace.*

## Hymn

*Please stand to sing; the altar is prepared.*

**The Christingle begins with an orange,  
like the world which the Lord God made.  
For creation is full of his glory;  
all around we see his love displayed.**

***Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!  
Sing Christingle, it's the Light of Christ.  
Sing Christingle! Sing Christingle!  
Sing Christingle, Light of Christ.***

**Every year we give thanks for the seasons,  
and the fruits of the earth we share.  
The Christingle is here to remind us  
that the love of God is everywhere.**

***Sing Christingle...***

**God of love, we give thanks now for Jesus;  
we remember his birth again.  
But the red ribbon round the Christingle  
tells the story of his cross and pain.**

*Sing Christingle...*

**To complete the Christingle : a candle,  
telling us of the world's true light.  
For the darkness has not overcome it,  
Jesus shines on in the darkest night.**

*Sing Christingle...*

*(Tune: Sing Hosanna)*

## **We Give Thanks**

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 voices to join the eternal song of heaven:

Organ introduction

*mp*  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,

*cresc.* *mf*  
God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho -

*mp* *cresc.*  
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the

*mf* *mp*  
Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*Please sit or kneel.*

## The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we 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 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.**

## We Sing

Organ introduction

The musical notation consists of three staves in G major, 4/4 time. The first staff is an organ introduction. The second staff is a vocal line with lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry." It includes dynamics *P* and *cresc.*. The third staff is another vocal line with lyrics: "Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst. (repeat)". It includes dynamics *mp*, *dim.*, and *P*.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and nev-er be hun - gry.

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst. (repeat)

## Invitation to Communion

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
to the glory of God the Father.**

## 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.*

*The Choir will sing an anthem.*

## After Communion

*We pray together:*

**God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem;  
may the light of faith guide our hearts  
and shine forth through our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Lighting of the Christingles

*When the Christingles are alight:*

We thank God for the light Christ and pray that it will shine in us.  
**Lord, we thank you for the light of your Holy Spirit.**

As the flame burns, we thank you for the warmth of your love.  
**Lord, we thank you for the light of your Holy Spirit.**

As the flame shines, we thank you for the glory of your kingdom.  
**Lord, we thank you for the light of your Holy Spirit.**

As the flame glows, we thank you for the friendship of your presence.  
**Lord, we thank you for the light of your Holy Spirit.**

## Final Hymn

*Please stand to sing.*

*The Christingles are extinguished.*

## Final Responses

*Please remain standing.*

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;  
may we be filled with the light of your love.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have sung your praises with the shepherds and the angels;  
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;  
help us, like them, to trust your word.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

*And now we turn our attention from the crib to the cross:*

We stand near the place of your birth.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We turn from the crib to the cross.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

We go to carry his light.

**Let us shine with the light of your love.**

## The Blessing

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

*The deacon says:*

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

## Organ Voluntary

*The clergy and servers depart.*

*An organ voluntary is played.*

***Please feel free to get up and leave your seats at any time.***

*There is no collection taken during the service, but you can make an offering as you leave (there is a card machine).*

*If you would like to find out more about the services or any aspect of the life of St. Peter's, then please email [stpetersleck@gmail.com](mailto:stpetersleck@gmail.com)*

*Please leave this service booklet in the church.*

***Please come to the church cottages for refreshments after the service.***

