



St Peter's
Leckhampton Parish Church

Holy Communion



Mothering Sunday

Welcome to St Peter's Church, Leckhampton.

Notices and any banns of marriage are read.

First Hymn

Please stand to sing.

The choir, servers and clergy process in.

Greeting

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.

Introduction

Some words of welcome and introduction are given.

Welcome to this Mothering Sunday service. We are here to spend time with each other and with God, remembering and celebrating the gift and work of motherhood, wherever it is found.

We are not all mothers ourselves, but we all have a mother, whether or not they are still with us; and we are all children of God. Scripture tells us that God comforts us as a mother comforts her child, and draws us close as a hen protects her chicks.

The Lent Tree

The tree that only a few months ago was decorated to celebrate Christ's birth is now in the shape of the cross, and has become our Lenten Tree.

Today a white cloth is added, depicting the burial cloth in which Jesus' body was placed in the tomb by his mother and his friends.

We adore you O Christ and we bless you.
Because by your holy Cross you have saved the world.

We Say Sorry

Let us say sorry to God for those things which we have done wrong.

Silence is kept.

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

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say:

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy

We are Forgiven

Almighty God
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins †
and bring you to eternal life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

A Special Prayer

A special prayer called 'the collect' is introduced with 'Let us pray'.

**God of love,
passionate and strong, tender and careful:
Watch over us and hold us all the days of our life;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Reading

Please remain seated for the reading, at the end the response is:

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Hymn

Please stand to sing and turn to face the gospel book as it is processed.

We Sing

The choir sings the following Lent acclamation, after which all repeat:



Musical notation for the Lent acclamation. The notation is on a single staff in 4/4 time, starting with a treble clef. The melody consists of the following notes: quarter note G4, quarter note A4, quarter note B4, half note C5, quarter note B4, quarter note A4, quarter note G4, quarter note F4, quarter note E4, quarter note D4, quarter note C4. The lyrics are: Praise to you O Christ, King of e - ter - nal glo - ry.

The Gospel

The deacon proclaims the gospel:

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 Sing

All sing the Lent acclamation again:



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Please be seated.

We Declare our Faith

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.**

Please sit or kneel.

We Pray for Others

We thank you, Lord, for giving us others to share in our lives.

Silence is kept.

For parents, and the love which brought us to birth:

We praise you, O Lord;
And bring you thanks today.

For mothers who have cherished and nurtured us:

We praise you, O Lord;
And bring you thanks today.

For fathers who have loved and supported us:

We praise you, O Lord;
And bring you thanks today.

For brothers and sisters with whom we have shared our home:

We praise you, O Lord;
And bring you thanks today.

For children, their parents and grandparents:

We praise you, O Lord;
And bring you thanks today.

For other relatives and friends, who have been with us in our hopes,
our joys, and at times of sadness:

We praise you, O Lord;
And bring you thanks today.

For all who first spoke to us of Jesus, and have drawn us into God's
family:

We praise you, O Lord;
And bring you thanks today.

As we go from this place today:

**Help us to live as those who belong to one another,
and to you, our Father in heaven, now and always.**

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

We Share the Peace

Please stand.

Christ is our peace, he has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross; we meet in his name and share in his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

The deacon says:

Let us share with each other a sign of Christ's peace.

We all exchange a greeting of peace.

Hymn

During which the altar is prepared and the flowers are distributed.

We Give Thanks

We hear the Eucharistic Prayer; taken from the Greek word 'Eucharistos' (εὐχάριστος), meaning 'to give thanks'.

Please remain standing.

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

The musical score is written on four staves in 6/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). The first staff is an organ introduction. The second staff begins with the lyrics 'Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,' and includes dynamic markings *mp* and *cresc.*. The third staff continues with 'God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry, Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the' and includes *mp* and *cresc.* markings. The fourth staff concludes with 'Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.' and includes *mf* and *mp* markings.

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 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 has 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

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

mp Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in him and you will not thirst. *dim.* *p* (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

We share *Holy Communion* with each other; taken from the Greek word 'koinonia' (κοινωνία), meaning 'communion, fellowship or sharing'.

All are invited to come forward to receive Holy Communion.

If you wish to receive a blessing instead, please keep your hands down and your head bowed.

The choir will sing an anthem.

After Communion

The priest prays for the sick and the departed.

We then pray together:

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.**

**By the power of your Holy Spirit
keep us always in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Amen.

Final Hymn

Please stand to sing.

Blessing of the Flowers

Please remain standing, holding up your flowers.

Lord, bless these flowers, bless us and bless our mothers. May the flowers remind us how much our mothers have done for us; may they remind our mothers that we love them; and may they remind us all that God cares for each one of us, because we are all his children.

Amen.

We all respond:

Thank you God for the love of our mothers:

Thank you God for their care and concern;

Thank you God for the joys they have shared with us;

Thank you God for the pains they have borne for us;

Thank you God for all that they give us;

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

The Blessing

May the Lord whose steadfast love is constant as a mother's care, send us out to live and work for others.

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

We Are Sent

We are sent into the world to share God's love:

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

The choir, servers and clergy depart.

An organ voluntary is played.

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

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There is no collection taken during the service, but you can make an offering as you leave.

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

Please leave this service booklet in the church.

Please come to the cottages for refreshments and simnel cake!