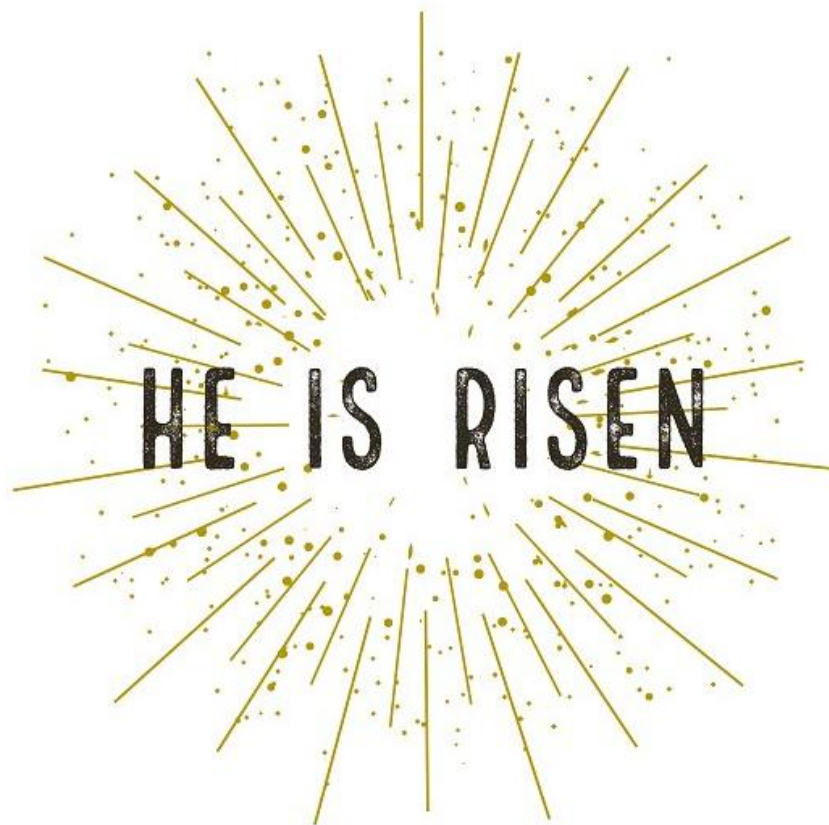




St Peter's
Leckhampton Parish Church

Holy Communion



Eastertide

Welcome to St. Peter's, Leckhampton

*If this is your first visit, you are particularly welcome and it is hoped that you feel at home here. Please join in with the words in **bold**.*

Eastertide

Eastertide is the period of 50 days which follow Easter Sunday and ends on the Day of Pentecost. It is a time when we remember, with joy, the Resurrection of Jesus, his multiple appearances to the Apostles, and his ascension into heaven after 40 days.

In the 10 days between Ascension and Pentecost, the Apostles, Mary, and other followers, returned to Jerusalem to wait for the promised Holy Spirit. During this time, Judas Iscariot is replaced with Matthias.

Eastertide is a time of joy, anticipation, preparation, and spiritual unity.

Notices and any banns of marriage are read.

First Hymn

Please stand to sing; the choir, servers and clergy enter.

Welcome

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

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

Introduction

Some words of welcome and introduction are given.

We Say Sorry

The deacon invites us to confess our sins:

Let us confess to God our Father, those things which we have done wrong:

**Almighty God,
we have sinned against heaven and against you,
and are not worthy to be called your children.
We turn to you again.
Have mercy on us, bring us back to yourself
and raise us to newness of life,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

We are Forgiven

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

Please stand.

(organ) *ff*
Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God. Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

f
Glo-ry to God in the High - est, and peace to his peo-ple on earth. Lord God,

Heav'n-ly King, Al-migh-ty God and Fa - ther. we wor-ship you, we give you thanks, we

praise you for your glo - ry. Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God in the High - est.

mf
Lord Je - sus Christ, on - ly son of the Fa-ther. Lord God. Lamb of God you

take a-way the sin of the world, have mer-cy on us. You are sea-ted at the right

hand of the Fa-ther: re-ceive our prayer. *f* Glo-ry to God, Glo-ry to God,

Glo-ry to God in the High - est. For you a-lone are the Ho - ly one. You a - lone are the

Lord. You a-lone are the most high, Je-sus Christ, with the Ho-ly Spi-rit, in the

Glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. *ff* Glo - ry to God,

Glo - ry to God, Glo - ry to God in the High - est.

The Collect

We collect our prayers together in a special prayer for the day.

This is introduced with the words, 'Let us pray'.

At the end, we all say:

Amen.

Readings

Please be seated for the readings.

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.

The Gospel

The choir sings the Alleluia, the congregation then repeats:

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

The deacon introduces 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 all sing again:

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

Sermon

Please be seated.

We Declare our Faith

Let us declare our faith in the risen Christ:

**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.**

We Pray for Others

Please sit or kneel; after each prayer, 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.**

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. Alleluia!

The deacon says:

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

We all exchange a greeting of peace.

Hymn

Please stand to sing; the altar is prepared.

We Give Thanks

Taken from the Greek word 'eucharistos' (εὐχάριστος), meaning 'to 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

Father, you made the world and love your creation.
You gave your son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour.
His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death.

And now we give you thanks because
at his most glorious resurrection
Jesus appeared to his disciples and
opened for us the gate of heaven,
that where he is, we may be also.

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and singing:

The musical score is written for organ and voice. It consists of four staves of music in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The first staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one sharp (F#), and a 4/4 time signature. The tempo and dynamics are marked *mf* (mezzo-forte). The lyrics under the first staff are: "Ho-ly, Ho-ly Ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might, Hea-ven and earth are". The second staff continues the lyrics: "full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na, Ho-san-na in the high - est." The third staff has lyrics: "Bles-sed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -". The fourth staff concludes with: "san - na, Ho - san - na, Ho - san - na in the high - est." The score includes various musical notations such as triplets, slurs, and dynamic markings like *f* (forte) and *ff* (fortissimo).

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood †

Who, in 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.’*

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

The deacon proclaims:

Great is the mystery of faith:

Christ has died:

Christ is risen:

Christ will come again.

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day
when your kingdom comes
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,
gather us in your loving arms
and bring us with all the saints
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory are yours, O loving Father,
for ever and ever.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Please sit or kneel.

As our Saviour has 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.**

Agnus Dei

We join with the angels in singing the Agnus Dei, meaning 'Lamb of God':

The musical score is written in treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a time signature of 3/2. It consists of four staves. The first staff is labeled '(organ)' and begins with a dynamic marking of *mp*. The lyrics are: 'Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: have mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sins of the world: Grant us peace.' The second and third staves are vocal lines, with the first two measures of each staff marked *mf*. The fourth staff continues the organ part, ending with a dynamic marking of *mp* and a fermata over the final note.

Invitation to Communion

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us. Alleluia!
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!

The Communion

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

Post Communion Prayer

We pray together the post communion prayer:

**Lord, we have broken your bread
and received your life.
By the power of your Spirit
keep us always in your love,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Final Hymn

Please stand to sing.

The Blessing

This or another blessing is given:

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord:

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

The deacon sends us out into the world:

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

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

The choir, servers and clergy 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 helpful).

If you would like to find out more about the services or any aspect of the life of St. Peter's, then please take a look at the church website: www.stpetersleck.org or email the Parish Office: stpetersleck@gmail.com

Please leave this service booklet in the church.

Please come to the church cottages for refreshments.