





Welcome to worship at St Peter's Church. We hope you enjoy your time with us. If there is anything we can do to help you feel comfortable and welcome here, please say!

Order of Service

Usually, the congregation join in the words in bold. At various points in the service, it will suggest that you stand. Please be assured that these are only suggestions. If it will help you to worship to remain seated, please do.

Children

Our younger worshippers are very welcome. We understand that small children do not sit still or stay quiet, so please don't worry if they speak, cry or move about! We have activities and a crèche area which children and their carers are very welcome to use. We have a children's toilet with baby changing facilities too.

We would love our older children to join St. Peter's Ark in the lower Zetland Room. Ask one of our welcomers for details.

Communion

All are welcome at the Lord's table, so please do come forward to take part in communion if that is what is right for you. If you are not sure about receiving communion, but would like a prayer of blessing, you can still come forward, but keep your hands by your sides instead of holding them out for the bread. We do have gluten-free communion wafers and non-alcoholic wine – if you require either of these, please speak to one of our welcomers before the service starts.

About the Eucharist

The Eucharist, which means 'thanksgiving' is perhaps the most important act of worship for Christians because it recalls the death and resurrection of Jesus, fulfilling his command at the Last Supper to remember him. Outwardly, the Eucharist takes the form of sharing bread and wine; inwardly, Christ is made present to us in a special way and we are given a taste of the heavenly banquet, which God has prepared for those who love him.

Today's service has four important elements. Firstly, the GATHERING draws the community together in the name of the Trinity, reminding us of our true identity as children of God. We then recall our failings in the *Prayers of Penitence*; this is an important part of our efforts to become more Christlike. We always do this in the certain knowledge that God forgives our sins, and this is made plain in the words of the absolution, given by the president. The *Gloria in excelsis*, a hymn of praise addressed to God, follows as a joyful response to God's mercy. The *Collect* brings this part of the service to a close, drawing everyone together in a special prayer, said in all churches across the world.

The LITURGY OF THE WORD invites us to engage with the words of Scripture and consider what they might mean in our own lives. The *Gospel* reading is the high point of this part of the service, for in these words we hear of the life of Jesus. A sermon follows, which aims to assist us in our application of God's Word. The *Prayers of Intercession* then give us an opportunity to bring our concerns to God in the certain knowledge that God hears and answers prayer.

The LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST begins with the *Peace*. In Matthew's Gospel, Jesus tells us that before we offer our gifts at the altar, we should be reconciled to one another, because the Eucharist is the meal which unites the Church. Then the altar is prepared for the *Eucharistic Prayer*, which is a thanksgiving for all that God has done in creation. The president then recalls the Last Supper, using the words of Jesus himself, thereby consecrating or making special the bread and wine. The congregation comes forward to receive communion or a blessing, which is followed by a prayer of thanksgiving.

The CONCLUSION brings the whole service to a close with a *blessing* and *dismissal*, reminding us that God is with us always and sends us out into the world so that others may come to know his love too.

If you would like to discuss anything you have experienced, do talk to one of the ministers after the service.

After the Service

We warmly invite you to join us for tea or coffee in the Narthex. If you would like to remain in church for a while, please feel free to do so. The Lady Chapel is also available if you prefer a quieter space.

We hope you have enjoyed your time with us today and we look forward to seeing you again soon. Details of other services, groups and activities in the Parish, which you may be interested in attending, are available at the back of this book.



Order One

¶ The Gathering

At the entry of the ministers a hymn may be sung.

The president may say

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

All Amen.

The Greeting

The president greets the people

The Lord be with you

All and also with you.

(or)

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you

All and also with you.

From Easter Day to Pentecost this acclamation follows

Alleluia. Christ is risen.

All He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Words of welcome or introduction may be said.

This prayer may be said

All 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.

Prayers of Penitence

The Commandments, the Beatitudes, the Comfortable Words or the following Summary of the Law may be used

Our Lord Jesus Christ said: The first commandment is this: 'Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord. You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength.'

The second is this: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.' There is no other commandment greater than these. On these two commandments hang all the law and the prophets.

All Amen. Lord, have mercy.

A minister uses a seasonal invitation to confession or these or other suitable words

God so loved the world that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ to save us from our sins, to be our advocate in heaven, and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith, firmly resolved to keep God's commandments and to live in love and peace with all. 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.

(or)

All 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. Or, with suitable penitential sentences, the Kyrie eleison may be used

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

All Christ, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

All Lord, have mercy.

If another confession has already been used, the Kyrie eleison may be used without interpolation here or after the absolution.

The president says

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.

All Amen.

The Gloria in excelsis may be used

All Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.

> Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

The president introduces a period of silent prayer with the words 'Let us pray' or a more specific bidding.

The Collect is said, and all respond

All Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Word

Readings

Either one or two readings from Scripture precede the Gospel reading.

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The psalm or canticle follows the first reading; other hymns and songs maybe used between the readings.

Gospel Reading

An acclamation may herald the Gospel reading.

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.

All Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

On Sundays and Principal Holy Days an authorized translation of the Nicene Creed is used, or on occasion the Apostles' Creed or an authorized Affirmation of Faith may be used.

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.

The prayers usually include these concerns and may follow this sequence:

- ¶ The Church of Christ
- ¶ Creation, human society, the Sovereign and those in authority
- ¶ The local community
- ¶ Those who suffer
- ¶ The communion of saints

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy

All hear our prayer.

(or)

Lord, hear us.

All Lord, graciously hear us.

And at the end

Merciful Father,

All accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

The president may introduce the Peace with a suitable sentence, and then says

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

These words may be added

All

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

All may exchange a sign of peace.

Preparation of the Table Taking of the Bread and Wine

A hymn may be sung.

The gifts of the people may be gathered and presented.

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

One or more of the prayers at the preparation of the table may be said. The president takes the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer

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Prayer A

If an Extended Preface is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The Lord be with you (or)

All and also with you.

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

The following may be omitted if a Short Proper Preface is used

For he is your living Word; through him you have created all things from the beginning, and formed us in your own image.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross; you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Through him you have sent upon us your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

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

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

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.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

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.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

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.

One of these four acclamations is used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

(or)

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]

All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(or)

[Christ is the bread of life:]

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

(or)

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world. Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

[All To you be glory and praise for ever.]

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

If an Extended Preface is used, it replaces all words between the opening dialogue and the Sanctus.

The Lord be with you (or)

All and also with you.

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Father, we give you thanks and praise through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word, through whom you have created all things; who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh; as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin, he lived on earth and went about among us; he opened wide his arms for us on the cross; he put an end to death by dying for us; and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life; so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

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

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness; grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit, and according to your holy will, these gifts of bread and wine may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;

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.

One of these four acclamations is used

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(or)

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]

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(or)

[Christ is the bread of life:]

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

(or)

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world. 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 [N and] all the 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 honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

Prayer C

The Lord be with you **and also with you.**

(or) The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Short Proper Preface, when appropriate

[or, when there is no Proper Preface

For he is our great high priest, who has loosed us from our sins and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you, our God and Father.]

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

 All Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.] All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world:

he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and 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.

One of these four acclamations is used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

[Christ is the bread of life:]

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory. [Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord,

by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you (or) and also with you.

The Lord is here. **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards your world.In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death.Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise.We join with them in heaven's song:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.
 [Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
 Hosanna in the highest.]

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven.

To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest. Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said: This is my blood, shed for you all for the forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free. Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world.

This is our story.

All This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you and be welcomed at your feast in heaven where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you and also with you. (or) The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Here follows an Extended Preface or the following

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 so we gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

We praise and bless you, loving Father, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; and as we obey his command, send your Holy Spirit, that broken bread and wine outpoured may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends and, taking bread, he praised you. He broke the bread, gave it to them and said: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine. Again he praised you, gave it to them and said: 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. So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did, in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation, we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

One of these four acclamations is used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again. [Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]
Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.

[Christ is the bread of life:]

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory. [Jesus Christ is Lord:] Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

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 [N and] 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.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

(or) The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

You are worthy of our thanks and praise, Lord God of truth, for by the breath of your mouth you have spoken your word, and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image and placed us in the garden of your delight. Though we chose the path of rebellion you would not abandon your own.

Again and again you drew us into your covenant of grace. You gave your people the law and taught us by your prophets to look for your reign of justice, mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on earth, we echo the song of the angels in heaven, evermore praising you and saying:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

Lord God, you are the most holy one, enthroned in splendour and light, yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ you reveal the power of your love made perfect in our human weakness.

[All Amen. Lord, we believe.]

Embracing our humanity, Jesus showed us the way of salvation; loving us to the end, he gave himself to death for us; dying for his own, he set us free from the bonds of sin, that we might rise and reign with him in glory.

[All Amen. Lord, we believe.]

On the night he gave up himself for us all he 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.

[All Amen. Lord, we believe.]

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.

[All Amen. Lord, we believe.]

Therefore we proclaim the death that he suffered on the cross, we celebrate his resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high and we long for his coming in glory.

[All Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.]

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our redemption, Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your creation be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ; form us into the likeness of Christ and make us a perfect offering in your sight.

[All Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.]

Look with favour on your people and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts. Bless the earth, heal the sick, let the oppressed go free and fill your Church with power from on high.

[All Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.]

Gather your people from the ends of the earth to feast with [N and] all your saints at the table in your kingdom, where the new creation is brought to perfection in Jesus Christ our Lord; by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All Amen.

The Lord be with you and also with you.

(or) The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

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All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All It is right to give thanks and praise.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever.

From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation.

You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them 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. On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he 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.

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 and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

One of these four acclamations is used

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again.

(or)

[Praise to you, Lord Jesus:]

All Dying you destroyed our death, rising you restored our life: Lord Jesus, come in glory.

(or)

[Christ is the bread of life:]

All When we eat this bread and drink this cup, we proclaim your death, Lord Jesus, until you come in glory.

(or)

[Jesus Christ is Lord:]

All Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world. Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand.

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 your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

[Remember, Lord, your Church in every land. Reveal her unity, guard her faith, and preserve her in peace ...]

Bring us at the last with [N and] all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

All Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

The Lord be with you and also with you. (or) The Lord is here. His Spirit is with us.

Lift up your hearts.

All

All We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All 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.

All 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.

All He opened his arms of love upon 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.

All 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.

All 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.

All 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:

All Holy, holy, holy Lord,
 God of power and might,
 Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
 Hosanna in the highest.

The Lord's Prayer

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.

(or)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

All 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

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

(or)

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup,

All we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

The Agnus Dei may be used as the bread is broken

All Lamb of God,

you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

(or)

All Jesus, Lamb of God, have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins, have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world, grant us peace.

The president says one of these invitations 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.

(or)

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.

(or)

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.

All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Alleluia. Christ our passover is sacrificed for us.

All Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

One of these prayers may be said before the distribution

All We do not presume

to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

(or)

All Most merciful Lord, your love compels us to come in. Our hands were unclean, our hearts were unprepared; we were not fit even to eat the crumbs from under your table. But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation, and share your bread with sinners. So cleanse and feed us with the precious body and blood of your Son, that he may live in us and we in him; and that we, with the whole company of Christ, may sit and eat in your kingdom. Amen.

The president and people receive communion.

Authorized words of distribution are used and the communicant replies

Amen.

During the distribution hymns and anthems may be sung.

If either or both of the consecrated elements are likely to prove insufficient, the president returns to the holy table and adds more, saying the suitable words.

Any consecrated bread and wine which is not required for purposes of communion is consumed at the end of the distribution or after the service.

Prayer after Communion

Silence is kept.

The Post Communion or another suitable prayer is said.

All may say one of these prayers

All Almighty God,

we thank you for feeding us with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Through him we offer you our souls and bodies to be a living sacrifice. Send us out in the power of your Spirit to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.

(or)

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.



A hymn may be sung.

The president may use a seasonal blessing, or another suitable blessing

(or)

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.

All Amen.

A minister says

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

(or)

Go in the peace of Christ.

All Thanks be to God.

or, from Easter Day to Pentecost

Go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.

All Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.

The ministers and people depart.

You are warmly invited to join us for tea or coffee in the Narthex.

St. Peter's Church is not just for Sundays...

All-Age Service

Third Sunday of every month at 10.00am

Once a month we mix things up a bit. St. Peter's Ark joins us for the whole service and the worship is more accessible for younger people. We generally use multimedia to support our worship instead of hymn books or orders of service. The music is modern and uplifting and we might watch a film version of the Gospel.

Midweek Holy Communion

Wednesday mornings at 9.30am

You'll be very welcome to join us for Holy Communion on Wednesday morning followed by tea and coffee. This service has even evolved into a dog-friendly event, so why not bring yours?

Come to the Table

Wednesdays at midday in the Narthex

Come and eat with us - food for the body *and* soul. Share bible study, worship, testimony and a meal. It's an opportunity to meet Jesus and learn about his unconditional love for us.

Reflections

Wednesday evenings at 6.30pm in the Narthex

Explore the questions of the Christian faith in a relaxed, informal, friendly and safe environment. Everyone's welcome - life-long Christians or those just finding their faith.

Morning Prayer

Thursday mornings at 9.00am

Why not take an hour during the busy week and join us in the Lady Chapel for a short reflective and meditative service.

Pram Service

Thursday mornings at 10.00am

An opportunity for babies and toddlers, and their parents, grandparents or carers, to join together during term time for a simple act of worship in the Lady Chapel. We then continue with play for the kids, and refreshments and a good chat for the adults. It's lively, noisy and fun, and we'd love to see you there!

Mothers' Union

Various times

We are part of the worldwide Mothers' Union Christian organisation with the objectives of upholding Christ's teaching on marriage and to encourage parents to bring up children in the life and faith of the Church.

We meet on the first Tuesday of the month at 2.00pm for a short service followed by a social event - this could be listening to a speaker, having a discussion or doing a craft activity. We always finish with tea and cake.

We also join with other members of the congregation on the last Wednesday of the month for Corporate Holy Communion at 9.30am followed by tea or coffee.

Evening Mothers' Union (EMUs) meets at 7.30pm on the third Wednesday of the month.

Baptism & Marriage

Thursday evenings at 6.00pm - 7.00pm in the Narthex

If you would like to discuss the baptism of a child or adult, or a wedding, our Parish Office team is available every week to advise you and take bookings. No appointment is necessary - you can simply pop along on a Thursday evening.

Other Events

Check our website!

We regularly hold coffee mornings, concerts, fundraising events, children's activity days and other gatherings. You'd be very welcome to join us. Our website always lists what's on.

www.stpeterschurchredcar.co.uk

'All things come from you and of your own do we give you.'

Our ability to sustain the Parish's worship and mission relies on the generosity of our worshippers and visitors.

To contribute today, please place your gift on the collection plate during the service (in a Gift Aid envelope if possible) or use the card machine in the Narthex.

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If you would like to discuss your planned giving in confidence, please speak to one of the Churchwardens or email them at wardens@stpeterschurchredcar.co.uk.

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Safeguarding

Every person has intrinsic value and worth, which comes from our creation in God's own image. Throughout his earthly ministry, Jesus was often to be found alongside the most vulnerable, reminding them of their dignity as children of God. Christians therefore see it as a sacred duty to care for and protect children, young people, and vulnerable adults involved in the life of the Church.

All people with positions of responsibility in our Parish are required to follow the Church of England Safeguarding training and have a current DBS check.

Here at St. Peter's, you should contact our Parish Safeguarding Officer if you have any safeguarding concerns:

safeguarding@stpeterschurchredcar.co.uk.



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