



# St.Peter's Parkstone

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## The Parish Eucharist



*Sunday 20th September 2020*

*The 15th Sunday after Trinity*

*President: The Revd Sally Bedborough, Associate Priest*

*Please take this service leaflet home with you*

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

*It is now just a couple of months since we resumed worship in the church building. Please continue to be cautious; maintaining hand hygiene and social distance for the whole time that you are in the building.*

*We are delighted that our choir is gradually returning, but we are still not allowed to join in with the hymns as a congregation so please enjoy the choir's gifts and allow them to sing on your behalf. We continue to refrain from moving about or touching as we pass the peace. Face coverings are now required by all attending worship in the church building. This is a legal requirement unless you have a health exemption. Considering the distance from the congregation and the need to communicate clearly, the sacred ministers will not wear face coverings except at the distribution of Communion. Communion will be offered in one kind only.*

*A collection will not be taken during the service, but there is provision for you to make your offering as you leave the building. Please put your contribution into a Gift Aid envelope if you pay tax and be sure to fill in the details on the envelope. That way you'll be able to 'Gift Aid' your contribution and St Peter's will be able to get some money back from the tax man.*

*We now have the facility for you to make donations by contactless payment if you wish to do so. This can be accessed by the north door. You can also make an offering via the 'donate' button on the St Peter's webpage:*

[www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk](http://www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk). Thank you.

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## THE GATHERING

*Please stand as the service begins with this hymn, sung by the choir:*

**All people that on earth do dwell,  
sing to the Lord with cheerful voice;  
him serve with fear, his praise forth tell,  
come ye before him, and rejoice.**

**The Lord, ye know, is God indeed;  
without our aid he did us make:  
we are his folk, he doth us feed,  
and for his sheep he doth us take.**

**O enter then his gates with praise,  
approach with joy his courts unto;  
praise, laud, and bless his name always,  
for it is seemly so to do.**

**For why? The Lord our God is good:  
his mercy is for ever sure;  
his truth at all times firmly stood,  
and shall from age to age endure.**

**To Father, Son, and Holy Ghost,  
the God whom heaven and earth adore,  
from men and from the Angel-host  
be praise and glory evermore. Amen.**

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

*All* **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

*The President welcomes all who are gathered in the church building,  
and we remember those who are unable to attend at present.*

*We offer prayers of penitence*

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.

*Silence is kept briefly*

Lord we have made distinctions between people and have favoured some just because they are like us.

Lord have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

We have built barriers in our hearts and minds, and we have denied justice to those who are different.

Christ have mercy.

*All* **Christ, have mercy.**

We have failed to listen carefully enough to the real needs of those around us.

Lord have mercy.

*All* **Lord, have mercy.**

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**

*We listen as the choir sings:*

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**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.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**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.**

**Glory to God! Glory to God! Glory to God in the highest!**

**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 President introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the Collect for today, the 15th Sunday after Trinity.*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*All* **Amen.**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*We sit for our first and second readings.*

*Our first reading is: Jonah 3:10 - 4:end*

When God saw what the people of Ninevah did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

4 But this was very displeasing to Jonah, and he became angry. <sup>2</sup> He prayed to the Lord and said, 'O Lord! Is not this what I said while I was still in my own country? That is why I fled to Tarshish at the beginning; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love, and ready to relent from punishing. <sup>3</sup> And now, O Lord, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live.' <sup>4</sup> And

the Lord said, 'Is it right for you to be angry?' <sup>5</sup> Then Jonah went out of the city and sat down east of the city, and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, waiting to see what would become of the city.

<sup>6</sup> The Lord God appointed a bush, and made it come up over Jonah, to give shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort; so Jonah was very happy about the bush. <sup>7</sup> But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the bush, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup> When the sun rose, God prepared a sultry east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint and asked that he might die. He said, 'It is better for me to die than to live.'

<sup>9</sup> But God said to Jonah, 'Is it right for you to be angry about the bush?' And he said, 'Yes, angry enough to die.' <sup>10</sup> Then the Lord said, 'You are concerned about the bush, for which you did not labour and which you did not grow; it came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup> And should I not be concerned about Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than a hundred and twenty thousand people who do not know their right hand from their left, and also many animals?'

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*The second reading, Philippians 1: 21-end*

For to me, living is Christ and dying is gain. <sup>22</sup> If I am to live in the flesh, that means fruitful labour for me; and I do not know which I prefer. <sup>23</sup> I am hard pressed between the two: my desire is to depart and be with Christ, for that is far better; <sup>24</sup> but to remain in the flesh is more necessary for you. <sup>25</sup> Since I am convinced of this, I know that I will remain and continue with all of you for your progress and joy in faith, <sup>26</sup> so that I may share abundantly in your boasting in Christ Jesus when I come to you again.

<sup>27</sup> Only, live your life in a manner worthy of the gospel of Christ, so that, whether I come and see you or am absent and hear about you, I will know that you are standing firm in one spirit, striving side by side with one mind for the faith of the gospel, <sup>28</sup> and are in no way intimidated by your opponents. For them this is evidence of their destruction, but of your salvation. And this is God's doing.

<sup>29</sup> For he has graciously granted you the privilege not only of

believing in Christ, but of suffering for him as well - <sup>30</sup> since you are having the same struggle that you saw I had and now hear that I still have.

This is the Word of the Lord.

**All Thanks be to God.**

*Please remain seated as the choir sings the Gradual Hymn*

**Jesus is Lord!**

**Creation's voice proclaims it,  
for by his pow'r each tree and flow'r  
was planned and made.**

**Jesus is Lord!**

**The universe declares it;  
sun, moon and stars in heaven cry:**

**Jesus is Lord!**

*Jesus is Lord!*

*Jesus is Lord!*

*Praise him with alleluias  
for Jesus is Lord!*

**Jesus is Lord!**

**Yet from his throne eternal  
in flesh he came to die in pain  
on Calv'ry's tree.**

**Jesus is Lord!**

**from him all life proceeding,  
yet gave his life as ransom  
thus setting us free. *Refrain***

**Jesus is Lord!**

**O'er sin the mighty conqu'ror,  
from death he rose and all his foes  
shall own his name.**

**Jesus is Lord!**

**God sends his Holy Spirit  
to show by works of power  
that Jesus is Lord. *Refrain***

*Please stand for the Gospel, Matthew 20:1-16*

*The choir sing our gospel acclamations:*

Alleluia (x4)

**Alleluia (x4)**

Open our ears O Lord to hear your word, and release our tongues to speak.

**Alleluia! (x4)**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew

*All* **Glory to you O Lord.**

Jesus said to his disciples, 'The kingdom of heaven is like a landowner who went out early in the morning to hire labourers for his vineyard. <sup>2</sup> After agreeing with the labourers for the usual daily wage, he sent them into his vineyard. <sup>3</sup> When he went out about nine o'clock, he saw others standing idle in the market-place; <sup>4</sup> and he said to them, "You also go into the vineyard, and I will pay you whatever is right." So they went. <sup>5</sup> When he went out again about noon and about three o'clock, he did the same. <sup>6</sup> And about five o'clock he went out and found others standing around; and he said to them, "Why are you standing here idle all day?" <sup>7</sup> They said to him, "Because no one has hired us." He said to them, "You also go into the vineyard." <sup>8</sup> When evening came, the owner of the vineyard said to his manager, "Call the labourers and give them their pay, beginning with the last and then going to the first." <sup>9</sup> When those hired about five o'clock came, each of them received the usual daily wage. <sup>10</sup> Now when the first came, they thought they would receive more; but each of them also received the usual daily wage. <sup>11</sup> And when they received it, they grumbled against the landowner, <sup>12</sup> saying, "These last worked only one hour, and you have made them equal to us who have borne the burden of the day and the scorching heat." <sup>13</sup> But he replied to one of them, "Friend, I am doing you no wrong; did you not agree with me for the usual daily wage? <sup>14</sup> Take what belongs to you and go; I choose to give to this last the same as I give to you. <sup>15</sup> Am I not allowed to do what I choose with what belongs to me? Or are you

envious because I am generous?"<sup>16</sup> So the last will be first, and the first will be last.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*All* **Praise to you O Christ.**

*The Sermon, the Revd Sally Bedborough, Associate Priest*

*We stand to proclaim the Creed.*

*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.**

*Prayers of Intercession*

*One of these responses may be used, if an alternative is to be used this will be announced*

Lord in your mercy                      or              Lord hear us  
*All*    **Hear our prayer**                                      **Lord, graciously hear us**

*The Intercessions may end as follows*

Merciful Father

*All*    **Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your son,  
our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen**

## **THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT**

*The Peace*

*We stand and the President introduces the peace*

We are all one in Christ Jesus. We belong to him through faith,  
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*All*    **and also with you.**

*We are invited to exchange a (socially distanced) sign of peace.*

*Bread and wine are placed on the Altar; we sit and listen to this hymn:*

**Amazing grace! How sweet the sound  
that saved a wretch like me.  
I once was lost, but now am found;  
was blind, but now I see.**

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,  
and grace my fears relieved.  
How precious did that grace appear  
the hour I first believed.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares,  
I have already come.  
'Tis grace hath brought me safe thus far,  
and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me,  
his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be,  
as long as life endures.

And, when this heart and flesh shall fail  
and mortal life shall cease,  
I shall possess within the veil  
a life of joy and peace.

When we've been there a thousand years,  
bright shining as the sun,  
we've no less days to sing God's praise  
than when we first begun.

*Please stand as the President offers these prayers for the preparation of the Altar.*

Blessed are you Lord God of all creation through your goodness we have this bread to set before you, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation: through your goodness we have this wine to set before you, fruit of the vine and work of human hands. It will become for us the cup of salvation.

*All* **Blessed be God for ever.**

*The Eucharistic Prayer (B)*

The Lord be with you.

*All* **and also with you.**

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.

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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

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 the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Osmund 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.**

*Bells are rung as we honour Christ's presence in bread and wine. After a moment's silence we sit or kneel.*

Let us pray with confidence, as our Saviour 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.**

*The President breaks the consecrated bread saying*  
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.**

*The choir sing an arrangement of the Agnus Dei:*

**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.**

*The President invites the people to receive Communion with these words*

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.**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive Communion or a Blessing.  
Due to the restrictions of the Coronavirus pandemic, communion will be  
given in one kind only. Please respect the distance of at least one metre  
from others as you come forward, and form one line in the central aisle.  
Please sanitise your hands before receiving the host.*

*Any visitors who are used to receiving Communion in another Christian  
Church are welcome to receive Communion here today. If you are not a  
Communicant you are welcome to come forward for a Blessing. If you'd  
like to receive a Blessing please bring this service booklet with you. A  
Blessing will be given maintaining social distance.*

*Our choir sings the following hymn:*

**Beauty for brokenness,  
hope for despair,  
Lord, in the suffering,  
this is our prayer.  
Bread for the children  
justice, joy, peace,  
sunrise to sunset  
your kingdom increase.**

**Shelter for fragile lives,  
cures for their ills,  
work for the craftsmen,  
trade for their skills.  
Land for the dispossessed,  
rights for the weak,  
voices to plead the cause  
of those who can't speak.**

***God of the poor,  
friend of the weak,  
give us compassion we pray,  
melt our cold hearts,  
let tears fall like rain.  
Come, change our love  
from a spark to a flame.***

**Refuge from cruel wars,  
havens from fear,  
cities for sanctu'ry,  
freedoms to share.  
Peace to the killing fields,  
scorched earth to green,  
Christ for the bitterness,  
his cross for the pain.**

**Rest for the ravaged earth,  
oceans and streams,  
plundered and poisoned,  
our future, our dreams.  
Lord, end our madness,  
carelessness, greed;  
make us content with  
the things that we need. *Refrain.***

**Lighten our darkness,  
breathe on this flame,  
until your justice  
burns brightly again;  
until the nations  
learn of your ways,  
seek your salvation  
and bring you their praise. *Refrain.***

*Graham Kendrick  
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*After Communion*

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*All* **Amen.**

*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.**

*Announcements are made and Banns of Marriage are called*

## **BLESSING AND DISMISSAL**

*We remain seated as the choir sings our final hymn:*

**O for a thousand tongues to sing  
My dear Redeemer's praise,  
The glories of my God and King,  
The triumphs of his grace!**

**Jesus - the name that charms our fears,  
That bids our sorrows cease;  
'Tis music in the sinner's ears,  
'Tis life, and health, and peace.**

**He breaks the power of cancelled sin,  
He sets the pris'ner free;  
His blood can make the foulest clean,  
His blood availed for me.**

**He speaks; and, listening to his voice,  
New life the dead receive,  
The mournful, broken hearts rejoice,  
The humble poor believe.**

**Hear him, ye deaf; his praise, ye dumb,  
Your loosened tongues employ;  
Ye blind, behold your Saviour come;  
And leap, ye lame, for joy!**

**My gracious Master and my God,  
Assist me to proclaim  
And spread through all the earth abroad  
The honours of thy name.**

*The Blessing.*

May the Father from whom every family in earth and heaven receives its name strengthen you with his Spirit in your inner being, so that Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among you and remain with you always

*All* **Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*All* **In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*The Ministers and people depart.*

*Organ music: March from "The Occasional Overture" (1746) by George Frideric Handel (1685-1759)*