



St.Peter's Parkstone

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The Parish Eucharist



Sunday 27th September 2020

The 16th Sunday after Trinity

President: The Revd Pat Southgate, 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. Thank you.

For enquiries about weddings or baptisms please contact the Revd Sally Bedborough, associate priest: telephone 01202 245463 or email: sally@stpetersparkstone.org.uk

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THE GATHERING

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

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!**

**O loving wisdom of our God!
When all was sin and shame,
a second Adam to the fight
and to the rescue came.**

**O wisest love! that flesh and blood,
which did in Adam fail,
should strive afresh against their foe,
should strive and should prevail;**

**And that the highest gift of grace
should flesh and blood refine:
God's presence and his very self,
and essence all-divine.**

**O generous love! that he who smote
in man for man the foe,
the double agony in Man
for man should undergo.**

**And in the garden secretly,
and on the cross on high,
should teach his brethren, and inspire
to suffer and to die.**

**Praise to the Holiest in the height,
and in the depth be praise;
in all his words most wonderful,
most sure in all his ways!**

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 has taught us through the prophets to look for his reign of justice, mercy and truth. In the life; the death, and the resurrection of Jesus our teacher he has shown us how to live. Through the power of the Holy Spirit he has planted his word in our hearts. Let us confess with honesty our failure to hear and see his way.

You are the way but all too often we turn aside and seek our own path.

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

You are the truth but all too often we close our eyes and our hearts and pretend.

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

You are life but all too often we choose ways which will damage us.

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

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, 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 16th Sunday after Trinity.

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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: Ezekiel 18: 1-4, 25-end

The word of the LORD came to me: ² What do you mean by repeating this proverb concerning the land of Israel, 'The parents have eaten sour grapes, and the children's teeth are set on edge'? ³ As I live, says the Lord GOD, this proverb shall no more be used by you in Israel. ⁴ Know that all lives are mine; the life of the parent as well as the life of the child is mine: it is only the person who sins that shall die.

²⁵ Yet you say, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' Hear now, O house of Israel: Is my way unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair? ²⁶ When the righteous turn away from their righteousness and commit iniquity, they shall die for it; for the iniquity that they have committed they shall die. ²⁷ Again, when the wicked turn away from the wickedness they have committed and do what is lawful and right, they shall save their life. ²⁸ Because they considered and turned away from all the transgressions that they had committed, they shall surely live; they shall not die. ²⁹ Yet the house of Israel says, 'The way of the Lord is unfair.' O house of Israel, are my ways unfair? Is it not your ways that are unfair?

³⁰ Therefore I will judge you, O house of Israel, all of you according to your ways, says the Lord GOD. Repent and turn from all your transgressions; otherwise iniquity will be your ruin.^[c] ³¹ Cast away from you all the transgressions that you have committed against me, and get yourselves a new heart and a new spirit! Why will you die, O house of Israel? ³² For I have no pleasure in the death of anyone, says the Lord GOD. Turn, then, and live.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The second reading, Philippians 2:1-13

If then there is any encouragement in Christ, any consolation from love, any sharing in the Spirit, any compassion and sympathy, ² make my joy complete: be of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. ³ Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility regard others as better than yourselves. ⁴ Let each of you look not to your own interests, but to the interests of others. ⁵ Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,

⁶ who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,

⁷ but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.

And being found in human form,

⁸ he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

⁹ Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,

¹⁰ so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,

¹¹ and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

¹² Therefore, my beloved, just as you have always obeyed me, not only in my presence, but much more now in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling; ¹³ for it is God who is at work in you, enabling you both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated as the choir sings the Gradual Hymn

**From heav'n you came, helpless babe,
Entered our world, your glory veiled;
Not to be served but to serve,
And give your life that we might live.**

***This is our God, the Servant King,
He calls us now to follow him,
To bring our lives as a daily offering
Of worship to the Servant King.***

**There in the garden of tears,
My heavy load he chose to bear;
His heart with sorrow was torn,
'Yet not my will but yours,' he said. *Refrain***

**Come, see his hands and his feet,
The scars that speak of sacrifice,
Hands that flung stars into space
To cruel nails surrendered. *Refrain***

**So let us learn how to serve,
And in our lives enthrone him;
Each other's needs to prefer,
For it is Christ we're serving. *Refrain***

*Please stand for the Gospel, Matthew 21:23-32
The choir sing our gospel acclamations:*

Alleluia (x3)

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Open my mind O Lord that I may discover the wonders of your law.

Alleluia! (x3)

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.**

When Jesus entered the temple, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him as he was teaching, and said, 'By what authority are you doing these things, and who gave you this authority?' ²⁴ Jesus said to them, 'I will also ask you one question; if you tell me the answer, then I will also tell you by what authority I do these things. ²⁵ Did the baptism of John come from heaven, or was it of human origin?' And they argued with one another, 'If we say, "From heaven", he will say to us, "Why then did you not believe him?" ²⁶ But if we say, "Of human origin", we are afraid of the crowd; for all regard John as a prophet.' ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, 'We do not know.' And he said to them, 'Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ 'What do you think? A man had two sons; he went to the first and said, "Son, go and work in the vineyard today." ²⁹ He answered, "I will not"; but later he changed his mind and went. ³⁰ The father went to the second and said the same; and he answered, "I go, sir"; but he did not go. ³¹ Which of the two did the will of his father?' They said, 'The first.' Jesus said to them, 'Truly I tell you, the tax-collectors and the prostitutes are going into the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you in the way of righteousness and you did not believe him, but the tax-collectors and the prostitutes believed him; and even after you saw it, you did not change your minds and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon, the Revd Sally Bedborough, Associate Priest

Please stand

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

All **Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.
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:

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.**

**We are pilgrims on a journey,
Fellow trav'lers on the road;
We are here to help each other
Walk the mile and bear the load.**

**I will hold the Christlight for you
In the night-time of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
Speak the peace you long to hear.**

**I will weep when you are weeping;
When you laugh, I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow
Till we've seen this journey through.**

**When we sing to God in heaven,
We shall find such harmony,
Born of all we've known together
Of Christ's love and agony.**

**Brother, sister, let me serve you,
Let me be as Christ to you;
Pray that I may have the grace to
Let you be my servant, too.**

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:

**Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's Son;
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for you we sing,
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
Now and every day
Teach us how to pray,
Son of God.
You have commanded us to do
This in remembrance, Lord, of you:
Into our lives your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's Son;
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.**

**Lord Jesus Christ,
I would come to you,
Live my life for you,
Son of God.
All your commands I know are true,
Your many gifts will make me new,
Into my life your power breaks through,
Living Lord.**

After Communion

Almighty God, you have taught us through your Son that love is the fulfilling of the law: grant that we may love you with our whole heart and our neighbours as ourselves; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

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.**

Announcements are made and banns of marriage are called

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

We remain seated as the choir sings our final hymn:

**There is a Redeemer,
Jesus, God's own Son,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
Holy One.**

Refrain:

***Thank you, O my Father,
for giving us your Son,
and leaving your Spirit,
till the work on earth is done.***

**Jesus, my Redeemer,
name above all names,
precious Lamb of God, Messiah,
O for sinners slain. *Refrain.***

**When I stand in glory,
I will see his face,
and there I'll serve my King for ever,
in that holy place. *Refrain.***

The Blessing.

God the Holy Trinity make you strong in faith and love, defend you on every side, and guide you in truth and peace; 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: Fugue in G ("The Jig Fugue") BWV 577 - attributed to J S BACH 1685-1750