



St.Peter's Parkstone

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The Parish Eucharist



Sunday 11th October 2020

The 18th Sunday after Trinity

President: the Revd Mike Trotman, Rector

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.

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THE GATHERING

The service begins with a hymn, sung by the choir:

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

**Low at his feet lay thy burden of carefulness,
high on his heart he will bear it for thee,
comfort thy sorrows, and answer thy prayerfulness,
guiding thy steps as may best for thee be.**

**Fear not to enter his courts in the slenderness
of the poor wealth thou wouldst reckon as thine;
truth in its beauty, and love in its tenderness,
these are the offerings to lay on his shrine.**

**These, though we bring them in trembling and fearfulness,
he will accept for the name that is dear;
mornings of joy give for evenings of tearfulness,
trust for our trembling and hope for our fear.**

**O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness!
Bow down before him, his glory proclaim;
with gold of obedience, and incense of lowliness,
kneel and adore him, the Lord is his name!**

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

St James writes “Confess your sins to one another and pray for one another so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective!” Let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept briefly

**All I confess to almighty God
And to you my brothers and sisters
that I have sinned
In my thoughts and in my words
In what I have done and in what I have failed to do.
I confess with my whole heart
my neglect of God’s commandments
And I ask all the angels and saints
and you my brothers and sisters
to pray for me to the Lord our God. Amen.**

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in 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 18th Sunday after Trinity.

Almighty and everlasting God, increase in us your gift of faith that, forsaking what lies behind and reaching out to that which is before, we may run the way of your commandments and win the crown of everlasting joy; 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 the first reading, Isaiah 25:1-9

O LORD, you are my God;

I will exalt you, I will praise your name;
for you have done wonderful things,
plans formed of old, faithful and sure.

² For you have made the city a heap,
the fortified city a ruin;

the palace of aliens is a city no more,
it will never be rebuilt.

³ Therefore strong peoples will glorify you;
cities of ruthless nations will fear you.

⁴ For you have been a refuge to the poor,
a refuge to the needy in their distress,
a shelter from the rainstorm and a shade from the heat.

When the blast of the ruthless was like a winter rainstorm,

⁵ the noise of aliens like heat in a dry place,
you subdued the heat with the shade of clouds;
the song of the ruthless was stilled.

⁶ On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples

a feast of rich food, a feast of well-matured wines,
of rich food filled with marrow, of well-matured wines strained
clear.

⁷ And he will destroy on this mountain
the shroud that is cast over all peoples,
the sheet that is spread over all nations;

⁸ he will swallow up death for ever.

Then the Lord GOD will wipe away the tears from all faces,
and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all
the earth,

for the LORD has spoken.

⁹ It will be said on that day,

Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might
save us.

This is the LORD for whom we have waited;

let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The second reading, Philippians 4:1-9

My brothers and sisters, whom I love and long for, my joy and
crown, stand firm in the Lord in this way, my beloved.

² I urge Euodia and I urge Syntyche to be of the same mind in the
Lord. ³Yes, and I ask you also, my loyal companion, help these
women, for they have struggled beside me in the work of the
gospel, together with Clement and the rest of my co-workers,
whose names are in the book of life.

⁴ Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice. ⁵Let your
gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶Do not worry
about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with
thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷And the
peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your
hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

⁸ Finally, beloved, whatever is true, whatever is honourable,
whatever is just, whatever is pure, whatever is pleasing, whatever
is commendable, if there is any excellence and if there is anything
worthy of praise, think about these things. ⁹Keep on doing the
things that you have learned and received and heard and seen in
me, and the God of peace will be with you.

This is the Word of the Lord.
All **Thanks be to God.**

Please remain seated as the choir sing the Gradual Hymn

**Teach me, my God and King,
In all things thee to see;
And what I do in anything
To do it as for thee!**

**A man that looks on glass,
On it may stay his eye;
Or if he pleaseth, through it pass,
And then the heaven espy.**

**All may of thee partake;
Nothing can be so mean,
Which with this tincture, “for thy sake”,
Will not grow bright and clean.**

**A servant with this clause
Makes drudgery divine;
Who sweeps a room, as for thy laws,
Makes that and the action fine.**

**This is the famous stone
That turneth all to gold;
For that which God doth touch and own
Cannot for less be told.**

Please stand for the Gospel, Matthew 22:1-14

The choir sing our gospel acclamations:

Alleluia, (x3)

Alleluia! (x3)

The judgements of the Lord are true and righteous. They are more to be desired than much fine gold and sweeter far than honey.

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.**

Once more Jesus spoke to the chief priests and Pharisees in parables, saying: ²‘The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, “Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.” ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, maltreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, “The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.” ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests.

¹¹ ‘But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, “Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?” And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, “Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.” ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

The Sermon, the Revd Mike Trotman, Rector

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*

All Lord in your mercy
Hear our prayer

or Lord hear us
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 as we listen to this hymn:

**Father, hear the prayer we offer:
Not for ease that prayer shall be,
But for strength that we may ever
Live our lives courageously.**

**Not for ever in green pastures
Do we ask our way to be;
But the steep and rugged pathway
May we tread rejoicingly.**

**Not for ever by still waters
Would we idly rest and stay;
But would smite the living fountains
From the rocks along our way.**

**Be our strength in hours of weakness,
In our wanderings be our guide;
Through endeavour, failure, danger,
Father, be thou at our side.**

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:

**How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds,
and drives away his fear.**

**It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.**

**Dear name! the rock on which I build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never-failing treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.**

**Jesus! my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
my Prophet, Priest and King,
my Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
accept the praise I bring.**

**Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.**

**Till then I would thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.**

After Communion

God, our judge and saviour, teach us to be open to your truth and to trust in your love, that we may live each day with confidence in the salvation which is given 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:

**Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
There is no shadow of turning with thee;
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not,
As thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.**

***Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided -
Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!***

**Summer and winter, and spring-time and harvest,
Sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
Join with all nature in manifold witness
To thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Refrain.***

**Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! *Refrain.***

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 upon Handel's "Lift up your Heads" (from Messiah) by Alexandre GUILMANT (1837-1911)