



St. Peter's Parkstone

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The Parish Eucharist



8th November 2020 Remembrance Sunday

3rd Sunday before Advent

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Welcome to St Peter's

Due to the Covid restrictions once again meaning that we may not gather for services in church, this service sheet is intended to enable us to gather 'virtually' and to remember that nothing can destroy our oneness in the gospel of Jesus Christ. Today, we remember those who have died in wars around our globe: those who have died in battle and those who have died as a consequence of war.

It will also be important for us to remember those who have died in the battle against Covid 19. We give thanks for all medical personnel and for caring agencies that seek to support the sick and the vulnerable.

Although we can't take up a collection in our virtual service, it is possible to make an offering via the 'donate' button on the St Peter's webpage: www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk. Thank you; we are most grateful for any support you can offer.

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THE GATHERING

The service begins with a hymn, please join in!

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead.
Thou alone, our strong defender,
liftest up thy people's head.
Alleluya,
Jesus, true and living bread!**

**Here our humblest homage pay we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for Faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluya,
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluya,
We in worship join with them.**

**Paschal Lamb, thine Offering, finished
once for all when thou was slain,
in its fullness undiminished
shall for evermore remain.
Alleluya,
Cleansing souls from every stain.**

**Life-imparting heavenly Manna,
stricken Rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the Lamb who died.
Alleluya,
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

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 everyone

In life and in death we are with the Lord. Let us turn to the Lord who is full of compassion and mercy, and ask that he will forgive us our sins, and extend his healing love upon our broken world.

Lord, you promise a place in paradise to all who call to you in penitence and faith. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord, you bring comfort to those who mourn and have suffered loss. Christ, have mercy.

All **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord, you speak your word of peace in times of conflict and calm our fears. Lord, have mercy.

All **Lord, have mercy.**

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 sing the Gloria:

**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 President introduces a period of silent prayer and then says the Collect for today, the 3rd Sunday before Advent.

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things in your beloved Son, the King of all: govern the hearts and minds of those in authority, and bring the families of the nations, divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin, to be subject to his just and gentle rule; 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

Hear God's word to you today:

Wisdom 6:12-16

Wisdom is radiant and unfading,
and she is easily discerned by those who love her,
and is found by those who seek her.
She hastens to make herself known to those who desire her.
One who rises early to seek her will have no difficulty,
for she will be found sitting at the gate.
To fix one's thought on her is perfect understanding,
and one who is vigilant on her account will soon be free from care,

because she goes about seeking those worthy of her,
and she graciously appears to them in their paths,
and meets them in every thought.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

1 Thessalonians 4:13-end

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the Word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The gradual hymn:

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the
test,
That lays upon the altar the dearest and the best;
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that
know;
We may not count her armies, we may not see her King;
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;
And soul by soul and silently her shining bounds
increase,
And her ways are ways of gentleness and all her paths
are peace.**

Alleluia (x3)

All **Alleluia** (x3)

Not everyone who says to me, Lord, Lord, will enter the Kingdom of heaven, but only one who does the will of my Father in heaven.

All **Alleluia** (x3)

The Gospel, Matthew 25:1-13

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.**

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers

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

The President introduces the peace

Jesus says: Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you.

Do not let your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

All and also with you.

We are invited to exchange a sign of peace.

Bread and wine are placed on the Altar as we listen to this hymn:

**O valiant hearts who to your glory came
Through dust of conflict and through battle flame;
Tranquil you lie, your knightly virtue proved,
Your memory hallowed in the land you loved.**

**Proudly you gathered, rank on rank, to war
As who had heard God's message from afar;
All you had hoped for, all you had, you gave,
To save mankind—yourselves you scorned to save.**

**Splendid you passed, the great surrender made;
Into the light that nevermore shall fade;
Deep your contentment in that blest abode,
Who wait the last clear trumpet call of God.**

Long years ago, as earth lay dark and still,
Rose a loud cry upon a lonely hill,
While in the frailty of our human clay,
Christ, our Redeemer, passed the self-same way.

Still stands his Cross from that dread hour to this,
Like some bright star above the dark abyss;
Still, through the veil, the Victor's pitying eyes
Look down to bless our lesser Calvaries.

These were his servants, in His steps they trod,
Following through death the martyred Son of God:
Victor, He rose; victorious too shall rise
They who have drunk his cup of sacrifice.

O risen Lord, O Shepherd of our dead,
Whose Cross has bought them and whose staff has led,
In glorious hope their proud and sorrowing land
Commits her children to thy gracious hand.

The President offers this prayer for the preparation of the Altar.

Lord by this holy exchange of gifts, make us instruments of
your peace. We ask this through Jesus Christ the prince of
peace.

All **Amen.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (*E*)

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.**

Blessed are you, Lord of life, creator of heaven and earth, to you be glory and praise for ever. For through his death on the cross, your Son Jesus Christ has broken the power of evil, and by his glorious resurrection has opened for us the gate of life eternal. In him you seek the lost, restoring those whose lives have been shattered and torn apart. In the fullness of time, he will gather all things to himself, enfolding us and all who have died in war in his undying love. And so we pray that we who have set our hope on Christ may come to the peace of heaven, there, with angels and archangels, to sing your praise for ever:

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.

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Lord of all life, help us to work together for that day when your kingdom comes and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth. Look with favour on your people, gather us in your loving arms and bring us with the Blessed Virgin Mary, St Peter, St Osmund 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.**

Bells are rung as we honour Christ's presence in bread and wine.

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.

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.

The President says these words of invitation:

Jesus said: Gather up the fragments that nothing may be lost.

All **Lord, feed us with the bread of heaven.**

We make our spiritual communion.

Please join in singing the following hymn:

Make me a channel of your peace.
Where there is hatred, let me bring your love.
Where there is injury, your pardon, Lord;
and where there's doubt, true faith in you.

Make me a channel of your peace,
where there's despair in life, let me bring hope.
Where there is darkness only light,
and where there's sadness ever joy.

O Master, grant that I may never seek
so much to be consoled as to console,
to be understood as to understand
to be loved, as to love with all my soul.

Make me a channel of your peace.
It is in pardoning that we are pardoned,
in giving to all that we receive,
and in dying that we're born to eternal life.

After Communion

Lord God, in this Eucharist which we have shared, you have spoken your word of life and nourished us with the mysteries of Christ's body and blood; bring us with all who have died in combat or through the injuries of war, to know the joys of heaven. We ask this through Jesus Christ, who lived and died and was raised to newness of life, to whom be glory in every age and for eternity.

All **Amen.**

Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with your saints, where sorrow and pain are no more, neither sighing, but life everlasting.

All **And weeping o'er the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**

(from the Russian Kontakion of the Dead)

THE ACT OF REMEMBRANCE

The act of Remembrance takes place around the war memorial.

**All my hope on God is founded;
he doth still my trust renew.
Me through change and chance he guideth,
only good and only true.
God unknown, he alone
calls my heart to be his own.**

**Pride of man and earthly glory,
sword and crown betray his trust;
what with care and toil he buildeth,
tower and temple, fall to dust.
But God's power, hour by hour,
is my temple and my tower.**

**God's great goodness aye endureth,
deep his wisdom, passing thought:
splendour, light and life attend him,
beauty springeth out of nought.
Evermore, from his store
new-born worlds rise and adore.**

**Daily doth th'Almighty giver
bounteous gifts on us bestow;
his desire our soul delighteth,
pleasure leads us where we go.
Love doth stand at his hand;
joy doth wait on his command.**

**Still from man to God eternal
sacrifice of praise be done,
high above all praises praising
for the gift of Christ his Son.
Christ doth call one and all;
Ye who follow shall not fall.**

Let us remember before God, and commend to his sure keeping: those who have died in war; those whom we knew, and whose memory we treasure; all who have lived and died in the service of mankind.

Let us pray for all who in bereavement, disability and pain continue to suffer the consequences of fighting and terror.

In the presence of God, let us commit ourselves to work in penitence and faith for reconciliation between the nations, that all people may, together, live in freedom, justice and peace.

A wreath is laid

An older person says:

They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old;
age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

A younger person replies:

At the going down of the sun and in the morning,
we will remember them.

All affirm:

We will remember them.

The Last Post is heard and then two minutes silence is kept. The silence is concluded by Reveille.

Ever-living God we remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war into the peace of your presence; may that same peace calm our fears, bring justice to all peoples and establish harmony among the nations, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

BLESSING AND DISMISSAL

The act of commitment is made:

Let us commit ourselves to responsible living and faithful service.

Will you strive for all that makes for peace?

All **We will**

Will you seek to heal the wounds of war?

All **We will**

Will you work for a just future for all humanity?

All **We will**

Merciful God, we offer to you the fears in us that have not yet been cast out by love: May we accept the hope you have placed in the hearts of all people, and live lives of justice, courage and mercy; through Jesus Christ our risen Redeemer.

All **Amen.**

**God save our gracious Queen,
Long live our noble Queen,
God save the Queen!
Send her victorious,
Happy and glorious,
Long to reign over us,
God save the Queen!**

**Thy choicest gifts in store
On her be pleased to pour,
Long may she reign:
May she defend our laws,
And ever give us cause
To sing with heart and voice
God save the Queen!**

The Blessing.

God grant to the living grace, to the departed rest, to the Church, the Queen, the Commonwealth and all people, unity, peace and concord, and to us and all God's servants, life everlasting. And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you all and remain with you always.

All Amen

Go in peace to love your neighbour.
Go in power to work for reconciliation.
Go in hope to proclaim the resurrection.

All Thanks be to God.

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