

ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



FOCUSED ON GOD - SPEAKING OF JESUS - CARING ABOUT PEOPLE



*12th Sunday after Trinity
10am on 22nd August 2021*

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARKSTONE

A warm welcome to our parish eucharist, which lies at the heart of our Christian worship. Here we shall be fed and nourished, challenged and encouraged. As we prepare to sing, pray, listen and receive, let us still ourselves and become aware of God's presence. In God's love and wisdom he knows our every need. We take time to sit in quiet reflection and to open our hearts to hear God's word for us today.

We have a duty to take personal responsibility to help prevent the spread of Covid-19. Therefore, we suggest adherence to our existing church measures to ensure that we all remain safe and protected.

Please note the following recommendations:

- to wear a face covering in church,
- to keep a safe distance from others at all times,
- to share the peace in a socially-distanced manner,
- to join in the singing of hymns and responses, if we wish to do so.

We are invited to support the work of St Peter's, to help us carry out our mission and ministry to our local community. A collection will not be taken during the service, but there is provision for us to make our offering as we leave St Peter's Church.

It is also possible to make an offering by clicking the 'donate' button on our website: www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk. Every donation is greatly appreciated, thank you.

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THE GATHERING

Please stand for our processional hymn

**Lord, for the years your love has kept and guided,
urged and inspired us, cheered us on our way,
sought us and saved us, pardoned and provided:
Lord of the years, we bring our thanks today.**

**Lord, for that word, the word of life which fires us,
speaks to our hearts and sets our souls ablaze,
teaches and trains, rebukes us and inspires us:
Lord of the word, receive your people's praise.**

**Lord, for our land in this our generation,
spirits oppressed by pleasure, wealth and care:
for young and old, for commonwealth and nation,
Lord of our land, be pleased to hear our prayer.**

**Lord, for our world; when we disown and doubt you,
loveless in strength, and comfortless in pain,
hungry and helpless, lost indeed without you:
Lord of the world, we pray that Christ may reign.**

**Lord, for ourselves; in living power remake us -
self on the cross and Christ upon the throne,
past put behind us, for the future take us:
Lord of our lives, to live for Christ alone.**

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

All

Please sit as informal words of welcome are offered, before we are invited to confess our sins.

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**

Please stand as we sing our hymn of praise to the Trinity – the Gloria.

Gloria in Excelsis

Choir sing refrain: Glory to God, glory in the highest
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All sing: **Glory to God, glory in the highest
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Choir sing: Lord God, heavenly King,
Almighty God and Father.

All sing **Glory to God, glory in the highest
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Choir sing We worship you,
All sing **Glory in the highest**

Choir sing Give you thanks,
All sing **Glory in the highest**

Choir sing Praise you for your glory.
All sing **Glory to God, glory in the highest
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Choir sing 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;
All sing **have mercy on us**

Choir sing You are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer,
All sing **receive our prayer.**

Choir sing Glory to God, glory in the highest
Peace to his people, peace on earth.

All sing **Glory to God, glory in the highest
Peace to his people, peace on earth.**

Choir sing 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.

All sing **Glory to God, glory in the highest**
Peace to his people, peace on earth.
Amen.

The president introduces a period of silent prayer, and then we pray the Collect for today, the Twelfth Sunday after Trinity:

The Collect

Let us pray

Silence is kept.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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.**

Please sit for our readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from the first book of Kings (8:1,6,10-11,22-30,41-43)

Then Solomon assembled the elders of Israel and all the heads of the tribes, the leaders of the ancestral houses of the Israelites, before King Solomon in Jerusalem, to bring up the ark of the covenant of the LORD out of the city of David, which is Zion. ⁶Then the priests brought the ark of the covenant of the LORD to its place, in the inner sanctuary of the house, in the most holy place,

underneath the wings of the cherubim. ¹⁰And when the priests came out of the holy place, a cloud filled the house of the LORD, ¹¹so that the priests could not stand to minister because of the cloud; for the glory of the LORD filled the house of the LORD. ²² Then Solomon stood before the altar of the LORD in the presence of all the assembly of Israel, and spread out his hands to heaven. ²³He said, ‘O LORD, God of Israel, there is no God like you in heaven above or on earth beneath, keeping covenant and steadfast love for your servants who walk before you with all their heart, ²⁴the covenant that you kept for your servant my father David as you declared to him; you promised with your mouth and have this day fulfilled with your hand. ²⁵Therefore, O LORD, God of Israel, keep for your servant my father David that which you promised him, saying, “There shall never fail you a successor before me to sit on the throne of Israel, if only your children look to their way, to walk before me as you have walked before me.” ²⁶Therefore, O God of Israel, let your word be confirmed, which you promised to your servant my father David. ²⁷ ‘But will God indeed dwell on the earth? Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you, much less this house that I have built! ²⁸Have regard to your servant’s prayer and his plea, O LORD my God, heeding the cry and the prayer that your servant prays to you today; ²⁹that your eyes may be open night and day towards this house, the place of which you said, “My name shall be there”, that you may heed the prayer that your servant prays towards this place. ³⁰Hear the plea of your servant and of your people Israel when they pray towards this place; O hear in heaven your dwelling-place; heed and forgive. ⁴¹ ‘Likewise when a foreigner, who is not of your people Israel, comes from a distant land because of your name ⁴²—for they shall hear of your great name, your mighty hand, and your outstretched arm—when a foreigner comes and prays towards this house, ⁴³then hear in heaven your dwelling-place, and do according to all that the foreigner calls to you, so that all the peoples of the earth may know your name and fear you, as do your people Israel, and so that they may know that your name has been invoked on this house that I have built.’

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

A reading from the Letter of Paul to the Ephesians (6:10-20)

Be strong in the Lord and in the strength of his power. ¹¹Put on the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to stand against the wiles of the devil. ¹²For our struggle is not against enemies of blood and flesh, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the cosmic powers of this present darkness, against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly places. ¹³Therefore take up the whole armour of God, so that you may be able to withstand on that evil day, and having done everything, to stand firm. ¹⁴Stand therefore, and fasten the belt of truth around your waist, and put on the breastplate of righteousness. ¹⁵As shoes for your feet put on whatever will make you ready to proclaim the gospel of peace. ¹⁶With all of these, take the shield of faith, with which you will be able to quench all the flaming arrows of the evil one. ¹⁷Take the helmet of salvation, and the sword of the Spirit, which is the word of God.

¹⁸ Pray in the Spirit at all times in every prayer and supplication. To that end keep alert and always persevere in supplication for all the saints. ¹⁹Pray also for me, so that when I speak, a message may be given to me to make known with boldness the mystery of the gospel, ²⁰for which I am an ambassador in chains. Pray that I may declare it boldly, as I must speak.

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

The gradual hymn.

**You are the King of Glory,
you are the Prince of Peace,
you are the Lord of heav'n and earth,
you're the Son of righteousness.
Angels bow down before you,
worship and adore, for
you have the words of eternal life,
you are Jesus Christ the Lord.
Hosanna to the Son of David!
Hosanna to the King of kings!
Glory in the highest heavens,
for Jesus the Messiah reigns.**

Please stand and face the reader as we welcome the Gospel.

Gospel Reading

Alleluia, (x3)

All sing **Alleluia!** (x3)

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

All sing **Alleluia!** (x3)

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

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

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

Jesus said to the crowd: 'Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.' He said these things while he was teaching in the synagogue at Capernaum.

When many of his disciples heard it, they said, 'This teaching is difficult; who can accept it?' But Jesus, being aware that his disciples were complaining about it, said to them, 'Does this offend you? Then what if you were to see the Son of Man ascending to where he was before? It is the spirit that gives life; the flesh is useless. The words that I have spoken to you are spirit and life. But among you there are some who do not believe.' For Jesus knew from the first who were the ones that did not believe, and who was the one that would betray him. And he said, 'For this reason I have told you that no one can come to me unless it is granted by the Father.'

Because of this many of his disciples turned back and no longer went about with him. So Jesus asked the twelve, 'Do you also wish to go away?' Simon Peter answered him, 'Lord, to whom can we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God.'

(John 6:56-69)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

Please sit as we reflect on God's Word.

Sermon – *the Revd Sally Bedborough, Associate Priest*

Please stand as we declare our faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

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.**

Please sit for our prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

In faith we pray.

All **We pray to you, our God.**

In the power of the Spirit and in union with Christ, we bring our prayers to the Father.....

The prayers end as follows:

Lord of the Church:

All **hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand as the president introduces the peace.

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.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Please sit as bread and wine are placed on the altar as we sing our offertory hymn.

**Christ is our cornerstone,
on him alone we build;
with his true saints alone
the courts of heav'n are filled:
on his great love our hopes we place
of present grace and joys above.**

**O then with hymns of praise
these hallowed courts shall ring;
our voices we will raise
the Three in One to sing;
and thus proclaim in joyful song
both loud and long, that glorious name.**

**Here, gracious God, do thou
for evermore draw nigh;
accept each faithful vow,
and mark each suppliant sigh;
in copious show'r on all who pray
each holy day thy blessings pour.**

**Here may we gain from heav'n
the grace which we implore;
and may that grace, once giv'n,
be with us evermore,
until that day when all the blest
to endless rest are called away.**

The president offers prayer for the preparation of the altar.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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.**

Please stand as we give thanks and bless the bread and wine.

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord be with you.

All sing **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All sing **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All sing **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 singing:

All sing **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 sing **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.

*The consecrated bread and wine are raised in the sight of the people,
and the Sanctus bell is rung as we honour Christ's presence among us.*

After a moment's silence, please sit for The Lord's Prayer.

The Lord's Prayer

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.**

The president breaks the consecrated bread.

Breaking of the 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.**

All sing **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.

Giving of Communion

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.**

Words The body and blood of Christ keep you in eternal life.

All are welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing.

Holy Communion will be offered in both kinds by simultaneous administration (intinction). Please receive with open hands.

If you would like to receive a blessing please bring this service booklet with you. Please continue to respect the distance of at least one metre from others as you come forward, and sanitise your hands before receiving.

Please join in singing the Communion hymn if you wish to do so.

**We love the place, O God,
wherein thine honour dwells;
the joy of thine abode
all earthly joy excels.**

**We love the house of prayer,
wherein thy servants meet;
and thou, O Lord, art there
thy chosen flock to greet.**

**We love the sacred font;
for there the holy Dove
to pour is ever wont
his blessing from above.**

**We love thine altar, Lord;
O, what on earth so dear?
For there, in faith adored,
we find thy presence near.**

**We love the word of life,
the word that tells of peace,
of comfort in the strife,
and joys that never cease.**

**We love to sing below
for mercies freely given;
but O, we long to know
the triumph-song of heaven!**

**Lord Jesus, give us grace
on earth to love thee more,
in heaven to see thy face,
and with thy saints adore.**

Prayers after Communion

God of all mercy, in this eucharist you have set aside our sins and given us your healing: grant that we who are made whole in Christ may bring that healing to this broken world, in the name of 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.

SENDING

Final hymn.

**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus!
ye soldiers of the Cross;
Lift high His royal banner, i
It must not suffer loss.
From victory unto victory,
His army shall He lead,
Till every foe is vanquished,
And Christ is Lord indeed.**

**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus!
The trumpet call obey,
Forth to the mighty conflict,
In this his glorious day.
Ye that are men now serve him
Against unnumbered foes;
Let courage rise with danger,
And strength to strength oppose.**

**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus!
Stand in his strength alone;
The arm of flesh will fail you,
Ye dare not trust your own.
Put on the gospel armour,
Each piece put on with prayer;
Where duty calls or danger,
Be never wanting there!**

**Stand up! - stand up for Jesus!
The strife will not be long;
This day the noise of battle,
The next the victor's song;
To him that overcometh
A crown of life shall be;
He with the King of Glory
Shall reign eternally.**

Please stand as we are sent out with God's blessing.

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.

*Voluntary – March upon Handel's "Lift up your heads" (from "Messiah")
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