

ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



*Advent Sunday
10am on 28th November 2021*

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARKSTONE

Today is the first Sunday in Advent, the first Sunday of the Church's year. During Advent we look forward to the coming of Christ at the end of time and proclaim our hope for God's peace.

Today's service is a 'Moving Liturgy' where we recall our spiritual journey from baptism and the beginnings of our faith, to the celebration of the Eucharist, which sustains us in faith. Along the way we will light the first Advent candle that symbolises the Patriarchs; and, united with those that have gone before us, we will look forward with expectation to the fulfilment of God's promises. Although our service concludes with the dismissal, may our worship continue as we are sent out with God's blessing to go about our lives with purpose and hope.

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.

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THE GATHERING

Our service today is a 'Moving Liturgy'. We prepare for the celebration at the font where we confess our sins just as we did when we were baptised and first became Christians, proclaiming our faith in God who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

During the first hymn there will be a procession. As the procession moves towards the back of the church, please turn to face the font.

**O come, O come, Emmanuel!
Redeem thy captive Israel
That into exile drear is gone,
Far from the face of God's dear Son.**

***Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel
Shall come to thee, O Israel.***

**O come, thou Wisdom from on high!
Who madest all in earth and sky,
Creating man from dust and clay:
To us reveal salvation's way.**

**O come, O come, Adonai,
Who in thy glorious majesty
From Sinai's mountain, clothed with awe,
Gavest thy folk the ancient law.**

**O come, thou Root of Jesse! Draw
The quarry from the lion's claw;
From those dread caverns of the grave,
From nether hell, thy people save.**

**O Come, thou Lord of David's Key!
The royal door fling wide and free;
Safeguard for us the heavenward road,
And bar the way to death's abode.**

**O come, O come, thou Dayspring bright!
Pour on our souls thy healing light;
Dispel the long night's lingering gloom,
And pierce the shadows of the tomb.**

**O Come, Desire of nations! Show
Thy kingly reign on earth below;
Thou Corner-stone, uniting all,
Restore the ruin of our fall.**

The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus
Christ be with you

All **and also with you.**

*The president welcomes everyone as we begin the new liturgical year
together.*

Blessed are you, sovereign Lord, God of our ancestors:
to you be praise and glory for ever.

You called the patriarchs to live by the light of faith
and to journey in the hope of your promised fulfilment.

May we be obedient to your call
and be ready and watchful to receive your Christ,
a lamp to our feet and a light to our path;
for you are our light and our salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

As the first candle on our Advent wreath is lit, we say together:

All **We light this candle to remind us of God's people,
who, in every age, watch for his coming.**

Sing **Earth so dark, cold and dim
Light will come flooding in
God is near promising
Hope and grace and freedom
Raising up his people.**

***Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!
Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!
When he comes, When he comes,
Who will make him welcome?***

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Silence is kept briefly

Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison

Sing Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison.

Heavenly Father, you have created a universe of light:
forgive us when we return to darkness.

Sing Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison.

Lord Jesus, you are the light of the world:
cleanse and heal our blinded sight.

Sing Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison.

Holy Spirit, you give us light in our hearts:
renew us in faith and love.

Sing Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison. Kyrie, Kyrie, Eleison.

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive us our sins, open our eyes to God's truth, strengthen us to do God's will and give us the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sing Amen.

Sing Wait for the Lord whose day is near.

Wait for the Lord keep watch take heart.

As the procession moves to the front of the Nave, the president asperges (sprinkles) the people with water from the font as a sign of God's forgiveness and healing. You may like to make the sign of the cross as the water touches you as a way of remembering your Baptism.

The president introduces a period of silent prayer and then sings the Collect for the First Sunday in Advent:

Let us pray that when the Lord returns, he will find us watching and waiting.

Silence is kept.

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life, in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*Sing **Amen.***

Please sit for our readings.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

A reading from Jeremiah 33:14-16.

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will fulfil the promise I made to the house of Israel and the house of Judah. ¹⁵In those days and at that time I will cause a righteous Branch to spring up for David; and he shall execute justice and righteousness in the land. ¹⁶In those days Judah will be saved and Jerusalem will live in safety. And this is the name by which it will be called: 'The LORD is our righteousness.'

For the word of the Lord.

*All **Thanks be to God.***

A reading from 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13.

How can we thank God enough for you in return for all the joy that we feel before our God because of you? ¹⁰Night and day we pray most earnestly that we may see you face to face and restore whatever is lacking in your faith.

¹¹ Now may our God and Father himself and our Lord Jesus direct our way to you. ¹² And may the Lord make you increase and abound in love for one another and for all, just as we abound in love for you. ¹³ And may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before our God and Father at the coming of our Lord Jesus with all his saints.

For the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Please stand as we sing our gradual hymn.

**People, look east. The time is near
Of the crowning of the year.
Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.
*People, look east and sing today:
Love the guest is on the way.***

**Furrows, be glad. Though earth is bare,
One more seed is planted there:
Give up your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.
*People, look east and sing today:
Love the rose is on the way.***

**Birds, though ye long have ceased to build,
Guard the nest that must be filled.
Even the hour when wings are frozen
God for fledging-time has chosen.
*People, look east and sing today:
Love the bird is on the way.***

**Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim
One more light the bowl shall brim,
Shining beyond the frosty weather,
Bright as sun and moon together.
*People, look east and sing today:
Love the star is on the way.***

**Angels, announce to man and beast
Him who cometh from the east.
Set ev'ry peak and valley humming
With the word, the Lord is coming.
*People, look east and sing today:
Love the lord is on the way.***

Please turn to face the Gospel Book as we welcome the Gospel.

The Gospel Reading (Luke 21:25-36)

Alleluia! (x3)

*Sing **Alleluia!** (x3)*

Prepare the way of the Lord, make his paths straight,
and all flesh shall see the salvation of God.

*Sing **Alleluia!** (x3)*

The Lord be with you

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

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke

*Sing **Glory to you O Lord.***

Jesus said, 'There will be signs in the sun, the moon, and the stars, and on the earth distress among nations confused by the roaring of the sea and the waves. People will faint from fear and foreboding of what is coming upon the world, for the powers of the heavens will be shaken. Then they will see "the Son of Man coming in a cloud" with power and great glory. Now when these things begin to take place, stand up and raise your heads, because your redemption is drawing near.'

Then he told them a parable: 'Look at the fig tree and all the trees; as soon as they sprout leaves you can see for yourselves and know that summer is already near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that the kingdom of God is near. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.'

‘Be on guard so that your hearts are not weighed down with dissipation and drunkenness and the worries of this life, and that day does not catch you unexpectedly, like a trap. For it will come upon all who live on the face of the whole earth. Be alert at all times, praying that you may have the strength to escape all these things that will take place, and to stand before the Son of Man.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

*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

We say together in faith

All **Holy, holy, holy
is the Lord God almighty,
who was, and is, and is to come.**

We believe in God the Father,
who created all things:

All **for by his will they were created
and have their being.**

We believe in God the Son,
who was slain:

All **for with his blood,
he purchased us for God,
from every tribe and language,
from every people and nation.**

We believe in God the Holy Spirit:

All **the Spirit and the Bride say, ‘Come!’
Even so come, Lord Jesus!
Amen.**

Please sit for our prayers.

Prayers of Intercession

Maranatha:

All **Amen, Come, Lord Jesus.**

(Maranatha is a word in the Aramaic language, the language Jesus spoke. It doesn't translate precisely into English but it means something like 'Our Lord, come')

Watchful at all times, let us pray for strength to stand with confidence before our Maker and Redeemer.

The Intercessions end as follows

Hasten, Lord, the day when people will come from east and west, from north and south, and sit at table in your kingdom, and we shall see your Son in his glory.

Sing **Blessing and honour and glory and power, be yours for ever and ever. Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Please stand as the president introduces the peace.

The Peace

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way 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.

Bread and wine are placed on the altar as we sing our offertory hymn.

**Come, thou long-expected Jesus,
Born to set thy people free,
From our fears and sins release us,
Let us find our rest in thee.**

**Israel's strength and consolation,
Hope of all the earth thou art,
Dear desire of every nation,
Joy of every longing heart.**

**Born thy people to deliver,
Born a child and yet a king,
Born to reign in us for ever,
Now thy gracious kingdom bring.**

**By thine own eternal Spirit,
Rule in all our hearts alone;
By thine all-sufficient merit
Raise us to thy glorious throne.**

The president offers prayer for the preparation of the altar.

Taking of the Bread and Wine

As this bread was scattered
and then gathered and made one,
so may your Church be gathered into your kingdom.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

Wisdom has built her a house;
she has mixed her wine; she has set her table.

All **Glory to you, O God, for ever.**

The Eucharistic Prayer (B)

The Lord be with you.

Sing **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

Sing **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

Sing **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise,
almighty God and everlasting Father,
through Jesus Christ your Son.

For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh,
he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world
to open for us the way of salvation.

Confident that your promise will be fulfilled,
we now watch for the day

when Christ our Lord will come again in glory.

And so we join our voices with angels and archangels
and with all the company of heaven

to proclaim your glory

for ever praising you and singing:

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:

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, the Patriarchs 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 and expectation, 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.**

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

I heard the voice of a great multitude crying, 'Alleluia.'
The Lord our God has entered into his kingdom.

All Blessed are those who are called to the supper of the Lamb.

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 both hands open.

If you would like to receive a blessing please bring this service booklet with you.

We remain seated to sing our post-communion hymn.

**Longing for light, we wait in darkness,
longing for truth we turn to you.
Make us your own, your holy people,
light for the world to see.**

Christ be our light!

Shine in our hearts.

Shine through the darkness.

Christ be our light!

Shine in your church gathered today.

**Longing for peace, our world is troubled.
Longing for hope many despair.
Your word alone, has power to save us.
Make us your living voice. *Refrain.***

**Longing for food, many are hungry.
Longing for water, many still thirst.
Make us your bread, broken for others,
shared until all are fed. *Refrain.***

**Longing for shelter, many are homeless.
Longing for warmth, many are cold.
Make us your building, sheltering others,
walls made of living stone. *Refrain.***

**Many the gifts, many the people,
many the hearts that yearn to belong.
Let us be servants to one another,
making your kingdom come. *Refrain.***

Prayers after Communion

O Lord our God,
make us watchful and keep us faithful
as we await the coming of your Son our Lord;
that, when he shall appear,
he may not find us sleeping in sin
but active in his service
and joyful in his praise;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**

All **Generous God,
you have fed us at your heavenly table.
Set us on fire with your Spirit
that when Christ comes again
we may shine like lights before his face,
who with you and the Spirit lives for ever
Amen.**

Announcements are made.

SENDING

Please stand as we sing our final hymn, before we are sent out with God's blessing.

**Lo! he comes with clouds descending,
once for favoured sinners slain;
thousand thousand saints attending
swell the triumph of his train:
Alleluya!
God appears, on earth to reign.**

**Every eye shall now behold him
robed in dreadful majesty;
those who set at naught and sold him,
pierced and nailed him to the tree,
deeply wailing,
shall the true Messiah see.**

**Those dear tokens of his passion
still his dazzling body bears,
cause of endless exultation
to his ransomed worshippers:
with what rapture,
gaze we on those glorious scars!**

**Yea, Amen! let all adore thee,
high on thine eternal throne;
Saviour, take the power and glory:
claim the kingdom for thine own:
O come quickly!
Alleluya! Come, Lord, come!**

The Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you,
scatter the darkness from before your path,
and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit
be among you and remain with you always.

All Amen.

As we await our coming Saviour,
go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

All In the name of Christ. Amen.

The ministers and people depart.

Voluntary – Chorale and Chorale Prelude on the Advent Hymn "Nun komm', der Heiden Heiland" BWV 661 by J S BACH (1685 - 1750).