

# ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



## *Passion Sunday*



*10am on 21st March 2021  
5th Sunday of Lent*

## WELCOME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARKSTONE

Welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist on the fifth Sunday of Lent. Today is often referred to as 'Passion' Sunday and it marks the beginning of Passiontide, the last fortnight of Lent, during which the Cross comes more and more clearly into focus in our worship.

For the duration of our time of worship, please continue to be cautious; maintaining hand hygiene and social distancing. We are mindful of all those who have died due, directly or indirectly, to the Covid-19 virus. We give thanks for the continued vaccination programme, and for all medical workers that seek to support the sick.

You 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 you to make your offering as you 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](http://www.stpetersparkstone.org.uk). Every donation is greatly appreciated, thank you.

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**'St Peter's Parkstone' YouTube channel.**

## THE GATHERING

*Please stand as the service begins with a hymn, sung by members of the choir.*

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown  
that they might lovely be.  
O who am I, that for my sake  
my Lord should take frail flesh and die?

He came from his blest throne  
salvation to bestow;  
but sin made blind, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O my friend, my friend indeed,  
who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes they strew his way,  
and his sweet praises sing;  
resounding all the day  
hosannas to their King:  
then "Crucify!" is all their breath,  
and for his death they thirst and cry.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay.  
Yet cheerful he to suff'ring goes,  
that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine:  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine.  
This is my friend in whose sweet praise  
I all my days could gladly spend.

## 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.*

*All* **Almighty God  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hidden:  
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
that we may perfectly love you,  
and worthily magnify your holy name;  
through Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit;  
a broken and contrite heart God will not despise.  
Let us come to the Lord, who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions in penitence and  
faith.

*Silence is kept, and then we pray together:*

*All* **Lord God,  
we have sinned against you;  
we have done evil in your sight.  
We are sorry and repent.**

**Have mercy on us according to your love.  
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from our sin.  
Renew a right spirit within us  
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.**

God the Father, who raised Christ Jesus from the dead promises forgiveness and new life through his Holy Spirit who dwells in you. Receive his pardon, his peace and his grace that you may serve him in newness of life.

*All* **Amen.**

### The Collect

*The President introduces a period of silent prayer and then we pray the Collect for the fifth Sunday of Lent:*

Let us pray for a deeper understanding of the power of Christ's cross.

*Silence is kept.*

**Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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 remain seated for a meditation from Stages on the Way from the Wild Goose Worship Group:*

He will walk a little in front of us towards Jerusalem.

He will not be scared though we are apprehensive.

If we try to discourage him, he will recognise the devil in our voice, and he will tell us as much in no uncertain terms.

Then he will go on again, in faith, towards Jerusalem.

*(Sung response)*

He will walk a little in front of us into controversy.

He will not be scared though we are apprehensive.

He will argue with the intelligent, contradict the self-assured, embrace the untouchable, upset bank balances by his outlandish behaviour in the sanctuary, and weep in public.

Then he will go on again, in faith, towards a garden.

*(Sung response)*

He will walk a little in front of us into Gethsemane.

He will not be scared though we are apprehensive.

He will sweat blood and ask God if there is another way. And when God says no, he will take the traitor's kiss, the soldiers' spit and the bile and venom from the princes of religion.

Then he will go on again, in faith, towards the cross.

*(Sung response)*

He will walk a little in front of us towards Calvary.

He will not be scared, no, he will not be scared.

He will feel the pain of wood and nails; but more than this he will feel the weight of all the evil, all the malice, all the pettiness, all the sin of the world heaped upon his shoulders.

He will not throw off that weight, though he could.

He will not give back evil for evil, return malice for malice, take revenge on the petty-minded, or spew out hate on all who have despised or rejected him.

He will not give back the sin of the world, he will take it away...into death, into hell, so that he can lead us into heaven.

Then he will go on again, in faith, towards the resurrection.

*(Sung response)*

He will walk a little behind us through the graveyard.

He will wait until we realise that he has died and admit our complicity in his life's ending.

Then he will come up behind us, and say our name, so that we can say his, for ever.

*Silence is kept.*

## Gospel Reading

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path.

*All* **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

The Lord be with you

*All* **And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to  
John

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

Among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. <sup>21</sup>They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to him, ‘Sir, we wish to see Jesus.’ <sup>22</sup>Philip went and told Andrew; then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. <sup>23</sup>Jesus answered them, ‘The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. <sup>24</sup>Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain; but if it dies, it bears much fruit. <sup>25</sup>Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. <sup>26</sup>Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honour.

<sup>27</sup> ‘Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say— “Father, save me from this hour”? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. <sup>28</sup>Father, glorify your name.’ Then a voice came from heaven, ‘I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again.’ <sup>29</sup>The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, ‘An angel has spoken to him.’ <sup>30</sup>Jesus answered, ‘This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. <sup>31</sup>Now is the judgement of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. <sup>32</sup>And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to

myself.' <sup>33</sup>He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die. (John 12:20-33)

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All Praise to you O Christ.**

*Please sit.*

*The Sermon* – *The Revd Sally Bedborough, Associate Priest*

The Creed

*Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of 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

Let us pray to the Father through his Son  
who suffered on the cross for the world's redemption.

*To the words*                      **By the Saviour's cross and passion,**  
*Please respond:*                **Lord, save us and help us.**

*The prayers may end with:*  
Merciful Father,  
*All*    **accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

## THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

*Please stand for the peace.*

### The Peace

*The president introduces the peace.*

Christ is our peace.

He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross.

We meet in his name and share his peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you

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

Let us offer one another a sign of God's peace.

### Preparation of the Table

*We listen as the choir sing a hymn during which bread and wine are placed on the Altar.*

It is a thing most wonderful,  
almost too wonderful to be,  
that God's own Son should come from heav'n,  
and die to save a child like me.

And yet I know that it is true:  
he chose a poor and humble lot,  
and wept and toiled and mourned and died  
for love of those who loved him not.

But even could I see him die,  
I could but see a little part  
of that great love which, like a fire,  
is always burning in his heart.

And yet I want to love thee, Lord;  
O light the flame within my heart,  
and I will love thee more and more,  
until I see thee as thou art.

### Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

God of wisdom, may the light of your eternal Word,  
our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,  
lead us in holiness and guide us to glory;  
we ask this in his name.

*All* **Amen.**

*Please stand.*

### The Eucharistic Prayer

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.**

It is indeed right and just,  
our duty and our salvation,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For as the time of his passion and resurrection draws near  
the whole world is called to acknowledge his hidden  
majesty.

The power of the life-giving cross  
reveals the judgement that has come upon the world  
and the triumph of Christ crucified.

He is the victim who dies no more,  
the Lamb once slain, who lives for ever,  
our advocate in heaven to plead our cause,  
exalting us there to join with angels and archangels,  
for ever praising you and *singing*:

*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.**

*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 or kneel for The Lord's Prayer.*

### The Lord's Prayer

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.**

### Breaking of the Bread

*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.**

### Giving of Communion

*The President invites the people to receive 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**

*All are welcome to come forward to receive communion or a blessing. Due to the current restrictions, communion will be given in one kind only. If you would like to receive a blessing please bring this service booklet with you.*

*Please respect the distance of at least two metres from others as you come forward, and form one line in the central aisle. Please sanitise your hands before receiving.*

*Choir members sing our communion hymn.*

We sing the praise of him who died,  
of him who died upon the cross;  
the sinner's hope, though all deride,  
for turn to gain this bitter loss.

Inscribed upon the cross we see  
in shining letters, 'God is love';  
he bears our sins upon the tree;  
he brings us mercy from above.

The cross! It takes our guilt away:  
it holds the fainting spirit up;  
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,  
and sweetens ev'ry bitter cup.

It makes the coward spirit brave  
to face the darkness of the night;  
it takes the terror from the grave,  
and gilds the bed of death with light:

The balm of life, the cure of woe,  
the measure and the pledge of love,  
the sinner's refuge here below,  
the angels' theme in heav'n above.

### Prayer after Communion

Lord Jesus Christ, you have taught us that what we do for  
the least of our brothers and sisters we do also for you:  
give us the will to be the servant of others as you were the  
servant of all, and gave up your life and died for us, but  
are alive and reign, now and for ever.

*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.*

<b>SENDING</b>
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*Choir members sing our final hymn.*

Rejoice, the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore;  
mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore. *Refrain.*

Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,  
the God of truth and love;  
when he has purged our stains,  
he took his seat above. *Refrain.*

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heav'n;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus giv'n. *Refrain.*

He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet. *Refrain.*

*Please stand.*

The Blessing.

Christ crucified draw you to himself, to find in him a sure ground for faith, a firm support for hope, and the assurance of sins forgiven;  
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 the peace of Christ.

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

*The Ministers and people depart.*

*Voluntary: Toccata (from "Suite Gothique" by Leon  
BOELLMANN (1862-1897)*