

ST PETER'S PARKSTONE



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The Parish Eucharist



The Third Sunday of Easter

Sunday 18th April 2021

WELCOME TO ST PETER'S CHURCH, PARKSTONE

Welcome to this celebration of the Eucharist on this Third Sunday in Easter.

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. Every donation is greatly appreciated, thank you.

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THE GATHERING

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

**Christ is the King! O friends rejoice!
Brothers and sisters, with one voice
Make all men know he is your choice.
Alleluya.**

**The first Apostles round them drew
Thousands of faithful men and true,
Sharing a faith for ever new:
Alleluya.**

**Then magnify the Lord, and raise
Anthems of joy and holy praise
For Christ's brave saints of ancient days:
Alleluya.**

**O Christian women, Christian men,
All the world over, seek again
The Way disciples followed then:
Alleluya.**

**Christ through all ages is the same;
Place the same hope in his great name,
With the same faith his word proclaim:
Alleluya.**

The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

Alleluia Christ is Risen.

All **He is Risen indeed Alleluia.**

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 Gloria (the Peruvian Gloria *spoken*)

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to the Father
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to the Father
To him be Glory forever
To him be Glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to the Son
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to the Son
To him be Glory forever
To him be Glory forever
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to the Spirit
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to the Spirit
To him be Glory forever
To him be Glory forever
Alleluia Amen

**Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen
Alleluia Amen**

The Collect

The President introduces a period of silent prayer and then we pray the Collect for the third Sunday of Easter

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

Silence is kept.

**Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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.
Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Please sit

A reading from the Acts of the Apostles.

Peter addressed the people, 'You Israelites, why do you wonder at this, or why do you stare at us, as though by our own power or piety we had made him walk? ¹³The God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, the God of our ancestors has glorified his servant Jesus, whom you handed over and rejected in the presence of Pilate, though he had decided to release him. ¹⁴But you

rejected the Holy and Righteous One and asked to have a murderer given to you, ¹⁵and you killed the Author of life, whom God raised from the dead. To this we are witnesses. ¹⁶And by faith in his name, his name itself has made this man strong, whom you see and know; and the faith that is through Jesus has given him this perfect health in the presence of all of you.

17 'And now, friends, I know that you acted in ignorance, as did also your rulers. ¹⁸In this way God fulfilled what he had foretold through all the prophets, that his Messiah would suffer. ¹⁹Repent therefore, and turn to God so that your sins may be wiped out.'

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

Silence is kept

A reading from the first letter of John.

See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and that is what we are. The reason the world does not know us is that it did not know him. ²Beloved, we are God's children now; what we will be has not yet been revealed. What we do know is this: when he is revealed, we will be like him, for we will see him as he is. ³And all who have this hope in him purify themselves, just as he is pure.

⁴Everyone who commits sin is guilty of lawlessness; sin is lawlessness. ⁵You know that he was revealed to take away sins, and in him there is no sin. ⁶No one who abides in him sins; no one who sins has either seen him or known him. ⁷Little children, let no one deceive you. Everyone who does what is right is righteous, just as he is righteous.

This is the word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**

We remain sitting as the choir sings

**Father we love you
We worship and adore you
Glorify your name in all the earth
Glorify your name, Glorify your name
Glorify your name in all the earth.**

Jesus we love you

Spirit we love you

Please stand

The Gospel

The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**

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

All **Glory to you O Lord.**

While the eleven and their companions were talking about what they had heard, Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' ³⁷They were startled and terrified, and thought that they were seeing a ghost. ³⁸He said to them, 'Why are you frightened, and why do doubts arise in your hearts? ³⁹Look at my hands and my feet; see that it is I myself. Touch me and see; for a ghost does not have flesh and bones as you see that I have.' ⁴⁰And when he had said this, he showed them his hands and his feet. ⁴¹While in their joy they were disbelieving and still wondering, he said to them, 'Have you anything here to eat?' ⁴²They gave him a piece of broiled fish, ⁴³and he took it and ate in their presence. ⁴⁴ Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything

written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.’⁴⁵ Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures,⁴⁶ and he said to them, ‘Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day,⁴⁷ and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem.’⁴⁸ You are witnesses of these things.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**

Please sit

The Sermon – *The Revd Mike Trotman*

The Creed

Please stand as we affirm our faith in the words of the Creed.

All **Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the third day
in accordance with the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.**

Please sit

Prayers of Intercession

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

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

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.' Then were they glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

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

**Peace perfect peace
Is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Peace perfect peace
Is the gift of Christ our Lord.
Thus says the Lord
will the world know my name.
Peace perfect peace
Is the gift of Christ our Lord.**

Love perfect love.....

Faith perfect faith

Hope perfect hope

Joy perfect joy

Taking of the Bread and Wine

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

With this bread that we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

With this wine that we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

Bread for his body,

Wine for his blood,

Gifts from God,

to his table we bring.

We shall remember Jesus.

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.**

Father, you made the world and love your creation. You gave your Son Jesus Christ to be our Saviour. His dying and rising have set us free from sin and death. And so we

gladly thank you, with saints and angels praising you, and saying

**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.

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.

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.**

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.

**How sweet the Name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrow, 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 our 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.**

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

SENDING

Choir sing our final hymn

**Rejoice, the Lord is King,
your Lord and King adore;
mortals give thanks and sing,
and triumph evermore;**

***Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice!***

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

**His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given: *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.