

Sunday 9 March 2025 St Peter's Pedmore

Let us gather for worship

We come from scattered lives to meet with God. Let us recognise his presence with us.

As God's people we have gathered: let us worship him together.

We stand before the throne of God with countless crowds from every nation and race, tribe and language. Blessing and glory and wisdom, thanksgiving and honour, power and might be to our God for ever and ever. Amen.

Song

SEEK YE FIRST the kingdom of God And His righteousness, And all these things shall be added unto you, Allelu, Alleluia Seek ye first....

Man shall not live by bread alone, But by every word That proceeds from the mouth of God, Allelu, Alleluia Man shall not....

Ask and it shall be given unto you,

Seek and ye shall find. Knock and it shall be opened unto you, Allelu, Alleluia Ask and it shall....

Let us confess our sins

Human sin disfigures the whole creation, which groans with eager longing for God's redemption. Christ the light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts.

In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

God of mercy,

we acknowledge that we are all sinners. We turn from the wrong that we have thought and said and done, and are mindful of all that we have failed to do. For the sake of Jesus, who died for us, forgive us for all that is past, and help us to live each day in the light of Christ our Lord. Amen.

May God our Father forgive us our sins and bring us to the eternal joy of his kingdom, where dust and ashes have no dominion. **Amen.**

Song

GOD FORGAVE MY SIN in Jesus' name, I've been born again in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His love as He told me to. *He said: 'Freely, freely, you have received, Freely, freely give; Go in My name, and because you believe* Others will know that I live.'

All power is given in Jesus' name, In earth and heaven in Jesus' name; And in Jesus' name I come to you To share His power as He told me to. *He said:*

We hear the word of God

Bible Reading

Romans 10.8–13

Song

TELL OUT, MY SOUL, the greatness of the Lord! Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice; Tender to me the promise of His word; In God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of His name! Make known His might, the deeds His arm has done; His mercy sure, from age to age the same; His holy name—the Lord, the mighty One. Tell out, my soul, the greatness of Hismight! Powers and dominions lay their glory by; Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight, The hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of His word! Firm is His promise, and His mercy sure: Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord To children's children and forever more!

Bible Reading

Luke 4.1–14

Talk

What we believe

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist? We believe and trust in him. Do you believe and trust in God the Son, who took our human nature, died for us and rose again? We believe and trust in him. Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world? We believe and trust in him. This is the faith of the Church. This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song

HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US,

How vast beyond all measure, That He should give His only Son To make a wretch His treasure. How great the pain of searing loss – The Father turns His face away, As wounds which mar the Chosen One Bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, My sin upon His shoulders; Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice Call out among the scoffers. It was my sin that held Him there Until it was accomplished; His dying breath has brought me life – I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, No gifts, no power, no wisdom; But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection. Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer; But this I know with all my heart – His wounds have paid my ransom.

Let us turn to God in prayer

The Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; 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

Intercessions

The Lord's Prayer Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name your kingdom come your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil and the evil one. For the kingdom, the power, And the glory are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Final Hymn GREAT IS THY FAITHFULNESS, O God my Father, There is no shadow of turning with Thee; Thou changest not, Thy compassions, they fail not; As Thou hast been Thou forever wilt be.

Great is Thy faithfulness! Great is Thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see; All I have needed Thy hand hath provided, Great is Thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest, Sun, moon and stars in their courses above, Join with all nature in manifold witness To Thy great faithfulness, mercy and love. *Great is Thy faithfulness!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth, Thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide; Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, Blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside! Great is Thy faithfulness!

Final Prayer

May The Lord bless us and keep us.

Amen.

May The Lord make his face to shine upon us, and be gracious to us.

Amen.

May The Lord lift up his countenance upon us and give us peace.

Amen.

May The Lord God almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the holy and undivided Trinity,

guard us, save us,

and bring us to that heavenly city,

where he lives and reigns for ever and ever.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord, In the name of Christ. Amen.

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