

16th March 2025 St Peter's Pedmore

Welcome

Let us gather for worship

Song

Majesty, worship his majesty
Unto Jesus be all glory, power and praise
Majesty, kingdom authority flow from his throne
Unto his own his anthem raise
So exalt lift up on high the name of Jesus
Magnify, come glorify Christ Jesus the king
Majesty, worship his majesty
Jesus who died now glorified
King of all kings

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

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.

Receiving God's Forgiveness

Compassion and forgiveness belong to the Lord our God, though we have rebelled against him. Let us then renounce our wilfulness and ask his mercy

by confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

We confess to you our selfishness and lack of love: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

We confess to you our fear and failure in sharing our faith: fill us with your Spirit.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

We confess to you our stubbornness and lack of trust: fill us with your Spirit.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May the God of love and power forgive you and free you from your sins, heal and strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Almighty God,

whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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**

Let us hear the word of God

Bible readings Genesis 15:1-12 &17-18 Luke 13:31-end

Song
God of grace, I turn my face to you,
I cannot hide;
my nakedness, my shame, my guilt,
are all before your eyes.

Strivings and all anguished dreams in rags lie at my feet, and only grace provides the way for me to stand complete.

And your grace clothes me in righteousness and your mercy covers me in love. Your life adorns and beautifies, I stand complete in you.

Talk

Statement of Faith

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.

With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and glorified. He 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.

The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Song

I Am The Bread Of Life, You Who Come To Me Shall Not Hunger; And Who Believe In Me Shall Not Thirst. No One Can Come To Me Unless The Father Beckons.

The Bread That I Will Give Is My Flesh For The Life Of The World, And If You Eat Of This Bread, You Shall Live For Ever, You Shall Live For Ever.

Unless You Eat Of The Flesh Of The Son Of Man And Drink Of His Blood, And Drink Of His Blood, You Shall Not Have Life Within You.

I Am The Resurrection, I Am The Life. If You Believe In Me, Even Though You Die, You Shall Live Forever.

Yes, Lord, I Believe That You Are The Christ, The Son Of God, Who Have Come Into The World. The Lord be with you and also with you. Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast

As we prepare to celebrate the Easte with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels for ever praising you and saying:

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord!

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free.
You are the Saviour of the World.

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 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 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. **Amen**

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.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory
are yours now and for ever. Amen.

Sharing Communion Together

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

Though we are many, we are one body, because we all share in one bread.

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Song during communion
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty.
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord,
Holy is the Lord God almighty.
Who was, and is, and is to come,
Holy, holy, holy is the Lord.

Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord, Worthy is the Lord God almighty. Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord, Worthy is the Lord God almighty. Who was, and is, and is to come, Worthy, worthy, worthy is the Lord.

Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord, Jesus is the Lord God almighty. Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord, Jesus is the Lord God almighty. Who was, and is, and is to come, Jesus, Jesus, Jesus is the Lord.

Glory, glory, glory to the Lord, Glory to the Lord God almighty. Glory, glory, glory to the Lord, Glory to the Lord God almighty. Who was, and is, and is to come, Glory, glory, glory to the Lord.

Prayer after Communion

Merciful Lord, grant your people grace to withstand the temptations of the world, the flesh and the devil, and with pure hearts and minds to follow you, the only God; through lesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

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

Song

All people that on Earth do dwell, Sing to the Lord with cheerful voice; Him serve with fear, his praise forthtell; Come ye before him and rejoice.

The Lord, ye know, is God indeed; Without our aid he did us make; We are his folk, he doth us feed, And for his sheep he doth us take. O enter then his gates with praise, Approach with joy his courts unto; Praise, laud, and bless his name always, For it is seemly so to do.

For why? The Lord our God is good; His mercy is forever sure; His truth at all times firmly stood, And shall from age to age endure.

16th March 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Genesis 15:1-12 &17-18 and Luke 13:31-end 10.30 am Holy Communion Genesis 15:1-12 &17-18 and Luke 13:31-end

Wednesday 19th March 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Andrew's

23rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 13:1-9

10.30 am Café Church Isaiah 55:1-9 and Luke 13:1-9

NB Café Church will be in the Church Centre

Wednesday 12th March 10.00 am Holy Communion at St Peter's

Lent Course

The Lent course on the Creed Tuesday 18th March. This week **No pale Galilean** 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.

Men's Breakfast

Saturday 29th March at 9.30 am - details from Barry Kitto

Mothering Sunday

Sunday 30^{th} March at 10.30 am – a special all age service to give thanks for mum. A service to suit all ages and stages in life.

Churches together in Stourbridge study course on the theme of hope

Thursday 20th March at 7.30 pm at Our Lady & All Saints, New Road "The hope of the church".

Church Annual Meeting

Is on 6^{th} April during the 10.30 am service. At this meeting we need to elect:

- 2 Churchwardens
- 3 elected members of the PCC to serve for 3 years
- I elected member of the PCC to serve for 2 years

Each nominee must be at least 16, a communicant and on the Electoral Roll and they need to be proposed and second by people on the Electoral Roll. Forms available from church or the church office.

Remember you church needs you

An eco tip

Lent is a time for fasting. Why not fast from meat during Lent either for one day a week or for all the six weeks of Lent

Black Country Food Bank

The needs of the Foodbank are: Packets of Pasta in Sauce, Instant Noodles, Breakfast Cereal, Tinned Veg, Tinned Potatoes, Tinned Soup, Long Life Milk, Tea Bags 40's, Small Jars of Coffee, Toilet Rolls, Bars of Soap, Shampoo and Roll-on Deodorant.