

23rd June 2024 4th Sunday after Trinity St Peter's Pedmore

Let us gather for worship

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.

Song

Praise, my soul, the King of Heaven;
To His feet thy tribute bring.
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,
Evermore His praises sing:
Praise Him, praise Him,
Praise Him, Praise Him,
Praise the everlasting King.

Praise Him for His grace and favour To our fathers in distress; Praise Him still the same as ever, Slow to chide, and swift to bless. Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, Glorious in His faithfulness.

Fatherlike He tends and spares us, Well our feeble frame He knows; In His hands He gently bears us, Rescues us from all our foes. Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, Widely yet His mercy flows.

Angels, help us to adore Him, Ye behold Him face to face; Sun and moon, bow down before Him; Dwellers all in time and space, Praise Him, praise Him, Praise Him, praise Him, Praise with us the God of grace.

Let us confess our sins

The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart God will not despise. Our sins accuse us. We confess them to God. So let us admit to God the sin which always confronts us.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour in thought and word and deed, through negligence, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault.

We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive us all that is past and grant that we may serve you in newness of life to the glory of your name. Amen.

May almighty God, who sent his Son into the world to save sinners, bring you his pardon and peace, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Song

Before the throne of God above
I have a strong and perfect plea
A great high priest who's name is Love
Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands
My name is written on His heart
I know that while in Heaven He stands
No tongue can bid me thence depart
No tongue can bid me thence depart

When Satan tempts me to despair And tells me of the guilt within Upward I look and see Him there Who made an end of all my sin

Because a sinless Saviour died My sinful soul is counted free For God the just is satisfied To look on Him and pardon me To look on Him and pardon me

Behold Him there the risen Lamb My perfect spotless righteousness The great unchangeable I am The King of glory and of grace

One in Himself, I cannot die My soul is purchased by His blood My life is hid with Christ on high With Christ, my Saviour and my God With Christ, my Saviour and my God

The Collect

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

Bible Reading
2 Corinthians 6:1-13
Mark 4:35-end

Talk

Let us declare our faith in God, saying 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.

Let us turn to God in prayer

Prayers of intercession

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel, peace to those who are far off and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

Song

The Lord's my shepherd, I'll not want; He makes me lie in pastures green. He leads me by the still, still waters, His goodness restores my soul.

And I will trust in You alone, And I will trust in You alone, For Your endless mercy follows me, Your goodness will lead me home. He guides my ways in righteousness, And He anoints my head with oil, And my cup, it overflows with joy, I feast on His pure delights.

And though I walk the darkest path, I will not fear the evil one, For You are with me, and Your rod and staff Are the comfort I need to know.

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Blessed are you, Lord God, our light and our salvation; to you be glory and praise for ever. From the beginning you have created all things and all your works echo the silent music of your praise. In the fullness of time you made us in your image, the crown of all creation. You give us breath and speech, that with angels and archangels and all the powers of heaven we may find a voice to sing your praise:

Holy, holy Lord, God of power and might Heaven and earth are full of your glory. (Echo; your glory) Hosanna, hosanna hosanna in the highest (rpt)

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, Blessed is he who comes in the name of the lord Hosanna, hosanna in the highest Hosanna, hosanna to the king.

How wonderful the work of your hands, O Lord. As a mother tenderly gathers her children, you embraced a people as your own. When they turned away and rebelled your love remained steadfast.

From them you raised up Jesus our Saviour, born of Mary, to be the living bread, in whom all our hungers are satisfied. He offered his life for sinners, and with a love stronger than death he opened wide his arms on the cross.

On the night before he died, he came to supper with his friends and, taking bread, he gave you thanks. He broke it and gave it to them, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, 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.

Great is the mystery of faith!

Christ has died Christ is risen Christ will come again

Father, we plead with confidence his sacrifice made once for all upon the cross; we remember his dying and rising in glory, and we rejoice that he intercedes for us at your right hand. Pour out your Holy Spirit as we bring before you these gifts of your creation; may they be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

As we eat and drink these holy things in your presence, form us in the likeness of Christ, and build us into a living temple to your glory.

Bring us at the last with all the saints to the vision of that eternal splendour for which you have created us; through Jesus Christ, our Lord, by whom, with whom, and in whom, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours 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.

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
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 go out to serve God

Gracious Father,
by the obedience of Jesus
you brought salvation to our wayward world:
draw us into harmony with your will,
that we may find all things restored in him,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. **Amen**

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. may the boldness of your Spirit transform us, may the gentleness of your Spirit lead us, may the gifts of your Spirit equip us to serve and worship you now and always. Amen.

The Spirit of truth lead us into all truth, give us grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, and strengthen us to proclaim the word and works of God; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen.**

Closing song
Rejoice! Rejoice!
Christ is in you
The hope of glory
In our hearts
He lives! He lives!
His breath is in you
Arise a mighty army
We arise

Now is the time for us
To march upon the land
Into our hands
He will give the ground we claim
He rides in majesty
To lead us into victory
The world shall see
That Christ is Lord

God is at work in us
His purpose to perform
Building a kingdom
Of power not of words
Where things impossible
By faith shall be made possible
Let's give the glory
To Him now.

Though we are weak, His grace Is everything we need We're made of clay But this treasure is within He turns our weaknesses Into His opportunities So that the glory Goes to Him

23rd June 4th Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Holy Communion 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-end 10.30 am Holy Communion 2 Corinthians 6:1-13 and Mark 4:35-end Wednesday 26th June Holy Communion at St Andrew's

30th June 5th Sunday after Trinity

9.00 am Holy Communion 2 Corinthians 8:7-end and Mark 5:21-end

10.30 am Family Worship for St Peter's Day Luke 5:1-116.00 pm Evensong Ezekiel 34:11-16 and John 21:15-22

Wednesday 3rd July Holy Communion at St Peter's

Coming soon

Our next Family Service special will be on 30th June at 10.30 am – we will be focusing on St Peter (St Peter's Day is 29th June). Please encourage all young families to come when there will be some special music and activities suited for all ages.

Change of admin arrangements

As you may have heard Sally-Anne is finishing as our administrator. The plan is that the office will be staffed between 10.00 am and 12.00 pm Monday to Thursday. We would like to be able to cover Friday as well but we are still looking for someone to help on this front – could this be something you could do? If you would like to know more please talk to David Nichol. Please do continue to use the office email address and phone number or for urgent matters please contact David Nichol (01562 229470).

Audrey Sim

Audrey's funeral will take place on July 4th at 1.30 at Stourbridge Crematorium and afterwards at H Porters lounge.

Christian Aid

Thank you for your support of the Strawberry Tea this raised £527.20 for Christian Aid which when added to the Coffee Morning, Quiz and General Donations means £1,563.20 has been raised for Christian Aid this year. David and Lynn's 70k in May raised £2006.16 for Christian Aid. Thank you for you're the support and help by providing cakes, goods to sell and raffle prizes.

General Election Hustings

Organised by Churches Together in Stourbridge at St. Thomas' Church, Market Street, Stourbridge at 6.30 p.m. on Wednesday, 26 June 2024. If you would like to get involved in the organisation of this or, would like to submit a question Graham Brazier graham.brazier@blueyonder.co.uk

An eco tip

Taste the benefits of seasonal and local food. Plan to incorporate locally grown produce into your diet and shopping list throughout the seasons, as it is harvested at its peak ripeness, ensuring superior flavour compared to imported alternatives that have travelled thousands of miles. If saying grace before a meal is a regular practice in your household, this month, include giving thanks for your local food producers.

Thursday evening home group

We meet fortnightly for bible study, discussion and prayer between 7pm and 9 pm. New members to the group will be warmly welcomed. For details contact Mary Medcraft on 01562720165.

Quest

Quest is starting a new study book on Nahum. If there are members of the congregation who have never looked at this Old Testament book and would like to join this small group; we meet at the home of Corrinne and Richard normally on alternative Tuesdays at 7:30pm starting on 14 May. We would love to welcome anyone who would like to explore this little-known book with us. No previous knowledge is required and the booklets are free. Please speak to Richard or Corrinne 01384 377699 for details.

Black Country Food Bank Shortages

The needs are: ILtr Cartons Long Life Milk, ILtr Cartons Long Life Fruit Juice, Breakfast Cereal – Multipack, Packet Mash Potato, Pasta Sauce/Cooking Sauces, Tinned Soup, Tinned Fish, Meat Free Tinned Ravioli, Chilli, Macaroni Cheese and Tinned Fruit Juice. Shampoo, Toilet Rolls, Roll on Deodorant and Shower Gel.