

25th February 2024 2nd Sunday of Lent St Peter's Pedmore

Let us gather for worship

Blessed are you, God of compassion and mercy, to you be praise and glory for ever.

Blessed be God for ever.

In the darkness of our sin, your light breaks forth like the dawn and your healing springs up for deliverance.

Blessed be God for ever.

As we rejoice in the gift of your saving help, sustain us with your bountiful Spirit and open our lips to sing your praise.

Blessed be God for ever.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

God in Christ has revealed his glory.

Come let us worship.

From the rising of the sun to its setting

the Lord's name is greatly to be praised.

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord.

O praise the name of the Lord!

Song

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

Let us confess our sins

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.

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 God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *you* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;

O my God, in you I trust.

You are the God of my salvation,

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

In you I hope all the day long.

O my God, in you I trust.

Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, for they are from everlasting.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my God, in you I trust.

Song

Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice; you became nothing, poured out to death. Many times I've wondered at your gift of life and I'm in that place once again, I'm in that place once again.

And once again I look upon the cross where you died. I'm humbled by your mercy and I'm broken inside.
Once again I thank you, once again I pour out my life.

Now you are exalted to the highest place, King of the heavens, where one day I'll bow. But for now I marvel at this saving grace and I'm full of praise once again, I'm full of praise once again.

Let us hear the word of God

Bible readings Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16 Mark 8:31-end

Song

Thank You For The Cross, Lord, Thank You For The Price You Paid Bearing All My Sin And Shame, In Love You Came And Gave Amazing Grace.

Thank You For This Love, Lord, Thank You For The Nail-Pierced Hands Washed Me In Your Cleansing Flow, Now All I Know Your Forgiveness And Embrace. Worthy Is The Lamb
Seated On The Throne,
Crown You Now With Many Crowns
You Reign Victorious,
High And Lifted Up,
Jesus, Son Of God,
The Darling Of Heaven Crucified.
Worthy Is The Lamb
Worthy Is The Lamb.

Talk

Let us confess our faith

Let us declare our faith in God, saying

We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high.

We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song

From heaven You came helpless babe Entered our world your glory veiled Not to be served but to serve And give Your life that we might live This is our God the Servant King He calls us now to follow Him To bring our lives as a daily offering Of worship to the Servant King

There in the garden of tears
My heavy load he chose to bear
His heart with sorrow was torn
"Yet not My will but Yours" He said
This is our God....

Come see His hands and His feet The scars that speak of sacrifice Hands that flung stars Into space To cruel nails surrendered This is our God....

So let us learn how to serve And in our lives enthrone Him Each other's needs to prefer For it is Christ we're serving This is our God....

Let us turn to God in prayer

Prayers of intercession

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for 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.

Let us go out to serve God

Song

All my hope on God is founded; he doth still my trust renew. Me through change and chance he guideth, only good and only true. God unknown, he alone calls my heart to be his own.

Human pride and earthly glory, sword and crown betray his trust; what with care and toil he buildeth, tower and temple, fall to dust. But God's power, hour by hour, is my temple and my tower.

God's great goodness aye endureth, deep his wisdom, passing thought: splendour, light, and life attend him, beauty springeth out of naught. Evermore from his store new-born worlds rise and adore.

Still from earth to God eternal sacrifice of praise be done, high above all praises praising for the gift of Christ his Son. Christ doth call one and all: ye who follow shall not fall.

Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

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

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

Sunday 25th February 2nd Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16 and Mark 8:31-end 10.30 am Morning Worship Genesis 17:1-7 & 15-16 and Mark 8:31-end

6.00 pm Evensong Genesis 12:1-9 and Hebrews 11:1-3 & 8-16 Wednesday 28th February 10.00 am Holy Communion St Peter's

Sunday 3rd March 3rd Sunday of Lent

9.00 am Holy Communion Exodus 20:1-17 and John 2:13-22 10.30 am All age family worship Psalm 150 and Philippians 4:4-9 Wednesday 6th March 10.00 am Holy Communion St Andrew's

Mother's Day Messy Church

On Saturday 9th March at 4.00 pm we have a Mother's Day Messy Church – come along and get ready a present for mum. Please book in by emailing churchoffice@stpeterspedmore.org

Lent Study on Worship

Our course on worship continues on Wednesday 28th at 7.30 pm at the Rectory; when we address the first question where we worship. The other dates are 6th and 20th March. Looking at the questions: when and how we worship.

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

Has re-started with a study of John's gospel. If anyone would like to join our group you will be warmly welcomed. There is a free study guide. The group meets on Tuesdays at 7.30 pm at Corrinne and Richard's home 44 South Road. Our landline number is 01384 377699.

Winter wellbeing

There is information available from the local council about how to stay safe during the winter go to www.dudley.gov.uk/winterwellbeing for information and tips.

Black Country Food Bank Shortages

The latest 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.

An eco tip

Did you know we can recycle Soft plastic in box at the back corner of church

and in the porch there is a box for Old spectacles - Specsavers have a recycling facility

Blister packs from pills - Superdrugs with pharmacies Used candles (tealights can be left in their aluminium containers) - The Recycled Candle Company

Life Debt Centre

Could you offer help to the Life Debt Centre? They are looking for people to join the prayer meeting on a Tuesday morning between 9.00 and 10.00 am at the Life Centre 18a Market Street Stourbridge. They are also looking for debt advisors please contact 01384 739757 or info@lifecentredebtadvice.org.uk for more details.



By the community, for the community

Join The Dudley Passion Play 2024 Community Cast

Taster Evening - Thursday 29th February (7-8:30pm)

Alternatively, call 01384 454 800 or email <u>creative@saltmine.org</u> saltminetrust.org.uk/passionplay

They are also looking for people to steward this event – give them a call if you can help.