



Sunday 2nd January 2022 St Peter's Pedmore

Notices

Services at St. Peter's

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9.00am Holy Communion - *Ephesians 3:1-12 & Matthew 2:1-12*

10.30am Morning Worship - *Ephesians 3:1-12 & Matthew 2:1-12*

Wednesday 5th January - 10am Mid-Week Communion at St Peter's

Sunday 9th January

9.00am Holy Communion - Acts 8:14-17 & Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

10.30am Morning Worship - Acts 8:14-17 & Luke 3:15-17 & 21-22

Wednesday 12th January - 10am Mid-Week Communion at St Andrew's

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Worship for Sunday 2 January 2022

Celebrate the old, looking forward to the new

A special welcome if you are visiting St Peter's for the first time or are here with family or friends - we hope you will feel thoroughly at home.

This is the day that the Lord has made.

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Song

Light of the World

You stepped down into darkness,
Opened my eyes, let me see
Beauty that made this heart adore You,
Hope of a life spent with You.

*So here I am to worship,
Here I am to bow down,
Here I am to say that You're my God;
And You're altogether lovely,
Altogether worthy,
Altogether wonderful to me.*

King of all days,
Oh so highly exalted,
Glorious in heaven above;
Humbly You came
To the earth You created,
All for love's sake became poor.

And I'll never know how much it cost
To see my sin upon that cross.
(Repeat)

So here I am to...

Giving Thanks to God

This is a day to thank God for all his many blessings in our lives. With gratitude we now say: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For the love of God, for faith, family, and friends: For joys, successes, achievements, and accomplishments: For health, safety, work, and rest: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For struggles, sorrows, trials, and sufferings: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For our jobs, for those who support us, for our education, and for the chance to serve: For our gifts, talents, and abilities, for strength and energy: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For our homes, for food, warmth, and shelter, for all the things that have made us happy: For our hobbies and pets, for happy memories, for our favourite things, for leisure and relaxation: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For those who have provided medical and other assistance during the Covid pandemic and for those who have maintained essential services: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For our nation, for freedom and peace, for teachers, leaders, and those who give us good examples: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For the ability to say "I'm sorry," for the grace of repentance, for the forgiveness of others, for the generosity of others: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For good advice, for security, for the trust others put in us, for tenderness, understanding, and compassion: For kindness, goodness, joy, and laughter, for the times we have helped others or made them happy: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For all the wonders of creation, for beauty, music, sports, and art, for new opportunities and second chances: **We thank you, O Lord.**

For failures and rejection, for all the ways we have grown up and become better people through combating these challenges: **We thank you, O Lord.**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. **Amen.**

Saying sorry to God

As we look forward to a New Year,
let us call to mind how we have let God down in the past.

Lord of grace and truth,
we confess our unworthiness
to stand in your presence as your children.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The Virgin Mary accepted your call
to be the mother of Jesus.

Forgive our disobedience to your will.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

Your Son our Saviour
was born in poverty in a manger.

Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The shepherds left their flocks
to go to Bethlehem.

Forgive our self-interest and lack of vision.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

The wise men followed the star
to find Jesus the King.

Forgive our reluctance to seek you.

We have sinned:

forgive and heal us.

May the God of love
bring us back to himself,
forgive us our sins,
and assure us of his eternal love
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Carol

In the bleak midwinter,
Frosty wind made moan;
Earth stood hard as iron,
Water like a stone.
Snow had fallen, snow on snow,
Snow on snow;
In the bleak midwinter,
Long ago.

Our God, heaven cannot hold Him,
Nor earth sustain,
Heaven and earth shall flee away
When He comes to reign.
In the bleak midwinter
A stable-place sufficed
The Lord God Almighty,
Jesus Christ.

Angels and archangels
May have gathered there,
Cherubim and seraphim
Thronged the air.
But His mother only,
In her maiden bliss,
Worshipped the Belovèd
With a kiss.

What can I give Him,
Poor as I am?
If I were a shepherd,
I would bring a lamb.
If I were a wise man,
I would do my part;
Yet what I can I give Him—
Give my heart.

Readings

Ephesians 3:1-12

Matthew 2:1-12

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Talk

Song

All I Once Held Dear

All I once held dear
Built my life upon
All this world reveres
And wants to own
All I once thought gain
I have counted loss
Spent and worthless now
Compared to this

*Knowing You Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord*

Now my heart's desire

Is to know You more
To be found in You
And known as Yours
To possess by faith
What I could not earn
All surpassing gift of righteousness

Oh to know the power of Your risen life
And to know You in Your sufferings
To become like You
In Your death my Lord
So with You to live and never die

*Knowing You Jesus, knowing You
There is no greater thing
You're my all You're the best
You're my joy my righteousness
And I love You Lord
love you Lord*

Prayers

Collect

God our Father,
in love you sent your Son
that the world may have life:
lead us to seek him among the outcast
and to find him in those in need,
for Jesus Christ's sake.

**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.**

Song

Lord Jesus Christ

You have come to us,
You are one with us,
Mary's son.
Cleansing our souls from all their sin,
Pouring Your love and goodness in;
Jesus, our love for You we sing,
Living Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
You have come to us,
Born as one of us,
Mary's son.
Led out to die on Calvary,
Risen from death to set us free,
Living Lord Jesus, help us see
You are Lord.

Lord Jesus Christ,
We would come to You,
Live our lives for You,
Son of God.
All Your commands we know are true,
Your many gifts will make us new,
Into our lives Your power breaks through,
Living Lord.

The Commission and The Covenant

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
the Christian life is redeemed from sin and consecrated to God.
Through baptism, we have entered this life
and have been admitted into the new covenant
of which Jesus Christ is the Mediator.
He sealed it with his own blood, that it might last for ever.
On the one side, God promises to give us new life in Christ,
the Source and Perfecter of our faith.
On the other side, we are pledged
to live no more for ourselves but only for Jesus Christ,
who loved us and gave himself for us.
From time to time we renew our covenant with God,
especially when we reaffirm the Baptismal Covenant
and gather at the Lord's table.
Today however we meet, as the generations before us have met, to
renew the covenant that binds us to God.
Let us make this covenant of God our own.

Let us commit ourselves to Christ as his servants.
Giving ourselves to him, that we may belong to him.
Christ has many services to be done.
Some are more easy and honourable,
others are more difficult and disgraceful.
Some are suitable to our inclinations and interests,
others are contrary to both.
In some we may please Christ and please ourselves.
But then there are other works where we cannot please Christ except by
denying ourselves.
It is necessary, therefore, that we consider what it means to be a servant
of Christ.
Let us, therefore, go to Christ, and pray:

**I am no longer my own but yours.
Put me to what you will, rank me with whom you will;
put me to doing, put me to suffering;**

**let me be employed for you, or laid aside for you,
exalted for you, or brought low for you;
let me be full, let me be empty,
let me have all things, let me have nothing:
I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things
to your pleasure and disposal.**

**And now, glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, you are
mine and I am yours.**

And the covenant now made on earth, let it be ratified in heaven.

Amen.

Carol

**We Three Kings of Orient are,
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain,
Moor and mountain,
Following yonder Star.**

Chorus

O Star of Wonder, Star of Night,
Star with Royal Beauty bright,
Westward leading,
Still proceeding,
Guide us to Thy perfect Light.

Born a King on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King for ever,
Ceasing never
Over us all to reign.

Chorus

Frankincense to offer have I,
Incense owns a Deity nigh:
Prayer and praising
All men raising,
Worship Him God on High.

Chorus

Myrrh is mine; its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;—

Sorrowing, sighing,
Bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb.

Chorus

Glorious now behold Him arise,
King, and God, and Sacrifice;
Heav'n sings **Hallelujah**:
Hallelujah the earth replies.

Chorus

Closing Blessing

May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wisemen, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be ours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit be among us and remain with us always.

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