

A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Our service today is led by Revd Mark Wallace, our vicar. If you have any questions, please ask a member of the Welcoming Team or contact any of the people in the "Contact details" section at the back of this leaflet. Please note that we do not take a collection during the service: if you would like to give, please use the box towards the back of church.

Thank you for joining us today.

Communion Service

Sunday 15th July 2018

The Seventh Sunday after Trinity

WELCOME

"FILL YOUR HEARTS WITH JOY AND GLADNESS"

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
sing and praise your God and mine!
Great the Lord in love and wisdom,
might and majesty divine!
He who framed the starry heavens
knows and names them as they shine.

[SPK leave for their groups]

Praise the Lord, his people, praise him!
wounded souls his comfort know;
those who fear him find his mercies,
peace for pain and joy for woe;
humble hearts are high exalted,
human pride and power laid low.

Praise the Lord for times and seasons,
cloud and sunshine, wind and rain;
spring to melt the snows of winter
till the waters flow again;
grass upon the mountain pastures,
golden valleys thick with grain.

Fill your hearts with joy and gladness,
peace and plenty crown your days;
love his laws, declare his judgments,
walk in all his words and ways;
he the Lord and we his children -
praise the Lord, all people, praise!

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INTERVIEW WITH PETER HOLDEN

FIRST BIBLE READING: Luke 22.54 -62

page 883; read by Anne Kavanagh

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

"YOU'RE THE WORD OF GOD THE FATHER"

You're the Word of God the Father
from before the world began;
every star and every planet
has been fashioned by your hand.
All creation holds together
by the power of your voice:
let the skies declare your glory,
let the land and seas rejoice!

*You're the Author of creation,
You're the Lord of every man;
and your cry of love rings out across the lands.*

Yet you left the gaze of angels,
came to seek and save the lost,
and exchanged the joy of heaven
for the anguish of a cross.
With a prayer you fed the hungry,
with a word you stilled the sea;
yet how silently you suffered
that the guilty may go free.

You're the Author of creation...

With a shout you rose victorious,
wresting victory from the grave,
and ascended into heaven
leading captives in your wake.
Now you stand before the Father
interceding for your own;
from each tribe and tongue and nation
you are leading sinners home.

You're the Author of creation...

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SECOND BIBLE READING: John 21.15 -19

page 907; read by Peter Holden

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

THE SERMON

preacher: Peter Holden

THE NICENE CREED

**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.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by Aella Gage

These responses may be used during the prayers

Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers,
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.**

Amen.

THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

"BEHOLD THE LAMB"

Behold the Lamb who bears our sins away,
slain for us - and we remember
the promise made that all who come in faith
find forgiveness at the cross.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of peace -
around the table of the King.

The body of our Saviour Jesus Christ,
torn for you - eat and remember
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life
paid the price to make us one.
So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of love -
around the table of the King.

The blood that cleanses every stain of sin,
shed for you - drink and remember
he drained death's cup that all may enter in
to receive the life of God.

So we share in this bread of life,
and we drink of His sacrifice
as a sign of our bonds of grace -
around the table of the King.

And so with thankfulness and faith we rise
to respond - and to remember
our call to follow in the steps of Christ
as His body here on earth.
As we share in His suffering
we proclaim Christ will come again!
And we'll join in the feast of heaven -
around the table of the King.

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PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

Brothers and sisters in Christ,
as we gather at the Lord's table
we must recall the promises and warnings
given to us in the Scriptures.

Let us therefore examine ourselves
and repent of our sins.

Let us give thanks to God for his redemption
of the world through his Son Jesus Christ,
and as we remember Christ's death for us,
and receive this pledge of his love,
let us resolve to serve him
in holiness and righteousness
all the days of our life.

**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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest. *Matthew 11:28*

For God so loved the world that he gave his one and
only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not
perish but have eternal life. *John 3:16*

Here is a trustworthy saying that deserves full
acceptance: Christ Jesus came into the world to save
sinners. *1 Timothy 1:15*

If anybody sins, we have an advocate with the
Father, Jesus Christ the righteous; he is the
propitiation for our sins. *1 John 2:1-2*

PRAYER OF HUMBLE ACCESS

**We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord,
trusting in our own righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies.
We are not worthy so much as
to gather up the crumbs under your table.
But you are the same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy.
Grant us therefore, gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ
and to drink his blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean
by his body
and our souls washed
through his most precious blood,
and that we may evermore dwell in him,
and he in us.
Amen.**

COMMUNION PRAYERS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we thank you that in your tender mercy
you gave your only Son Jesus Christ
to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption;
he made there a full atonement
for the sins of the whole world,
offering once for all his one sacrifice of himself;
He instituted,
and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue,
a perpetual memory of his precious death
until he comes again.

In the same night that he was betrayed,
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying,

SONGS DURING COMMUNION

There is a green hill far away

outside a city wall,
where our dear Lord was crucified,
who died to save us all.

We may not know, we cannot tell
what pains he had to bear,
but we believe it was for us
he hung and suffered there.

He died that we might be forgiven,
he died to make us good;
that we might go at last to heaven,
saved by his precious blood.

There was no other good enough
to pay the price of sin;
he, only, could unlock the gate
of heaven - and let us in.

Lord Jesus, dearly you have loved;
and we must love you too,
and trust in your redeeming blood
and learn to follow you.

Cecil F. Alexander (1818-1895)

Creator God, who shaped the earth and heavens,

your glory shines in all that you have made;
you spoke the Word, who broke into the darkness —
all earth replies: "majestic is your name!"
And who am I, though made below the angels,
that you, my King, are mindful of my ways?
As moon and stars sing out their joyful chorus,
I lift my voice to join with them in praise.

Redeeming God, creation's song fell silent
as on the cross, the Light was pierced with dark.
The Word of life to death now hangs surrendered,
the one who spoke out stars now breathes his last.
And who am I, the lowliest of sinners
that you would pay the price my sin deserves?
My Maker scarred for those who marred his likeness,
and from his wounds flows mercy unreserved.

O living God! You broke the tomb in glory,
death could not hold the one who authored life!
His radiant light has shattered through our darkness
and in our hearts, his risen life now shines.
And who are we, that you would call us children
and raise us up from death to life with you,
where we will sing the New Creation anthem:
"O praise the one who's making all things new!"
[repeat from: "And who are we, that..."]

And so we wait in eager expectation,
and join the song as all creation groans:
"Lord, haste the Day decay is slain by glory,
the Day you call your sons and daughters home."

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DIARY DETAILS

Sunday 15th July

9:45am Morning Service (*St Botolph's*)
11:00am Communion Service (*St Peter's*)
followed by 'Bring Your Own Picnic' Lunch
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

Monday 16th July

7:45pm Christianity Explored (*31 St Peter's Street*)
7:45pm Confirmation Group (*the Vicarage*)

Tuesday 17th July

12 noon Community Group (*in the Church Hall*)

Wednesday 18th July

10:30am Midweek Communion Service (*St Peter's*)

Sunday 22nd July

9:45am Communion Service (*St Botolph's*)
11:00am Morning Service (*St Peter's*)
6:30pm Joint Evening Service (*Castle*)

CONTACT DETAILS

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For more information about St Peter's,
please refer to www.stpeterscolchester.org
or www.twitter.com/StPeters_CO11DZ
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CHURCH NOTICES

THANK YOU... to everyone who pledged on our Gift Day to support the church's ministry financially. Our month-by-month income will be increased by £370, including potential Gift Aid to be reclaimed.

The Tuesday Community Group. During July, this group will meet on 17th at 12noon, starting with a light lunch. We will also meet on 31st at 12noon when tea, coffee and nibbles will be provided. The group will not meet during August, but meetings will resume in September.

"A walk through James..." with Sheila Lloyd — and dinner! — is planned for Wednesday 8th August, from 6:30pm to 9:30pm. Further details to follow

We will be saying "farewell" to the Cox family on Sunday 26th August, with a lunch after the Morning Service. Do please put the date in your diary now!

Do pray for Matt and Sian Simpkins, as Matt prepares to be licensed as Priest-in-Charge at St Leonard's, Lexden on Thursday 6th September.

On Sunday 16th September our main Church Service will be at 3:00pm, as we welcome Bishop Roger to lead a Confirmation Service. Please pray for those in our church family considering confirmation at this time.

We need two volunteers to wind our Church clock on a weekly basis (NB you need to be over 18 and happy to climb a ladder!). If you think you can help with this or have any questions, please contact Bernice in the Parish Office (572529).

Car parking — free and nearby — is now available to any at St Peter's who would find it helpful on a Sunday morning. If you are interested, please speak to Mark (572641) or Bernice (572529).

Items for inclusion in the Notices or Diary should be emailed to the Town Centre Parish Office or posted to the Town Centre Vicarage to arrive by 12 noon on the preceding Tuesday.

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