

# Morning Service

**Sunday 13th January 2019**

*The Second Sunday of Epiphany*

## **A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!**

Our service today is led by the 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 in the green "Church Diary, Notices & Prayer Calendar" 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 this morning.**

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## THE SUFFERING SERVANT: Isaiah 52.13-53.6

- 13 Behold, my servant shall act wisely;  
he shall be high and lifted up,  
and shall be exalted.
- 14 As many were astonished at you—  
his appearance was so marred,  
beyond human semblance,  
and his form beyond that  
of the children of mankind—
- 15 so shall he sprinkle many nations;  
kings shall shut their mouths because of him;  
for that which has not been told them they see,  
and that which they have not heard  
they understand.
- 1 Who has believed what he has heard from us?  
And to whom has the arm of the Lord  
been revealed?
- 2 For he grew up before him like a young plant,  
and like a root out of dry ground;  
he had no form or majesty  
that we should look at him,  
and no beauty that we should desire him.
- 3 He was despised and rejected by men;  
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;  
and as one from whom men hide their faces  
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.
- 4 Surely he has borne our griefs  
and carried our sorrows;  
yet we esteemed him stricken,  
smitten by God, and afflicted.
- 5 But he was wounded for our transgressions;  
he was crushed for our iniquities;  
upon him was the chastisement  
that brought us peace,  
and with his stripes we are healed.
- 6 All we like sheep have gone astray;  
we have turned—every one—to his own way;  
and the Lord has laid on him  
the iniquity of us all.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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## PRAYERS OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us come to the Lord,  
who is full of compassion,  
and acknowledge our transgressions  
in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,  
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
we confess that we have sinned  
in thought, word, and deed.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart.  
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.**

## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### “CREATOR GOD”

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.

*[SPK leave for their groups]*

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!”?

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.”

**In your mercy, forgive what we have been,  
help us to amend what we are,  
and direct what we shall be;  
that we may do justly,  
love mercy,  
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.**

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

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### **"HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE"**

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.

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### **BIBLE READING: John 12.36b-50**

*page 899-900; read by Clare Reid*

*At the end of the reading...*  
This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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### **"I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY"**

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Come unto me and rest;  
lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
thy head upon my breast.'  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting-place,  
and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'Behold, I freely give  
the living water; thirsty one,  
stoop down and drink, and live.'  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
of that life-giving stream;  
my thirst was quenched, my soul revived,  
and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
'I am this dark world's light;  
look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
and all thy day be bright.'  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
in him my star, my sun;  
and in that light of life I'll walk,  
till travelling days are done.

*H.Bonar (1808-89)*

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### **THE SERMON**

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#### **THE CREED**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic \* Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

*[\* i.e. 'universal' or 'whole']*

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## **"RESTORE, O LORD"**

Restore, O Lord,  
the honour of Your name!  
In works of sovereign power  
come shake the earth again,  
that men may see  
and come with reverent fear  
to the living God,  
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,  
in all the earth Your fame,  
and in our time revive  
the church that bears Your name,  
and in Your anger,  
Lord, remember mercy,  
O living God,  
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,  
where we are hard and cold,  
in Your refiner's fire;  
come purify the gold:  
though suffering comes  
and evil crouches near,  
still our living God  
is reigning, He is reigning here.

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## **THE PRAYERS**

### **\* The Collect**

Eternal Father, who at the baptism of Jesus  
revealed him to be your Son,  
anointing him with the Holy Spirit:  
grant to us,  
who are born again by water and the Spirit,  
that we may be faithful to our calling  
as your adopted children;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord,  
**Amen.**

### **\* The Intercessions**

*led by Lizzie Wallace*

### **\* The Lord's Prayer**

Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
as our Saviour taught us, so we pray  
**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.**

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## **THE ALL-AGE ZONE & THE NOTICES**

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### **"JESUS IS LORD — THE CRY THAT ECHOES"**

"Jesus is Lord" –  
the cry that echoes through creation:  
resplendent power, eternal Word, our Rock,  
the Son of God,  
the King whose glory fills the heavens,  
yet bids us come to taste this living Bread.

"Jesus is Lord" –  
whose voice sustains the stars and planets,  
yet in His wisdom laid aside His crown,  
Jesus the Man,  
who washed our feet, who bore our suffering,  
became a curse to bring salvation's plan.

"Jesus is Lord" –  
the tomb is gloriously empty,  
not even death could crush this King of love.  
The price is paid,  
the chains are loosed, and we're forgiven,  
and we can run into the arms of God.

"Jesus is Lord" –  
a shout of joy, a cry of anguish,  
as He returns, and every knee bows low.  
Then every eye  
and every heart will see His glory,  
the Judge of all will take His children home.

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## **THE CONCLUSION**

**The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
and the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
be with us all evermore. Amen.**

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*Please be seated.*

*Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.  
Do please stay for a while.*