

A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!

Our service today is led by Dr Dan Watts. 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 blue "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.

Morning Service

Sunday 23rd February 2020

The Sunday next before Lent

Crown him the Lord of life;
who triumphed o'er the grave,
and rose victorious from the strife
for those he came to save:
his glories now we sing,
who died, and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring,
and lives that death may die.

Crown him the Lord of love;
behold his hands and side -
those wounds, yet visible above,
in beauty glorified;
no angels in the sky
can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eye
at mysteries so bright.

Crown him the Lord of peace;
whose power a sceptre sways,
from pole to pole, that wars may cease,
and all be prayer and praise.
A city stands on high,
his glory it displays,
and there the nations 'Holy' cry
in joyful hymns of praise.

Crown him the Lord of years;
the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres,
in majesty sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail!
For thou hast died for me;
thy praise shall never, never fail
throughout eternity.

M. Bridges (1800-1894) and G. Thring (1823-1903)

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.
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.**

WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

"CROWN HIM WITH MANY CROWNS"

Crown him with many crowns;
the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
all music but its own!
Awake, my soul, and sing
of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
through all eternity.

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.

“LET YOUR KINGDOM COME”

Your glorious cause, O God,
engages our hearts:
may Jesus Christ be known
wherever we are.
We ask not for ourselves, but for Your renown;
the cross has saved us so we pray:
Your kingdom come.

*Let Your kingdom come,
let Your will be done
so that everyone might know Your Name.
Let Your song be heard everywhere on earth,
till Your sovereign work on earth is done —
let Your kingdom come.*

[SPK leave for their groups]

Give us Your strength, O God,
and courage to speak;
perform Your wondrous deeds
through those who are weak.
Lord use us as You want, whatever the test,
by grace we'll preach Your gospel
till our dying breath.

Let Your kingdom come...

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BIBLE READING: John 18.12-27

page 904; read by Peter Wallace

At the end of the reading...

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

“MY HEART IS FILLED”

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who bore my pain;
who plumbed the depths of my disgrace
and gave me life again;
who crushed my curse of sinfulness
and clothed me in His light
and wrote His law of righteousness
with pow'r upon my heart.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to Him who walks beside;
who floods my weaknesses with strength
and causes fears to fly;
whose ev'ry promise is enough
for ev'ry step I take,
sustaining me with arms of love
and crowning me with grace.

My heart is filled with thankfulness
to him who reigns above,
whose wisdom is my perfect peace,
whose ev'ry thought is love.
For ev'ry day I have on earth
is given by the King;
so I will give my life, my all,
to love and follow him.

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THE SERMON

preacher: Mr Duncan Breckels

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, [* ie. 'universal' or 'whole']
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

“NAME OF ALL MAJESTY”

Name of all majesty, fathomless mystery,
King of the ages by angels adored;
power and authority,
splendour and dignity,
bow to his mastery,
Jesus is Lord!

Child of our destiny, God from eternity,
love of the Father on sinners outpoured;
see now what God has done
sending his only Son,
Christ the beloved One,
Jesus is Lord!

Saviour of Calvary, costliest victory,
darkness defeated and Eden restored;
born as a man to die,
nailed to a cross on high,
cold in the grave to lie,
Jesus is Lord!

Source of all sovereignty, light, immortality,
life everlasting and heaven assured;
so with the ransomed, we
praise him eternally,
Christ in his majesty,
Jesus is Lord!

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THE PRAYERS

* The Collect

**Almighty Father,
whose Son was revealed in majesty
before he suffered death upon the cross:
give us grace to perceive his glory,
that we may be strengthened to suffer with him
and be changed into his likeness,
from glory to glory;
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

* The Intercessions

led by Richard Lawn

* 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.**

THE NOTICES

"BE THOU MY VISION"

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart,
naught be all else to me, save that Thou art;
thou my best thought in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping, thy presence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word;
I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord;
thou my great Father, and I thy true son;
thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle-shield, sword for the fight;
be thou my armour, and be thou my might;
thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower:
raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
thou mine inheritance, now and always:
thou and thou only, the first in my heart,
high king of heaven, my treasure thou art.

High king of heaven, when battle is done,
grant heaven's joys to me, bright Heaven's Sun!
heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

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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.**

Please be seated.

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

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