

## **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 in the yellow *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 8th March 2020**

*The Second Sunday of Lent*

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**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.**

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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## **WELCOME & INTRODUCTION**

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### **“SING TO GOD NEW SONGS OF WORSHIP”**

Sing to God new songs of worship -  
all his deeds are marvellous;  
he has brought salvation to us  
with his hand and holy arm:  
he has shown to all the nations  
righteousness and saving power;  
he recalled his truth and mercy  
to his people Israel.

Sing to God new songs of worship -  
earth has seen his victory;  
let the lands of earth be joyful  
praising him with thankfulness:  
sound upon the harp his praises,  
play to him with melody;  
let the trumpets sound his triumph,  
show your joy to God the king!

Sing to God new songs of worship -  
let the sea now make a noise;  
all on earth and in the waters  
sound your praises to the Lord  
let the hills be joyful together,  
let the rivers clap their hands,  
for with righteousness and justice  
he will come to judge the earth.

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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.

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## **INTERVIEW WITH PAT HUKÉ**

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### **“O GREAT GOD OF HIGHEST HEAVEN”**

O great God of highest heaven,  
occupy my lowly heart;  
own it all and reign supreme,  
conquer every rebel power.  
Let no vice or sin remain  
that resists Your holy war —  
you have loved and purchased me  
make me Yours forevermore.

I was blinded by my sin,  
had no ears to hear Your voice;  
did not know Your love within,  
had no taste for heaven's joys.  
Then Your Spirit gave me life  
opened up Your Word to me —  
through the gospel of Your Son  
gave me endless hope and peace.

*[SPK leave for their groups]*

Help me now to live a life  
that's dependent on Your grace;  
keep my heart and guard my soul  
from the evils that I face.  
You are worthy to be praised  
with my every thought and deed —  
O great God of highest heaven,  
glorify Your Name through me.

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**BIBLE READING: John 18.28-40**

*page 904-905; read by Peter Holden*

*At the end of the reading...*

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

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**“HOLY SPIRIT, LIVING BREATH OF GOD”**

Holy Spirit, living Breath of God,  
breathe new life into my willing soul —  
bring the presence of the risen Lord  
to renew my heart and make me whole.  
Cause Your Word to come alive in me;  
give me faith for what I cannot see;  
give me passion for Your purity:  
Holy Spirit, breathe new life in me.

Holy Spirit, come abide within;  
may Your joy be seen in all I do —  
love enough to cover ev'ry sin  
in each thought and deed and attitude.  
Kindness to the greatest and the least,  
gentleness that sows the path of peace;  
turn my striving into works of grace:  
Breath of God, show Christ in all I do.

Holy Spirit, from creation's birth,  
giving life to all that God has made —  
show Your power once again on earth;  
cause Your church to hunger for Your ways.  
Let the fragrance of our prayers arise,  
lead us on the road of sacrifice,  
that in unity the face of Christ  
will be clear for all the world to see.

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

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**“MY SONG IS LOVE UNKNOWN”**

My song is love unknown,  
my Saviour's love to me,  
love to the loveless shown,  
that they might lovingly be.  
O, who am I,  
that for my sake  
my Lord should take  
frail flesh, and die?

He came from his blest throne,  
salvation to bestow:  
but men made strange, and none  
the longed-for Christ would know.  
But O, my Friend,  
my Friend indeed,  
who at my need  
his life did spend!

Why, what hath my Lord done?  
What makes this rage and spite?  
He made the lame to run,  
he gave the blind their sight.  
Sweet injuries!  
Yet they at these  
themselves displease,  
and 'gainst him rise.

They rise, and needs will have  
my dear Lord made away;  
a murderer they save,  
the Prince of Life they slay,  
yet cheerful he  
to suffering goes,  
that he his foes  
from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing,  
no story so divine;  
never was love, dear King,  
never was grief like thine!  
This is my Friend,  
in whose sweet praise  
I all my days  
could gladly spend.

*Samuel Crossman (1624-83)*

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## THE PRAYERS

### \* **The Collect**

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.**

### \* **The Intercessions**

*led by Sheila Lloyd*

### \* **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 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.*

