

**A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!  
Thank you for joining us this morning.**

# **Morning Service**

**with children's groups & Communion**

**10:30am, Sunday 3rd October 2021**

*The Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity*

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St Peter's Church, Colchester

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**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.**

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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### “BEHOLD OUR GOD”

Who has held the oceans in His hands?  
Who has numbered every grain of sand?  
Kings and nations tremble at His voice;  
all creation rises to rejoice.

*Behold our God seated on His throne;  
come, let us adore Him!*

*Behold our King! Nothing can compare;  
come, let us adore Him!*

Who has given counsel to the Lord?  
Who can question any of His words?  
Who can teach the One Who knows all things?  
Who can fathom all His wondrous deeds?

*Behold our God...*

*[SPK leave for their groups]*

Who has felt the nails upon His hands,  
bearing all the guilt of sinful man?  
God eternal, humbled to the grave;  
Jesus, Saviour, risen now to reign!

*Behold our God...*

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## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Jesus says, ‘Repent,  
for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’  
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to the Lord,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

**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.**

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## “LEAD US, HEAVENLY FATHER, LEAD US”

Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
through this world’s tempestuous sea;  
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us,  
now and to eternity:  
here possessing every blessing  
if our God our Father be.

Saviour, by your grace restore us -  
all our weaknesses are plain;  
you have lived on earth before us,  
you have felt our grief and pain:  
tempted, taunted, yet undaunted,  
from the depths you rose again.

Spirit of our God, descending,  
fill our hearts with holy peace;  
love with every passion blending,  
pleasure that can never cease:  
thus provided, pardoned, guided,  
nothing can our peace destroy.

*James Edmeston (1791-1867)*

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## BIBLE READING: John 21.1-14

*read by Margaret Holden*

After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, “I am going fishing.” They said to him, “We will go with you.” They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, “Children, do you have any fish?” They answered him, “No.” <sup>6</sup> He said to them, “Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some.” So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish.

<sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

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

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## THE SERMON

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## 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.**

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## "O TO SEE THE DAWN"

O, to see the dawn of the darkest day:  
Christ on the road to Calvary.  
Tried by sinful men, torn and beaten, then  
nailed to a cross of wood.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Christ became sin for us,  
took the blame, bore the wrath:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

Oh, to see the pain written on Your face  
bearing the awesome weight of sin;  
every bitter thought, every evil deed  
crowning Your bloodstained brow.

*This, the power of the cross...*

Now, the daylight flees; now the ground beneath  
quakes as its Maker bows His head.  
Curtain torn in two, dead are raised to life,  
'Finished!' the victory cry.

*This, the power of the cross...*

Oh, to see my name written in the wounds,  
for through Your suffering I am free.  
Death is crushed to death, life is mine to live,  
won through Your selfless love.

*This, the power of the cross:  
Son of God, slain for us!  
What a life, what a cost:  
we stand forgiven at the cross.*

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## THE NOTICES

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## THE PRAYERS

*led by Sheila Lloyd*

*to finish with the Lord's Prayer...*

**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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## "WHEN I SURVEY"

When I survey the wondrous cross  
on which the Prince of glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss,  
and pour contempt on all my pride.

*[SPK return from their groups]*

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
save in the death of Christ my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See from his head, his hands, his feet,  
sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
or thorns compose so rich a crown?

His dying crimson, like a robe,  
spreads o'er his body on the tree;  
then am I dead to all the globe,  
and all the globe is dead to me.

Were the whole realm of nature mine,  
that were an offering far too small;  
love so amazing, so divine,  
demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)*

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## 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*

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## THE 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.**

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## 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,

**“Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.”**

In the same way, after supper  
he took the cup and gave you thanks;  
he gave it to them, saying,

**“Drink this, all of you;  
this is my blood of the new covenant,  
which is shed for you and for many  
for the forgiveness of sins.  
Do this, as often as you drink it,  
in remembrance of me.” Amen.**

*During the administration of the communion,  
please join in with the singing of these hymns...*

**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)*

**Jesus Christ, I think upon your sacrifice:**

You became nothing, poured out to death.  
Many times, I've wondered at your gift of life,  
and I'm in that place once again,  
yes, I'm in that place once again.

*And once again I look upon  
the cross where You died,  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you,  
once again I pour out my life.*

Now you are exalted to the highest place,  
King of the Heavens, where one day I'll bow;  
but for now, I'll marvel at your saving grace,  
and I'm full of praise once again  
yes, I'm full of praise once again.

*And once again I look upon  
the cross where You died,  
I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside.  
Once again I thank you,  
once again I pour out my life.*

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**'Tis finished! The Messiah dies,**  
cut off for sins, but not His own:  
accomplished is the sacrifice,  
the great redeeming work is done.  
Yes, finished! all the debt is paid;  
justice divine is satisfied;  
the grand and full atonement made;  
God for a guilty world has died.

The temple curtain is torn down,  
the living way to Heaven is seen;  
through Christ the middle wall has gone,  
and all who will may enter in.  
The ancient shadows are fulfilled;  
the scripture prophecies prove true,  
the sinless Lamb of God is killed,  
the promised covenant made new!

The reign of sin and death is done,  
and all may live from sin set free;  
Satan and his pretended throne  
are swallowed up in victory.  
Saved from the curse of God I am,  
my Saviour hangs upon a tree!  
See there the meek and silent Lamb;  
his final breath he breathes for me.

In Christ accepted and brought near  
and clothed in righteousness divine,  
I see the path to life made clear;  
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.  
Death, hell, and sin are now subdued;  
all grace is now to sinners given;  
and so I plead the atoning blood  
and claim the title deeds of heaven.

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## THE PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Almighty God,  
we thank you for feeding us  
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.  
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies  
to be a living sacrifice.  
Send us out in the power of your Spirit  
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

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### “IT IS WELL WITH MY SOUL”

When peace, like a river,  
attendeth my way,  
when sorrows like sea billows roll;  
whatever my lot,  
thou hast taught me to say,  
It is well, it is well with my soul.  
*It is well, (it is well)  
with my soul, (with my soul)  
it is well, it is well with my soul.*

Though Satan should buffet,  
though trials should come,  
let this blest assurance control:  
that Christ has regarded  
my helpless estate,  
and hath shed his own blood for my soul.  
*It is well (it is well)...*

My sin, O, the bliss of this glorious thought!  
My sin, not in part but the whole,  
is nailed to the cross,  
and I bear it no more,  
praise the Lord, praise the Lord, O my soul!  
*It is well (it is well)...*

And, Lord, haste the day  
when my faith shall be sight,  
the clouds be rolled back as a scroll;  
the trump shall resound,  
and the Lord shall descend,  
even so, it is well with my soul.  
*It is well (it is well)...*

*Horatio G. Spafford (1828-1888)*

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## THE CONCLUSION

May the peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge  
and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;  
and may the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

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*Please be seated.*

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

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