

**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 17th October 2021**

*The Twentieth Sunday after Trinity*

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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.  
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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## "PREPARE OUR HEARTS"

Prepare our hearts, O God,  
help us to receive;  
break the hard and stony ground,  
help our unbelief.  
Plant Your Word down deep in us,  
cause it to bear fruit;  
open up our ears to hear,  
lead us in Your truth.  
*Show us Christ, show us Christ,  
O God, reveal Your glory  
through the preaching of Your Word,  
until every heart confesses Christ is Lord.*

Your Word is living light  
upon our darkened eyes:  
guards us through temptations,  
makes the simple wise.  
Your Word is food for famished ones,  
freedom for the slave,  
riches for the needy soul -  
come speak to us today!  
*Show us Christ, show us Christ...*

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## WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

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### "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...*

*[SPK leave for their groups]*

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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**BIBLE READING: John 21.15-25**

*read by Clare Reid*

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep." <sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

<sup>20</sup> Peter turned and saw the disciple whom Jesus loved following them, the one who had been reclining at table close to him and had said, "Lord, who is it that is going to betray you?" <sup>21</sup> When Peter saw him, he said to Jesus, "Lord, what about this man?" <sup>22</sup> Jesus said to him, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you? You follow me!" <sup>23</sup> So the saying spread abroad among the brothers that this disciple was not to die; yet Jesus did not say to him that he was not to die, but, "If it is my will that he remain until I come, what is that to you?"

<sup>24</sup> This is the disciple who is bearing witness about these things, and who has written these things, and we know that his testimony is true.

<sup>25</sup> Now there are also many other things that Jesus did. Were every one of them to be written, I suppose that the world itself could not contain the books that would be written.

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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**"JESUS IS KING"**

Jesus is king and I will extol him,  
give him the glory, and honour his name;  
he reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,  
Word of the Father, exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,  
gone through the curtain and touching the throne;  
we have a Priest who is there interceding,  
pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to him, our Priest and Apostle,  
clothed in his glory and bearing his name;  
laying our lives with gladness before Him,  
filled with his Spirit we worship the king.

O Holy One, our hearts do adore you,  
thrilled with your goodness we give you our praise;  
angels in light with worship surround him  
Jesus, our Saviour, forever the same.

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## THE NOTICES

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## THE PRAYERS

*led by Duncan Breckels*

*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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## "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.

*[SPK return from their groups]*

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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## 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.**

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## THE ADMINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

*Please wait to be ushered forwards.*

*If you would prefer a prayer of blessing,  
please hold this service-sheet in front of you.*

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

**Come and see, come and see,**  
come and see the King of love —  
see the purple robe and crown of thorns he wears.  
Soldiers mock, rulers sneer,  
as he lifts the cruel cross:  
lone and friendless now he climbs towards the hill

*We worship at your feet  
where wrath and mercy meet,  
and a guilty world is washed  
by love's pure stream.*

*For us he was made sin —  
O, help me take it in —  
deep wounds of love cry out 'Father, forgive!'  
I worship, I worship,  
the Lamb who was slain.*

Come and weep, come and mourn,  
for your sin that pierced him there —  
so much deeper than the wounds of thorn and nail.  
All our pride, all our greed,  
all our fallenness and shame:  
and the Lord has laid the punishment on him.

*We worship at your feet...*

Man of heaven, born to earth,  
to restore us to your heaven —  
here we bow in awe beneath your searching eyes.  
From your tears comes our joy.  
from your death our life shall spring:  
by your resurrection power we shall rise

*We worship at your feet...*

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**All my days I will sing this song of gladness,**  
give my praise to the Fountain of delights;  
for in my helplessness You heard my cry,  
and waves of mercy poured down on my life.

I will trust in the cross of my Redeemer,  
I will sing of the blood that never fails:  
of sins forgiven, of conscience cleansed,  
of death defeated, and life without end.

*Beautiful Saviour, Wonderful Counsellor,  
clothed in majesty, Lord of history,  
You're the Way, the Truth, the Life;  
Star of the Morning, glorious in holiness,  
You're the Risen One, heaven's Champion,  
And You reign, You reign over all.*

I long to be where the praise is never-ending,  
yearn to dwell where the glory never fades;  
where countless worshippers will share one song  
and cries of 'worthy' will honour the Lamb!

*Beautiful Saviour...*

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**Bless the Lord, O my soul,**  
*O my soul, worship His Holy name.  
Sing like never before, O my soul,  
I'll worship Your Holy name.*

The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning —  
it's time to sing Your song again;  
whatever may pass and whatever lies before me,  
let me be singing when the evening comes  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul...*

You're rich in love and You're slow to anger,  
Your name is great and Your heart is kind;  
for all Your goodness I will keep on singing  
Ten thousand reasons for my heart to find  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul...*

And on that day when my strength is failing,  
the end draws near and my time has come;  
still my soul will sing Your praise unending,  
ten thousand years and then forevermore  
*Bless the Lord, O my soul...*

*Jonas Myrin & Matt Redman, 2011 Thankyou Music*

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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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## “TELL ALL THE WORLD OF JESUS”

Tell all the world of Jesus,  
our Saviour, Lord and King;  
and let the whole creation  
of his salvation sing:  
proclaim his glorious greatness  
in nature and in grace;  
Creator and Redeemer,  
the Lord of time and space.

Tell all the world of Jesus,  
that every one may find  
the joy of his forgiveness -  
true peace of heart and mind:  
proclaim his perfect goodness,  
his deep, unfailing care;  
his love so rich in mercy  
a love beyond compare.

Tell all the world of Jesus,  
that every one may know  
of his almighty triumph  
defeating every foe:  
proclaim his coming glory,  
when sin is overthrown,  
and he shall reign in splendour -  
the King upon his throne!

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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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