

EPIPHANY 3 10.30am MODERN SERVICE 23 JANUARY 2022

WELCOME to St Peter's Church today. I am delighted that we can join together in worship again.

If you are a newcomer or visiting, I especially look forward to meeting you and hope that you feel welcome. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to ask one of the greeters at the door, or someone in the pew next to you.

A Hearing Loop is available in all of the pews on the left hand side of the church. Toilets are available in the Lower Hall and there is a mobility access toilet in the David Armstrong Room.

Due to the threat of the Coronavirus, there are necessary restrictions on how we conduct public services. Please follow any instructions given during the service.

With every blessing in Christ, Tim St Quintin, Rector

SERVICES TODAY

7.00AM	EUCHARIST	
	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR
9.00AM	SUNG EUCHARIST	
	CELEBRANT & PREACHER	RECTOR
	ORGANIST & CANTOR	GLENN AMER
	CANTOR	JENNY DAVEY
	SETTING	DUDMAN
10.30ам	MODERN SERVICE	
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	ORGANIST	GLENN AMER

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AT ST PETER'S

In view of the current increase in COVID 19 cases and the emergence of the Omicron variant, masks are required to be worn at all times, including when singing.

Please note QR code entry is still required.

In addition, it has been decided that morning teas will not resume for the foreseeable future but will be reintroduced when it is safe and practical to do so.

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

WELCOME

PSALM 19:1-4

- The heavens tell about the glory of God.
 The skies show that his hands created them.
- 2 Day after day they speak about it. Night after night they make it known.
- 3 But they don't speak or use words.
 No sound is heard from them.
- 4 Yet their voice goes out into the whole earth.
 Their words go out from one end of the world to the other.

SONG - Jesus strong and kind

Jesus said, that if I thirst I should come to him. No one else can satisfy I should come to him.

Jesus said, if I am weak I should come to him. No one else can be my strength I should come to him.

Chorus

For the Lord is good and faithful, he will keep us day and night, we can always run to Jesus, Jesus strong and kind.

Jesus said, that if I fear, I should come to him. No one else can be my shield, I should come to him. Jesus said, if I am lost, He will come to me. And he showed me on that cross, he will come to me.

CONFESSION

The Lord our God is merciful and forgiving, even though we have rebelled against him, we have not obeyed the Lord our God or kept the laws he gave us.

Daniel 9:9-10

So let us draw near to God with sincerity and confidence, and pray together:

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have gone our own way, not loving you as we should, or loving others as much as ourselves.

We have sinned against you in thought, word and deed and in what we have failed to do.

Only you can save us. Father, forgive us.

Help us to love you and all people, and to live for your honour and glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

ASSURANCE OF GOD'S FORGIVENESS

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, has promised full forgiveness to all who come to him with true repentance and faith in his Son. God forgives us because Jesus is the perfect sacrifice for our sins.

Amen.

THE GREETING OF PEACE

"Therefore, since we have been made right in God's sight by faith, we live at peace with God because of what Jesus Christ our Lord has done for us."

Romans 5:1

And so, the peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you.

LEARNING TOGETHER

Psalm 89:1 "I will sing of the LORD's unfailing love forever! Young and old will hear of your faithfulness."

Q3. How do you respond to God's love?

THANKSGIVING

Give thanks to the Lord for he is good: His steadfast love endures forever!

Celebration Box

COMMISSIONING OF DAN GILLIS AS ASSISTANT MINISTER

Rector

It is fitting and proper that Dan, as he begins his two years with us as an Assistant Minister, should be commissioned for the task.

Rector to Dan Gillis

Under God, are you willing to do this work?

Dan Gillis

I am.

Rector

Will you strive with God's help to teach the scriptures faithfully, with great patience and careful instruction, so that each of us may grow in faith and love?

2 Timothy 4:2

Dan Gllis

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Rector

Will you do your best to present yourself to God as one approved, a worker who does not need to be ashamed and who correctly handles the word of truth.

2 Timothy 2:15

Dan Gillis

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Rector

Will you set an example for the believers in speech, in life in love, in faith and in purity?

1 Timothy 4:12

Dan Gillis

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Rector

Will you devote yourselves to prayer, being watchful and thankful?

Colossians 4:2

Dan Gillis

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Rector

When you serve, will you do it with the strength God provides, so that in all things God may be praised through Jesus Christ?

1 Peter 4:11

Dan Gillis

I will, the Lord being my helper.

Rector to the congregation

Will you, this congregation of St Peter's, humbly receive Dan's ministry among us, and prayerfully support him and his family so that his work among us may be a joy and not a burden?

Hebrews 13:17

Congregation

We will, the Lord being our helper.

The Rector prays for Dan.

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.

Save us from the time of trial

and deliver us from evil.

For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

HEARING GOD'S WORD

PRAYER FOR THE MINISTRY OF THE WORD

Thank you, Father, for making yourself known to us and showing us the way of salvation through faith in your Son. Teach us through your word and equip us for every good work, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the prophet Nehemiah 8:1-3,5-6,8-10

¹ All the people came together as one in the square before the Water Gate. They told Ezra the teacher of the Law to bring out the Book of the Law of Moses, which the LORD had commanded for Israel. ² So on the first day of the seventh month Ezra the priest brought the Law before the assembly, which was made up of men and women and all who were able to understand. ³ He read it aloud from daybreak till noon as he faced the square before the Water Gate in the presence of the men, women and others who could understand. And all the people listened attentively to the Book of the Law.

⁵ Ezra opened the book. All the people could see him because he was standing above them; and as he opened it, the people all stood up. ⁶ Ezra praised the LORD, the great God; and all the people lifted their hands and responded, 'Amen! Amen!' Then they bowed down and worshipped the LORD with their faces to the ground.

⁸ They read from the Book of the Law of God, making it clear and giving the meaning so that the people understood what was being read. ⁹ Then Nehemiah the governor, Ezra the priest and teacher of the Law, and the Levites who were instructing the people said to them all, 'This day is holy to the LORD your God. Do not mourn or weep.' For all the people had been weeping as they listened to the words of the Law. ¹⁰ Nehemiah said, 'Go and enjoy choice food and sweet drinks, and send some to those who have nothing prepared. This day is holy to our Lord. Do not grieve, for the joy of the LORD is your strength.'

Hear the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians 12:12-31

¹² Just as a body, though one, has many parts, but all its many parts form one body, so it is with Christ. ¹³ For we were all baptised by one Spirit so as to form one body - whether Jews or Gentiles, slave or free - and we were all given the one Spirit to drink. 14 And so the body is not made up of one part but of many. 15 Now if the foot should say, 'Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,' it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. 16 And if the ear should say, 'Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body, it would not for that reason stop being part of the body. ¹⁷ If the whole body were an eye, where would the sense of hearing be? If the whole body were an ear, where would the sense of smell be? 18 But in fact God has placed the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be. 19 If they were all one part, where would the body be? ²⁰ As it is, there are many parts, but one body. ²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, 'I don't need you!' And the head cannot say to the feet, 'I don't need you!' ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honourable we treat with special honour. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty. 24 while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honour to the parts that lacked it, 25 so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honoured, every part rejoices with it. 27 Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. ²⁸ And God has placed in the church first of all apostles, second prophets, third teachers, then miracles, then gifts of healing, of helping, of guidance, and of different kinds of tongues. ²⁹ Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? 30 Do all have gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? 31 Now eagerly desire the greater gifts. And yet I will show you the most excellent way.

Hear the Word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

GOSPEL READING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke 4:14-21 ★ Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹⁴ Jesus returned to Galilee in the power of the Spirit, and news about him spread through the whole countryside. ¹⁵ He was teaching in their synagogues, and everyone praised him. ¹⁶ He went to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, and on the Sabbath day he went into the synagogue, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷ and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was handed to him. Unrolling it, he found the place where it is written: ¹⁸ 'The Spirit of the Lord is on me, because he has anointed me to proclaim good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim freedom for the prisoners and recovery of sight for the blind, to set the oppressed free, ¹⁹ to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour.' ²⁰ Then he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant and sat down. The eyes of everyone in the synagogue were fastened on him. ²¹ He began by saying to them, 'Today this scripture is fulfilled in your hearing.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord, Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

SERMON

HYMN

Tune Amazing Grace

Amazing grace (how sweet the sound) that saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

As grace first taught my heart to fear so grace my fears relieved; how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils and snares I have already come:
God's grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures; he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Life-giving God, who sent your Son Jesus to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority: anoint us with your Spirit, that we too may bring good news to the poor, bind up the broken-hearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

Be exalted, Lord, above the heavens, let your glory cover the earth.

Keep our nation under your care, and guide us in justice and truth.

Let your way be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Send out your light and your truth, that we may tell of your saving works.

Have mercy on the poor and oppressed.

Hear the cry of those in need.

Hear our prayers, O Lord, for we put our trust in you.

ST PETER'S FAMILY NEWS

PRAYER FOR OFFERTORY

Gracious God, all things come from you, and you teach us to be generous with what we have. We pray that our gifts may be wisely used for the ministry of the gospel and the relief of those in need, for the glory of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

HYMN Tune Monk's Gate

Who would true valour see, let them come thither; those here will constant be, come wind, come weather.

There's no discouragement shall make them once relent each from a vowed intent to be a pilgrim.

Those who beset them round with dismal stories cannot the brave confound: their strength the more is. No lion can them fright, they'll with a giant fight, but each will have a right to be a pilgrim.

Hobgoblin nor foul fiend can daunt their spirit: they know they at the end shall life inherit, Then fancies fly away; they'll scorn what people say, and work each night and day to be a pilgrim.

GOING OUT TO SERVE

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

Eternal God and Father, by whose power we are created and by whose love we are redeemed, guide and strengthen us by your Spirit, that we may give ourselves to your service and live this week in love to one another and to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE GRACE

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.

THE DISMISSAL

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

A basket for financial contributions to the ongoing ministry of St Peter's is available at the entrance to the church building.