

SECOND SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY 10.30am MODERN SERVICE 16 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.

With every blessing in Christ,

Tim St Quintin Rector

SERVICES TODAY

7.00AM	EUCHARIST CELEBRANT & PREACHER	BISHOP PETER WATSON
9.00AM	SUNG EUCHARIST CELEBRANT PREACHER ORGANIST SETTING	BISHOP PETER WATSON BISHOP CHRIS EDWARDS GLENN AMER DUDMAN
10.30AM	MODERN SERVICE SERVICE LEADER PREACHER ORGANIST	JAMES BOARDMAN BISHOP CHRIS EDWARDS GLENN AMER

HEALTH PRECAUTIONS AT ST PETER'S

In view of the current increase in COVID 19 cases, masks are required to be worn at all times, including 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 introduced when it is safe and practical to do so.

DRAWING NEAR TO GOD

WELCOME

Psalm 36:5-10

- Your love, LORD, reaches to the heavens, your faithfulness to the skies.
- Your righteousness is like the highest mountains, your justice like the great deep.
 You, LORD, preserve both people and animals.
- How priceless is your unfailing love, O God!
 People take refuge in the shadow of your wings.
- They feast in the abundance of your house; you give them drink from your river of delights.
- For with you is the fountain of life; in your light we see light.
- Continue your love to those who know you, your righteousness to the upright in heart.

This is the word of the Lord, thanks be to God.

SONG

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

CCLI Song # 3350395 Keith Getty | Stuart Townend

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.

All are invited to greet those immediately around them with the words, "Peace be 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

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 Isaiah 62:1-5

¹ For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, for Jerusalem's sake I will not remain quiet, till her vindication shines out like the dawn, her salvation like a blazing torch. ² The nations will see your vindication, and all kings your glory; you will be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will bestow. ³ You will be a crown of splendour in the LORD's hand, a royal diadem in the hand of your God. ⁴ No longer will they call you Deserted, or name your land Desolate. But you will be called Hephzibah, ^[a] and your land Beulah; ^[b] for the LORD will take delight in you, and your land will be married. ⁵ As a young man marries a young woman, so will your Builder marry you; as a bridegroom rejoices over his bride, so will your God rejoice over you.

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

Footnotes

- a. Isaiah 62:4 Hephzibah means my delight is in her.
- b. Isaiah 62:4 Beulah means married.

NEW TESTAMENT READING

A reading from the Apostle Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians 12:1-11

¹Now about the gifts of the Spirit, brothers and sisters, I do not want you to be uninformed. ² You know that when you were pagans, somehow or other you were influenced and led astray to dumb idols. ³ Therefore I want you to know that no one who is speaking by the Spirit of God says, 'Jesus be cursed,' and no one can say, 'Jesus is Lord,' except by the Holy Spirit.

⁴ There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. ⁵ There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. ⁶ There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work.

⁷ Now to each one the manifestation of the Spirit is given for the common good. ⁸ To one there is given through the Spirit a message of wisdom, to another a message of knowledge by means of the same Spirit, ⁹ to another faith by the same Spirit, to another gifts of healing by that one Spirit, ¹⁰ to another miraculous powers, to another prophecy, to another distinguishing between spirits, to another speaking in different kinds of tongues, and to still another the interpretation of tongues. ¹¹ All these are the work of one and the same Spirit, and he distributes them to each one, just as he determines.

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 John 2:1-11 Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

¹On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, ² and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. ³When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' ⁴ 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' ⁵ His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

⁶ Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres. ⁷ Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. ⁸ Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to the master of the banquet.' They did so, ⁹ and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside ¹⁰ and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'

¹¹What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

SERMON

HYMN

To God be the glory, great things he has done! So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, who yielded his life in atonement for sin and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the earth hear his voice!
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!
Let the people rejoice!
O come to the Father, through Jesus the Son,
and give him the glory! great things he has done!

O perfect redemption, the purchase of blood, to every believer the promise of God! and every offender who truly believes, that moment from Jesus a pardon received.

Praise the Lord!.....

Great things he has taught us, great things he has done, and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son; but purer, and higher, and greater will be our wonder, our rapture, when Jesus we see.

Praise the Lord!

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth, mercifully hear the supplications of your people, and grant us your peace all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **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.**

SONG

Should nothing of our efforts stand
No legacy survive
Unless the Lord does raise the house
In vain its builders strive
To you who boast tomorrow's gain
Tell me what is your life
A mist that vanishes at dawn
All glory be to Christ

Chorus
All glory be to Christ our king
All glory be to Christ
His rule and reign we'll ever sing
All glory be to Christ

His will be done His kingdom come
On earth as is above
Who is Himself our daily bread
Praise Him the Lord of love
Let living water satisfy
The thirsty without price
We'll take a cup of kindness yet
All glory be to Christ

When on the day the great I Am
The faithful and the true
The Lamb who was for sinners slain
Is making all things new
Behold our God shall live with us
And be our steadfast light
And we shall e'er his people be
All glory be to Christ

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.