

Notices

Worship: Wednesdays 10.00 am Eucharist (Not 29 December 2021)
Sundays 10.30 am Sung Eucharist

Wi-Fi Passwords can be found on the noticeboard in the hall. Please ensure that any mobile devices are switched off or on silent mode during services and meetings.

Offertory: Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the church.

Zumba: Class hopes to reopen 14 January 2022

Craft Group: Class hopes to reopen 17 January 2022

Prayer Group is postponed until further notice. If you or someone you know would like prayer said, please complete a slip and place in the woven box. Your request will be responded to

Flowers in Church: If you would like to donate flowers in memory of a loved one or to mark a special occasion, please speak to Janie Legge who can advise and help arrange them with you if you wish.

Please pray for all those in our own congregation, their families or friends who are ill, housebound or whose year's mind falls this week

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St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



Sunday 26th December 2021, 10.00am St. Stephen's Day

Welcome to St Peter's Episcopal Church to this Christmas service

On behalf of the Vestry and Congregation of St Peter's we wish you a Happy Christmas.

Christine Fraser, Rector.
Stuart Gray, Assistant Priest

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Introit Hymn Good King Wenceslas

Good King Wences'las looked out,
on the Feast of Stephen,
When the snow lay round about,
deep and crisp and even;
Brightly shone the moon that night,
tho' the frost was cruel,
When a poor man came in sight,
gath'ring winter fuel.

"Hither, page, and stand by me,
if thou know'st it, telling,
Yonder peasant, who is he?
Where and what his dwelling?"
"Sire, he lives a good league hence,
underneath the mountain;
Right against the forest fence,
by Saint Agnes' fountain."

"Bring me flesh, and bring me wine,
bring me pine logs hither:
Thou and I shall see him dine,
when we bear them thither."
Page and monarch, forth they went,
forth they went together;
Through the rude wind's wild lament
and the bitter weather.

"Sire, the night is darker now,
and the wind blows stronger;
Fails my heart, I know not how;
I can go no longer."
"Mark my footsteps, good my page.
Tread thou in them boldly
Thou shalt find the winter's rage
freeze thy blood less coldly."

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

Sentence We give thanks to you Lord, for you are gracious.
And your mercy endures for ever.

Prayer **Merciful God, we have been gathered at the table of your Son.
Hear our prayer for all our sisters and brothers in faith who suffer
for truth, justice and freedom. Strengthen their witness and keep
them, with us, under the protection of your wings. We ask this in
the name of Jesus Christ the Lord. Amen**

Blessing God give you grace to follow his saints in faith and hope and love;
and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy
Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn O come all ye faithful

1. **O come, all ye faithful, joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem!
Come and behold him, born the King of angels.**

*O come, let us adore him, O come, let us adore him,
O come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!*

2. **God from true God, and Light from Light eternal,
born of a virgin, to earth he comes!
Only-begotten Son of God the Father: [Refrain]**

3. **Sing, choirs of angels, sing in exultation,
sing, all ye citizens of heav'n above!
Glory to God, all glory in the highest: [Refrain]**

4. **Yea, Lord, we greet thee, born this happy morning;
Jesus, to thee be all glory giv'n!
Word of the Father, now in flesh appearing: [Refrain]**

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

Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour Christ has commanded and taught us, we are bold to say:

**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.
Do not bring us to the time of trial but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Communion Song

Jesus, Lamb of God:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins:

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world:

give us your peace.

Communion

At the giving of the bread:

The Body and Blood of Christ given for you. **Amen**

Communion Hymn

Away in a manger

1. **Away in a manger, no crib for a bed,
the little Lord Jesus laid down his sweet head.
The stars in the bright sky looked down where he lay,
the little Lord Jesus asleep on the hay.**
2. **The cattle are lowing, the baby awakes,
but little Lord Jesus no crying he makes.
I love you, Lord Jesus; look down from the sky,
and stay by my side until morning is nigh.**
3. **Be near me, Lord Jesus; I ask you to stay
close by me forever and love me, I pray.
Bless all the dear children in your tender care,
and take us to heaven to live with you there.**

**In his master's steps he trod,
where the snow lay dinted;
Heat was in the very sod
which the saint had printed.
Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
wealth or rank possessing,
Ye who now will bless the poor,
shall yourselves find blessing.**

Welcome

Grace and peace to you from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

Collect for Purity

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,**

**you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

Collect of the day

Grant us grace, O Lord, that like Stephen we may learn to love even our enemies and seek forgiveness for those who desire our hurt; through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading Acts 6.8 - 7.2a, 51c-60

Gradual Hymn 26 Hark the herald angels sing

1. **Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King:
peace on earth, and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
join the triumph of the skies;
with th'angelic hosts proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"**

Refrain:

*Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King"*

2. **Christ, by highest heaven adored,
Christ, the everlasting Lord,
late in time behold him come,
offspring of the Virgin's womb:
veiled in flesh the Godhead see;
hail th'incarnate Deity,
pleased with us in flesh to dwell,**

Hear us, most merciful Father,
and send your Holy Spirit upon us
and upon this bread and this wine,
that, overshadowed by his life-giving power,
they may be the Body and Blood of your Son,
and we may be kindled with the fire of your love
and renewed for the service of your Kingdom.

**Help us, who are baptised into the fellowship of Christ's Body
to live and work to your praise and glory;
may we grow together in unity and love
until at last, in your new creation,
we enter into our heritage
in the company of the Virgin Mary,
the apostles, and prophets,
and of all our brothers and sisters living and departed.**

Through Jesus Christ our Lord,
with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be to you,
Lord of all ages,
world without end.

Amen.

The Sharing of the Bread and the Wine

Breaking of the Bread

The living bread is broken for the life of the world
Lord, unite us in this sign.

most loving Father.

In Jesus the Messiah you have lived among us
that we might for ever live with you.

In the manger at Bethlehem,
the Only-begotten bent low to meet us.

Obedient to your calling,
he accepted death on the cross.
When you exalted him on the third day,
and bestowed on him the name above all names,
he opened the gate of glory
that we might be your children,
and share in his kingdom of Peace.

Before he was given up to suffering and death,
desiring to complete the work
for which he came into the world,
at supper with his disciples
he took bread and offered you thanks.
He broke the bread,
and gave it to them, saying:

“Take, eat.

This is my Body: it is broken for you.”

After supper, he took the cup,

he offered you thanks,

and gave it to them saying:

“Drink this, all of you.

This is my Blood of the new covenant;

it is poured out for you, and for all,

that sins may be forgiven.

Do this in remembrance of me.”

We now obey your Son’s command.

We recall his blessed passion and death,

his glorious resurrection and ascension;

and we look for the coming of his Kingdom.

Made one with him, we offer you these gifts

and with them ourselves, a single, holy, living sacrifice.

Jesus, our Immanuel. [Refrain]

3. Hail the heaven-born Prince of Peace!

Hail the Sun of Righteousness!

Light and life to all he brings,

risen with healing in his wings.

Mild he lays his glory by,

born that we no more may die,

born to raise us from the earth,

born to give us second birth. [Refrain]

Gospel Matthew 10.16-22

Gospel acclamation **Alleluia, alleluia!** Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord; the Lord God is our Light **Alleluia.**

When gospel is announced:

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

At end:

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Homily

Intercessions

Peace

Christ the Prince of Peace is born for us today

We meet in Christ's name.

Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

The taking of the Bread and the Wine

Offertory Hymn God rest ye merry gentlemen

1. God rest you merry, gentlemen,
let nothing you dismay;
remember Christ, our Savior
was born on Christmas Day
to save us all from Satan's pow'r
when we were gone astray.

Refrain:

*O tidings of comfort and joy, comfort and joy,
O tidings of comfort and joy.*

2. From God our heav'nly Father
a blessed angel came
and unto certain shepherds
brought tidings of the same,
how that in Bethlehem was born
the son of God by name. [Refrain]
3. "Fear not," then said the angel,
"let nothing you affright;
this day is born a Saviour,
the true and radiant light,
to free all those who trust in him
from Satan's pow'r and might." [Refrain]
4. Now to the Lord sing praises,
all you within this place,
and in true love and fellowship
each other now embrace;
this holy tide of Christmas
is filled with heav'nly grace. [Refrain]

The Great Thanksgiving

Eucharistic Prayer for Christmas

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Worship and praise belong to you, God our maker.

Out of nothing, you called all worlds into being,
and still you draw the universe to its fulfilment.

Day and night celebrate your glory
till time shall be no more.

In Christ, your Word became flesh,
and on this day was born of the Virgin Mary.
He emptied himself, taking our human form,
That through his incarnation and passion
we might come to share in his divine nature.

As children of your redeeming purpose
who celebrate the birth of your Son,
we offer you our praise,
with angels and archangels
St Peter and the whole company of heaven
singing the hymn of your unending glory:

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might.

Heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you,