

Notices

Worship: Wednesdays 10.00 am is suspended for the time being.
Sundays 09:15 am is suspended for the time being.
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 re-open Friday 14 January

Craft Group: Class hopes to re-open Monday 17 January

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



Welcome to St Peter's Episcopal Church to this Christmas service, today we welcome the Rev Canon Richard Grosse, who will preside.

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

Christine Fraser, Rector.

Stuart Gray, Assistant Priest

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Introit Hymn 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 host proclaim:
"Christ is born in Bethlehem."
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

2. Christ by highest heav'n adored,
Christ the everlasting Lord!
Late in time behold Him come,
Offspring of a Virgin's womb.
Veiled in flesh the Godhead see,
Hail the incarnate Deity,
Pleased as us with us to dwell,
Jesus, our Emmanuel.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

3. Hail the heav'n-born Prince of Peace!
Hail the Son of Righteousness!
Light and life to all He brings,
Ris'n with healing in His wings.
Mild He lays His glory by,
Born that we no more may die,
Born to raise the children of earth,
Born to give them second birth.
Hark! The herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

Welcome

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

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

Prayer **Light eternal, you have nourished us in the mystery of the body and blood of your Son. By your grace keep us ever faithful to your word, in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.**

Blessing Christ, who by his incarnation gathered into one all things earthly and heavenly, fill you with his joy and peace; 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 Joy to the world

1. Joy to the world! the Lord is come;
Let earth receive her King;
Let every heart prepare him room,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven and nature sing,
And heaven, and heaven, and nature sing.

2. Joy to the world! the Saviour reigns;
Let men their songs employ;
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

3. He rules the world with truth and grace,
And makes the nations prove
The glories of His righteousness,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders of His love,
And wonders, wonders, of His love.

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

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world:

grant us peace.

Communion

At the giving of the bread:

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

Communion Hymn

Child in the Manger

1. **Child in the manger, infant of Mary
Outcast and Stranger, Lord of us all
Child Who inherits all our transgressions
All our demerits upon Him fall**
2. **Once the most holy Child of salvation
Gently and lowly lived here below
Now as our glorious mighty Redeemer
See Him victorious over each foe**
3. **Prophets foretold Him, Infant of wonder
Angels behold Him on His throne
Worthy our Saviour of all our praises
Happy forever are His own**

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

God of power and life, the glory of all who believe in you, fill the world with your splendour and show the nations the light of your truth; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading Jeremiah 31.7-14

Hymn O praise ye the Lord! (Based on Ps. 148)

1. **O praise ye the Lord! Praise God in the height;
rejoice in the word, ye angels of light;
ye heavens adore God by whom ye were made,
and worship before God, in brightness arrayed.**
2. **O praise ye the Lord! Praise God upon earth,
in tuneful accord, new children of new birth;
praise God who hath brought you the grace from above,
praise God who hath taught you to sing of God's love.**
3. **O praise ye the Lord, all things that give sound;
each jubilant chord re-echo around;
loud organs, the glory forth tell in deep tone,
and, sweet harp, the story of what God hath done.**
4. **O praise ye the Lord! Thanksgiving and song
to God be outpoured all ages along:
for love in creation, for heaven restored,
for grace of salvation, O praise ye the Lord!**

Epistle Ephesians 1.3-14

Gospel acclamation Alleluia, alleluia! Glory be to you, O Christ, proclaimed to the pagans; Glory be to you, O Christ believed in by the world.
Alleluia.

Gospel John 1.(1-9)10-18

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

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.

Glory and thanksgiving be to you, 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.**

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 substance with the Father.
Through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven;
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made human.
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, who with the Father and the Son,
is worshipped and glorified and 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.**

Intercessions

Peace

Christ the Prince of Peace is born for us
We meet in Christ's name.
Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Offertory Hymn It came upon a midnight clear

- 1. It came upon a midnight clear
That glorious song of old
From angels bending near the earth
To touch their harps of gold
Peace on the earth, good will to all
From heaven's all gracious King
The world in solemn stillness lay
To hear the angels sing**
- 2. Still through the cloven skies they come
With peaceful wings unfurled
And still their heavenly music floats
O'er all the weary world
Above its sad and lowly plains
They bend on hovering wing
And ever o'er its Babel sounds
The blessed angels sing**
- 3. For lo! the days are hastening on,
by prophet seen of old,
when with the ever-circling years
shall come the time foretold
when peace shall over all the earth
its ancient splendours fling,
and the whole world give back the song
which now the angels sing.**

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 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.**