

St Peter's Scottish Episcopal Church, Kirkcaldy



*Sunday 23rd January 2022
10.30am 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany
Week of Prayer for Christian Unity*

On behalf of the Vestry and congregation we welcome you to St Peter's Episcopal Church to our service today.

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Introit Hymn O worship the King all-glorious above

- 1. O worship the King all-glorious above,
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love:
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.**

- 2. O tell of God's might and sing of God's grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space.
The chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form,
and dark is the path on the wings of the storm.**

- 3. Your bountiful care, what tongue can recite?
It breathes in the air, it shines in the light;
it streams from the hills, it descends to the plain,
and sweetly distils in the dew and the rain.**

- 4. Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in you do we trust, nor find you to fail.
Your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end,
our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend!**

- 5. O measureless Might, unchangeable Love,
whom angels delight to worship above!
Your ransomed creation, with glory ablaze,
in true adoration shall sing to your praise!**

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.**

Confession and Absolution

God is love and we are God's children.
There is no room for fear in love.
We love because God loved us first.
Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith.

**God our Father, we confess to you
and to our fellow members in the Body of Christ
that we have sinned in thought, word and deed,
and in what we have failed to do.
We are truly sorry.
Forgive us our sins,
and deliver us from the power of evil,
for the sake of your Son who died for us,
Jesus Christ, our Lord.**

God, who is both power and love,
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.**

Kyrie

Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.	Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.	Lord, have mercy.

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

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit and make us worthy of your call; through 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 Nehemiah 8. 1-6, 8-10

Psalm 19 Hymn Sing for God's Glory

- 1. Sing for God's glory that colours the dawn of creation,
 Racing across the sky, trailing bright clouds of elation;
 Sun of delight succeeds the velvet of night,
 Warming the earth's exultation**

- 2. Sing for God's power that shatters the chains that would bind us,
 Searing the darkness of fear and despair that could blind us;
 Touching our shame with love that will not lay blame,
 Reaching out gently to find us.**

- 3. Sing for God's justice disturbing each easy illusion,
 Tearing down tyrants and putting our pride to confusion;
 Lifeblood of right, resisting evil and slight,
 Offering freedom's transfusion.**

- 4. Sing for God's saints who have travelled faith's journey before us,
 Who in our weariness give us their hope to restore us;
 In them we see the new creation to be,
 Spirit of love made flesh for us.**

Epistle 1 Corinthians 12. 12-31

Gospel acclamation

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

The Lord has sent me to bring the Good News to the poor,
To proclaim liberty to captives.

Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Gospel Luke 4. 14-21

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

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

We meet in his name.
Let us share his peace.

THE LITURGY OF THE SACRAMENT

Hymn For the healing of the nations

- 1. For the healing of the nations,
Lord, we pray with one accord;
for a just and equal sharing
of the things that earth affords;
To a life of love in action
help us rise and pledge our word,
help us rise and pledge our word.**
- 2. Lead us forward into freedom;
from despair your world release,
that, redeemed from war and hatred,
all may come and go in peace.
Show us how through care and goodness
fear will die and hope increase,
fear will die and hope increase.**
- 3. All that kills abundant living,
let it from the earth be banned;
pride of status, race, or schooling,
dogmas that obscure your plan.
In our common quest for justice
may we hallow life's brief span,
may we hallow life's brief span.**

4. **You, Creator God, have written
your great name on humankind;
for our growing in your likeness
bring the life of Christ to mind,
that by our response and service
earth its destiny may find,
earth its destiny may find.**

Offering

**Let us present our offerings to the Lord.
Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory,
the splendour, and the majesty; for everything in
heaven and on earth is yours.
All things come from you, and of your own we give you.**

Eucharistic Prayer

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 only-begotten Son, you have revealed yourself to the world.
You made him known to the nations as the son of
David and king of Israel; that in following him,
we might be led from darkness and into his marvellous light.

As children of your redeeming purpose

Who celebrate the manifestation 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, most loving Father.
In Jesus the Messiah you have come to us.
Our hope is built on him in whom you are well pleased.
Having been shown to the world as your beloved Son,
he proclaimed the good news of your kingdom.
The blind received their sight, the lame walked, the lepers were cleansed,
and the captives set free. At his word, water became wine,
the hungry were filled with bread, and the dead were raised.

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.**

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.

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 Ubi caritas

**Ubi caritas et amor,
ubi caritas, Deus Ibi Est**

THANKSGIVING AND SENDING OUT

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

Prayer after Communion

**Gracious God, our hands have taken holy things; our lives have been nourished
by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be
strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ
the Lord.**

Blessing

Christ the Son of God gladden our hearts with the good news of the kingdom; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among us and remain with us always. **Amen**

Recessional Hymn

The Summons

1. Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?
2. Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?
3. Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?
Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?
Will you kiss the leper clean and do such as this unseen,
and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?
4. Will you love the "you" you hide if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world around,
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?
5. Lord your summons echoes true when you but call my name.
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.
In Your company I'll go where Your love and footsteps show.
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

Dismissal

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

