

**Holy Communion Service – Patronal Festival St Peter and St Paul Day**  
**Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> June 2021**

St Peter writes ‘Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, and into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade.’

As we come to worship Jesus Christ today, remembering St Peter and St Paul we thank God for that inheritance.

**Thank you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

This is the Day that the Lord has made

**Let us rejoice and be glad in it. Amen**

*Song...*

**This is the day, this is the day,  
that the Lord has made, that the Lord has made,  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it and be glad in it.**

**This is the day that the Lord has made,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day, that the Lord has made.**

**This is the day, this is the day,  
When he rose again, when he rose again,  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it and be glad in it.**

**This is the day when he rose again,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day, when he rose again.**

**This is the day, this is the day,  
When the Spirit came, when the Spirit came.  
we will rejoice, we will rejoice,  
and be glad in it and be glad in it.**

**This is the day when the Spirit came,  
we will rejoice and be glad in it.**

**This is the day, this is the day, when the Spirit came.**

St Paul writes

‘This saying is true and worthy of full acceptance,  
that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.’

So let us come to the Lord in penitence and faith,  
firmly resolved to keep God’s commandments,  
and to live in love and peace with all.

*We keep a moment of quiet reflection before we pray:-*

**God of compassion and mercy,  
in our sin we have avoided your call.  
Our love for you is like a morning mist,  
like the dew that goes away early.**

**Have mercy on us;  
deliver us from our indifference;  
bind up our wounds and revive us;  
in Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen**

God of love,  
you forgive us and free us from our sins,  
you heal and strengthen us by the Holy Spirit,  
and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*Our first bible reading is Ephesians 6:10-17 (pg 1177)*

*At the end...*

This is the Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*Song: 22 As the deer*

**As the deer pants for the water  
So my soul longs after You.  
You alone are my hearts desire  
and I long to worship You.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.**

**I want You more than gold and silver  
Only You can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy giver  
You're the apple of my eye.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.**

**You're my friend and You are my brother  
Even though You are the King  
I love You more than any other  
So much more than any thing.**

**You alone are my strength, my shield  
To You alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart's desire  
And I long to worship You.**

***Our gospel reading is Matthew 16:13-19 (pg 983)***

Hear the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ  
according to John

**Glory to you, O Lord**

This is the Gospel of the Lord,  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life,  
the one for whom we exist?  
**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature,  
died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in  
God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God  
and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith.**

**We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.**

*Please sit or kneel for our prayers*

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Merciful Father,

**Accept these prayers for**

**the sake of your Son,**

**our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

**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.**

**Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For the kingdom, the power,**

**and the glory are yours**

**now and for ever. Amen.**

St Paul writes 'Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you are called to peace.'

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**And also with you.**

*Please share the peace with those around you*

*We hear how Jesus shared a special meal with  
His friends on the night before he died, then  
we welcome everyone to come forward,  
either to receive blessed bread,  
or a prayer of blessing,  
in which case please keep your hands to your side.*

The Lord is here.

**His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*(The prayer continues...)*

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,  
God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.**

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**Christ has died.  
Christ is risen.  
Christ will come again.**

*Hymn 21*

**And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

**He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me.**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

*BLESSING and DISMISSAL*

May God give us grace to follow St Peter and Paul  
and all his saints in courage, steadfastness and love, and may we abide in Christ and he in us,  
this day and always. **Amen**

Since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, we do not lose hope,  
and we step out boldly in faith. Alleluia!

Let us go in the peace of Christ

**Thanks be to God, Alleluia!**