

Welcome to our Service
St Peter de Merton, Bedford
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Welcome!

Grace mercy and peace from God our Father,
and our Lord Jesus Christ be with you
And also with you

We stand before the throne of God with
countless crowds from every nation and race,
tribe and language

**Blessing and glory and wisdom,
Thanksgiving and honour, power and might
Be to our God for ever and ever
Amen**

Hymn: Praise my soul, the King of Heaven,
(https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-n_BPn5BxH4)

Confession:

God our Father, we come to you in sorrow for
our sins

**Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us
from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

May the almighty and merciful Lord,
Grant us pardon and forgiveness of all our sins,
time for amendment of life, and the grace and
strength of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his
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**

The Collect

Merciful God,
your Son came to save us
and bore our sins on the cross:
may we trust in your mercy
and know your love,
rejoicing in the righteousness
that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Hymn: King of Glory, King of Peace
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DRNMPyVO62c>)

Bible Reading: Exodus 14: 10-end
(<https://bible.oremus.org/?qI=466977249>)

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Thanks be to God

Bible Reading: Matthew 18: 21-35
(<https://bible.oremus.org/?qI=466749545>)

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Sermon:

The Creed:

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.

Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.

Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.

He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.

Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.

cf Philippians 2.6-11

Intercessions:

We pray for the world and its leaders; for justice and peace and the end of oppression.

For all who are vulnerable; the sick and the bereaved; for key workers; for our communities, families and friends.

**Living God, Draw us deeper into your love
Jesus our Lord, Send us to care and serve
Holy Spirit, make us heralds of good news
Stir us and strengthen us, teach us and inspire
us to live your love with generosity and joy,
imagination and courage; for the sake of your
world and in the name of Jesus, Amen**

The Peace:

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
And also with you

Hymn: Be still for the presence of the Lord

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Py9EDciaQ64>)

Eucharistic Prayer:

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

It is indeed right, it is our duty and our joy, at all times and in all places to give you thanks and praise, holy Father, heavenly King, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word:

Through him you have created all things from the beginning and formed us in your own image:

To you be glory and praise for ever

Through him you have freed us from the slavery of sin, giving him to be born of a woman and to die upon the cross, you raised him from the dead and exalted him to your right hand on high.

To you be glory and praise for ever

Through him you have sent upon us, your holy and life-giving Spirit, and made us a people for your own possession.

To you be glory and praise for ever

Therefore with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your great and glorious name, for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we follow his example and obey his command,

grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit these gifts of bread and wine may be to us his body and his blood.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

To you be glory and praise for ever

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup, we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Praise to you Lord Jesus:

Dying you destroyed our death

Rising you restored our life

Lord Jesus, come in glory.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever. Amen.

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread, And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory for ever and ever. Amen

Every time we eat this bread and drink this cup
We proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

Draw near with faith, Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Hymn during distribution: There is a Hope
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OQThH39HEIM>)

Prayer after communion:

Lord God, the source of truth and love, keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching and fellowship, united in prayer and the breaking of bread, and one in joy and simplicity of heart, in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn: I cannot tell

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XDEgli4aQDo>)

The Blessing:

Go forth into the world in peace;
Be of good courage;
Hold fast that which is good;
Render to no one evil for evil;
Strengthen the fainthearted;
Support the weak; help the afflicted;
Honour everyone;
Love and serve the Lord,
Rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit;

And the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son
and Holy Spirit be upon you and remain with
you always.

Amen

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

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