

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: O Lord my God (How Great Thou Art)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mHqgQjJrxl8>)

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

Lord of creation,
whose glory is around and within us:
open our eyes to your wonders,
that we may serve you with reverence
and know your peace at our lives' end,
through Jesus Christ our Lord..

Amen

Hymn: How shall I sing that majesty?

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MEWiegVGX8o>)

Bible Reading: Exodus 17: 1-7

(<https://bible.oremus.org/?q=466901465>)

This is the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Bible Reading: Matthew 21: 23-31

(<https://bible.oremus.org/?q=466757616>)

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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: Meekness and Majesty

(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=g1OZKzXNTRM>)

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

Almighty God, good Father to us all,
your face is turned towards your world.

In love you gave us Jesus your Son
to rescue us from sin and death.

Your Word goes out to call us home
to the city where angels sing your praise.

We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift
that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus
came as your light.

With signs of faith and words of hope he
touched untouchables with love and washed
the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

The crowds came out to see your Son, yet at
the end they turned on him. On the night he
was betrayed he came to table with his friends
to celebrate the freedom of your people. This is
his story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food; he took
bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: This is my
body, given for you all. Jesus then gave thanks
for the wine; he took the cup, gave it and said:
This is my blood, shed for you all for the

forgiveness of sins. Do this in remembrance of me. This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.

Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us and all the world. This is our story.

This is our song: Hosanna in the highest.

Send your Spirit on us now
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ
with opened eyes and hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food
offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**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: Jesus Lead Us to the
Father

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=pUSbgFc_WXw

Prayer after communion:

Almighty God,
you have taught us through your Son
that love is the fulfilling of the law:
grant that we may love you with our whole
heart
and our neighbours as ourselves;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn: Lord for the years

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XRtcVSyobpY>

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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