

**Welcome to our Service
St Peter de Merton, Bedford
18th October 2020**



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Welcome!

The Lord our God, the Almighty reigns
Let us rejoice and shout for joy, giving God the glory

Glory to the Father and to the Son
And to the Holy Spirit
**As it was in the beginning, is now
And shall be for ever. Amen**

Hymn: Thou Whose Almighty Word
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aJuqdlVH8VY>)

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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour in thought and
word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,
who died for us, forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness
of life
to the glory of your name. 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

God, our judge and saviour,
teach us to be open to your truth
and to trust in your love,
that we may live each day
with confidence in the salvation which is given
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

Hymn: In a World Where People Walk in
Darkness
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VDTO6RgrZi0>)

Bible Reading: Exodus 33: 12 - 23
(<https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=469708033>)

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Thanks be to God

Bible Reading: Matthew 22: 15 - 22
(<https://bible.oremus.org/?ql=469708117>)

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Sermon:

The Creed:

Let us declare our faith in the words of the creed:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under
Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the
dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen**

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:

We are all one in Christ Jesus,
We belong to him through faith,
heirs of the promise of the Spirit of peace.

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

Hymn: Praise to the Holiest in the Height
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kpHUYwHEstk>)

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 right to praise you, Father, lord of all creation; in your love you made us for yourself. When we turned away You did not reject us but came to meet us in your Son
**you embraced us as your children and
welcomed us to sit and eat with you**

In Christ you shared our life that we might live in him and he in us
**He opened his arms of love upon the cross and
made for all the perfect sacrifice for sin**

On the night he was betrayed at supper with his friends, he took bread, and gave you thanks; He broke it and gave it to them, saying; take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me
**Father we do this in remembrance of him;
his body is the bread of life**

At the end of supper, taking the cup of wine, he gave you thanks, and said: "Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins; do this in remembrance of me"
**Father, we do this in remembrance of him:
his blood is shed for all.**

As we proclaim his death and celebrate his rising in glory send your Holy Spirit that this

bread and this wine may be to us the body and
the blood of your dear son
**As we eat and drink these holy gifts make us
one in Christ, our risen Lord**

With your whole church throughout the world
we offer you this sacrifice of praise and lift our
voices to join the eternal song of heaven
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might
Heaven and Earth are full of your glory,
Hosanna in the highest.**

**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**

We break this bread to share in the body of
Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body
because we all share in one bread.**

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the
sin of the world. Blessed are those who are
called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed**

**Most merciful Lord,
your love compels us to come in.
Our hands were unclean,
our hearts were unprepared;
we were not fit
even to eat the crumbs from under your table.
But you, Lord, are the God of our salvation,
and share your bread with sinners.
So cleanse and feed us
with the precious body and blood of your Son,
that he may live in us and we in him;**

**and that we, with the whole company of
Christ,
may sit and eat in your kingdom.
Amen**

Hymn during distribution: Wondrous Cross
(Philip Wilby)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i0XJYt9r-1E>

Prayer after communion:

We praise and thank you, O Christ, for this
sacred feast:

for here we receive you, here the memory of
your passion is renewed, here our minds are
filled with grace,

and here a pledge of future glory is given,
when we shall feast at that table where you
reign with all your saints for ever.

Amen

**Lord, we have broken your bread and received
your life, by the power of your Spirit keep us
always in your love, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. Amen**

Hymn: O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4O9kw3cILpg>

The Blessing:

The peace of God, which passes all
understanding,

keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge
and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our
Lord;

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

Amen

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