

**Welcome to our Service
St Peter de Merton, Bedford
25th October 2020**



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Welcome!

God in Christ has revealed his glory
Come let us worship

From the rising of the sun to its setting
The Lord's name is greatly to be praised

Give him praise, you servants of the Lord
O praise the name of the Lord!

Hymn: Rejoice the Lord is King
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AhEUCSzaU8M>)

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

**Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus
Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as
ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
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,
teach us to be faithful in change and
uncertainty, that trusting in your word
and obeying your will we may enter the
unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Bible Reading: Deuteronomy 34: 1 - 12
(<https://bible.oremus.org/?q=470524983>)

This is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

Hymn: Thanks to God Whose Word Was
Spoken
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svJuwYZIBIO>)

Bible Reading: Matthew 22: 34-46
(<https://bible.oremus.org/?q=470525092>)

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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: 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

You are worthy of our thanks and praise,
Lord God of truth,
for by the breath of your mouth
you have spoken your word,
and all things have come into being.

You fashioned us in your image
and placed us in the garden of your delight.
Though we chose the path of rebellion
you would not abandon your own.
Again and again you drew us into your
covenant of grace.

You gave your people the law and taught us by
your prophets to look for your reign of justice,
mercy and peace.

As we watch for the signs of your kingdom on
earth,
we echo the song of the angels in heaven,
evermore 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.
Blessed is he who comes in the name of the
Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord God, you are the most holy one,
enthroned in splendour and light,

yet in the coming of your Son Jesus Christ
you reveal the power of your love
made perfect in our human weakness.

Embracing our humanity,
Jesus showed us the way of salvation;
loving us to the end, he gave himself to death
for us;
dying for his own,
he set us free from the bonds of sin,
that we might rise and reign with him in glory.
On the night he gave up himself for us all
he took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

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.
Amen. Lord, we believe.

Therefore we proclaim the death that he
suffered on the cross, we celebrate his
resurrection, his bursting from the tomb, we
rejoice that he reigns at your right hand on high
and we long for his coming in glory.
Amen. Come, Lord Jesus.

As we recall the one, perfect sacrifice of our
redemption,
Father, by your Holy Spirit let these gifts of your
creation
be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus
Christ;
form us into the likeness of Christ and make us
a perfect offering in your sight.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Look with favour on your people
and in your mercy hear the cry of our hearts.
Bless the earth, heal the sick,
let the oppressed go free
and fill your Church with power from on high.
Amen. Come, Holy Spirit.

Gather your people from the ends of the earth
to feast with all your saints
at the table in your kingdom,
where the new creation is brought to
perfection
in Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
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**

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**

Music during distribution: Blessed Bread (Rizza)
(<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=T6Uhw55K1Yc>)

Prayer after communion:

God of all grace,
your Son Jesus Christ fed the hungry
with the bread of his life
and the word of his kingdom:
renew your people with your heavenly grace,
and in all our weakness
sustain us by your true and living bread;
who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen

Music after communion: Christ Has No Body
Now But Yours (Ogden)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=zoV6R6qk4vY>

Hymn: In Christ Alone

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gax8GL7EViE>

The Blessing:

May God
who clothes the lilies of the fields and the birds
of the air
who leads the lambs to pasture and the deer to
water
who multiplied loaves and fishes and changed
water into wine
lead us, feed us, multiply us
and change us to reflect the glory of our
Creator
now and through all eternity
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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