



**St Peter  
Le Poer**



## Holy Communion

**Wednesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2021**

### Ash Wednesday

This is the service order for the said service of Holy Communion led by Revd Philip Sudell streamed at 11am on the St Peter's [YouTube channel here](#)

## Gathering and Greeting

Please stand.

In the name of the Father, and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**All: Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**All: And also with you**

## Welcome

Revd Philip Sudell

Brothers and sisters in Christ, since early days Christians have observed with great devotion the time of our Lord's passion and resurrection and prepared for this by a season of penitence and fasting.

By carefully keeping these days, Christians take to heart the call to repentance and the assurance of forgiveness proclaimed in the gospel, and so grow in faith and in devotion to our Lord.

I invite you, therefore, in the name of the Church, to the observance of a holy Lent, by self-examination and repentance; by prayer, fasting, and self-denial; and by reading and meditating on God's holy word.

## The Collect

A moment of silence is kept. The minister says the opening collect:

Almighty and everlasting God, you hate nothing that you have made and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent: create and make in us new and contrite hearts that we, worthily lamenting our sins and acknowledging our wretchedness, may receive from you, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

**All: Amen.**

## The Liturgy of the Word

Please be seated

### Old Testament Reading

**Joel 2.1-2, 12-17**

Blow the trumpet in Zion;

sound the alarm on my holy mountain!  
Let all the inhabitants of the land tremble,  
for the day of the Lord is coming, it is near—

<sup>2</sup> a day of darkness and gloom,

a day of clouds and thick darkness!  
Like blackness spread upon the mountains  
a great and powerful army comes;  
their like has never been from of old,  
nor will be again after them  
in ages to come.

<sup>12</sup> Yet even now, says the Lord,  
return to me with all your heart,  
with fasting, with weeping, and with mourning;

<sup>13</sup> rend your hearts and not  
your clothing.

Return to the Lord, your God,  
for he is gracious and merciful,  
slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast  
love, and relents from punishing.

<sup>14</sup> Who knows whether he will not turn

and relent, and leave a blessing behind him, a grain-offering and a drink-offering for the Lord, your God?

<sup>15</sup> Blow the trumpet in Zion; sanctify a fast; call a solemn assembly;

<sup>16</sup> gather the people.

Sanctify the congregation; assemble the aged; gather the children, even infants at the breast.

Let the bridegroom leave his room, and the bride her canopy.

<sup>17</sup> Between the vestibule and the altar let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep.

Let them say, 'Spare your people, O Lord, and do not make your heritage a mockery, a byword among the nations.

Why should it be said among the peoples, "Where is their God?"'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

### Psalm 51

we say the response

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

<sup>1</sup> Have mercy on me, O God, in your great goodness; • according to the abundance of your compassion blot out my offences.

<sup>2</sup> Wash me thoroughly from my wickedness • and cleanse me from my sin.

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

<sup>3</sup> For I acknowledge my faults • and my sin is ever before me.

<sup>4</sup> Against you only have I sinned • and done what is evil in your sight,

<sup>5</sup> So that you are justified in your sentence • and righteous in your judgement.

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

<sup>6</sup> I have been wicked even from my birth, • a sinner when my mother conceived me.

<sup>7</sup> Behold, you desire truth deep within me • and shall make me understand wisdom in the depths of my heart.

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

<sup>8</sup> Purge me with hyssop and I shall be clean; • wash me and I shall be whiter than snow.

<sup>9</sup> Make me hear of joy and gladness, • that the bones you have broken may rejoice.

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

<sup>10</sup> Turn your face from my sins • and blot out all my misdeeds.

<sup>11</sup> Make me a clean heart, O God, • and renew a right spirit within me.

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

<sup>12</sup> Cast me not away from your presence • and take not your holy spirit from me.

<sup>13</sup> Give me again the joy of your salvation • and sustain me with your gracious spirit;

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

<sup>14</sup> Then shall I teach your ways to the wicked • and sinners shall return to you.

<sup>15</sup> Deliver me from my guilt, O God, the God of my salvation, • and my tongue shall sing of your righteousness.

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

<sup>16</sup> O Lord, open my lips • and my mouth shall proclaim your praise.

<sup>17</sup> For you desire no sacrifice, else I would give it; • you take no delight in burnt offerings.

<sup>18</sup> The sacrifice of God is a broken spirit; • a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

***Make me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.***

## New Testament Reading

### 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

<sup>20</sup>So we are ambassadors for Christ, since God is making his appeal through us; we entreat you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God. <sup>21</sup>For our sake he made him to be sin who knew no sin, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

<sup>1</sup>As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. <sup>2</sup>For he says, 'At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you.'

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! <sup>3</sup>We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, <sup>4</sup>but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, <sup>5</sup>beatings, imprisonments, riots, labours, sleepless nights, hunger; <sup>6</sup>by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, <sup>7</sup>truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; <sup>8</sup>in honour and dishonour, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; <sup>9</sup>as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; <sup>10</sup>as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

## Gospel

Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory. The Lord is a great God, O that today you would listen to his voice. Harden not your hearts.

All: **Praise to you, O Christ, King of eternal glory.**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

### Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

'Beware of practising your piety before others in order to be seen by them; for then you have no reward from your Father in heaven.

<sup>2</sup>So whenever you give alms, do not sound a trumpet before you, as the hypocrites do in the synagogues and in the streets, so that they may be praised by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>3</sup>But when you give alms, do not let your left hand know what your right hand is doing, <sup>4</sup>so that your alms may be done in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you. <sup>5</sup>'And whenever you pray, do not be like the hypocrites; for they love to stand and pray in the synagogues and at the street corners, so that they may be seen by others. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>6</sup>But whenever you pray, go into your room and shut the door and pray to your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>16</sup>'And whenever you fast, do not look dismal, like the hypocrites, for they disfigure their faces so as to show others that they are fasting. Truly I tell you, they have received their reward. <sup>17</sup>But when you fast, put oil on your head and wash your face, <sup>18</sup>so that your fasting may be seen not by others but by your Father who is in secret; and your Father who sees in secret will reward you.

<sup>19</sup>'Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust consume and where thieves break in and

steal; <sup>20</sup>but store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust consumes and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup>For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**All: Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon**

Please be seated

## **Liturgy of Penitence**

Let us now call to mind our sin and the infinite mercy of God.

God the Father,

**All have mercy upon us.**

God the Son,

**All have mercy upon us.**

God the Holy Spirit,

**All have mercy upon us.**

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity,

**All have mercy upon us.**

From all evil and mischief;  
from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;  
from envy, hatred, and malice;  
and from all evil intent,

**All good Lord, deliver us.**

From sloth, worldliness and love of money;  
from hardness of heart  
and contempt for your word and your laws,

**All good Lord, deliver us.**

From sins of body and mind;  
from the deceits of the world, the flesh and the devil,

**All good Lord, deliver us.**

In all times of sorrow;

in all times of joy;

in the hour of death,

and at the day of judgement,

**All good Lord, deliver us.**

By the mystery of your holy incarnation;  
by your birth, childhood and obedience;  
by your baptism, fasting and temptation,  
**All good Lord, deliver us.**

By your ministry in word and work;  
by your mighty acts of power;  
and by your preaching of the kingdom,  
**All good Lord, deliver us.**

By your agony and trial;  
by your cross and passion;  
and by your precious death and burial,  
**All good Lord, deliver us.**

By your mighty resurrection;  
by your glorious ascension;  
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit,  
**All good Lord, deliver us.**

Give us true repentance;  
forgive us our sins of negligence and ignorance and our deliberate sins;  
and grant us the grace of your Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

**All Holy God,  
holy and strong,  
holy and immortal,  
have mercy upon us.**

*Silence is kept.*

Make our hearts clean, O God;  
**All and renew a right spirit within us.**

**All Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour,  
in what we have thought,  
in what we have said and done,  
through ignorance, through weakness,  
through our own deliberate fault.**

**We have wounded your love,  
and marred your image in us.**

**We are sorry and ashamed,  
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 lead us out from darkness  
to walk as children of light. Amen.**

Remember that you are dust, and to dust you shall return. Turn away from sin and be faithful to Christ.

God our Father,  
the strength of all who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers;  
and because, in our weakness,  
we can do nothing good without you,  
grant us the help of your grace,  
that in keeping your commandments  
we may please you, both in will and deed;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Sacrament

### The Peace

Since we are justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us access to his grace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

All may exchange a sign of peace.

### The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks  
to the Lord our God

All: **It is right to give  
thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For in these forty days you lead us into the desert of repentance that through a pilgrimage of prayer and discipline we may grow in grace and learn to be your people once again. Through fasting, prayer and acts of service

you bring us back to your generous heart. Through study of your holy word you open our eyes to your presence in the world and free our hands to welcome others into the radiant splendour of your love. As we prepare to celebrate the Easter feast with joyful hearts and minds we bless you for your mercy and join with saints and angels 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.  
Blessed is he who comes in the name of  
the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, 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.

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.

Jesus Christ is Lord.

**All:** Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the World.

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through 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.

**All:** Amen.

## **The Lord's Prayer**

Let us pray for the coming of the Kingdom as Jesus taught us.

**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.  
And 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.**

## **The Breaking of Bread**

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

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

We say the

## **Agnus Dei**

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us peace.

## **Prayer of Humble Access**

We do not presume to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the same Lord whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

## **The Giving of Communion**

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.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Please stand

Almighty God, you have given your only Son to be for us both a sacrifice for sin and also an example of godly life: give us grace that we may always most thankfully receive these his inestimable gifts, and also daily endeavour to follow the blessed steps of his most holy life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## **Blessing**

Christ give you grace to grow in holiness, to deny yourselves, take up your cross, and follow him; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

**All: Amen**

## **Dismissal**

Go in the peace of Christ

**All: Thanks be to God.**