

A very warm welcome to St Peter's Church!
Thank you for joining us this morning.

THE CONCLUSION

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

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please be seated.

*Refreshments will be brought to you in the pews.
Do please stay for a while.*

MINISTRY TEAMS – for Sunday 17th March

Music & Tech Team

- Pianist: Richard Lawn
- Singers: Ann Larkin
- Guitars: Alan Gray
- Drums: Ed Bradley
- Mixer Desk: Josh Wallace
- Projection: Peter Nwosu

Post-Service Refreshments Team

- Set-up (from 9:30am): Matt Wallace
- Kitchen: Matt Van Den Broek, Tom Van Den Broek
- Servers: Simona Cerkauskiene, Gabi Froude, Chris Gray, Maureen Hartwell

St Peter's Kids (SPK) Team

- Bible Tots: Lizzie Wallace, with Caroline Sheldrick
- Diggers: Clare Reid, with Bernice Watts
- Spark: Karen Van Den Broek, with John Hartwell

Sunday Housekeeping Team

- 10:30am Service Warden: Trevor Froude
- Unlocking Church & Hall: Mark Wallace
- Congregation Count: Andrew Lawn
- Tidy-Up: Geraldine Joslin & Mick Kavanagh
- Count & Verify Collection: Richard Lawn & Diane King
- Locking Church & Hall: Mick Kavanagh

The 10:30 Service Team

- Leader & Preacher: Mark Wallace
 - Bible Reading: Iain MacArthur
 - Leading Intercessions: Anne Kavanagh
 - Communion Steward: Duncan Breckels
 - Communion Assistants: Chris Gray, Wendy Whitfield
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St Peter's
COLCHESTER

Communion Service

10:30am, Sunday 17th March 2024

THE COLLECT

for the Fifth Sunday of Lent

Most merciful God,
who by the death and resurrection
of your Son Jesus Christ
delivered and saved the world:
grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross
we may triumph in the power of his victory;
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.
Amen.

COMMUNION AT ST PETER'S

This is a Service of Holy Communion. We invite to the Lord's Table today all those who are, by God's grace, in a right relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ and with their neighbour. *

When we come to the administration, please remain in your pew until invited forward by the steward. Children, and those who do not yet feel ready to receive communion, are welcome to come forward for a prayer of blessing (and indicate this by holding this service-sheet in your hand). It helps the flow of movement around the church if you then return to your own pew via the side aisles. If you would prefer to receive communion in your pew, please indicate this to the steward.

[* The official position of the Church of England is that: "Baptized persons who are communicant members of other Churches which subscribe to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and are in good standing in their own Church shall be admitted to Communion in accordance with Canon B 15A."]

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WELCOME & INTRODUCTION

Mark Wallace, Vicar of St Peter's

"PRAISE TO THE LORD"

Praise to the Lord,
the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him,
for he is thy health and salvation!
Come all who hear:
brothers and sisters, draw near,
praise him in glad adoration!

Praise to the Lord,
above all things so mightily reigning:
keeping us safe at his side,
and so gently sustaining.
Have you not seen
all you have needed has been
met by his gracious ordaining?

Praise to the Lord,
who shall prosper our work and defend us;
surely his goodness and mercy
shall daily attend us.
Ponder anew
what the Almighty can do,
who with his love will befriend us.

[SPK leave for their groups in the Vestry & Hall]

Praise to the Lord -
O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath,
come now with praises before him!
Let the "Amen!"
sound from his people again -
gladly with praise we adore him!

Catherine Winkworth (1827-1878) and others

PRAYERS OF PREPARATION & PENITENCE

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you,
and worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Our Lord Jesus Christ said:
The first commandment is this:
"Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God is the only Lord.
You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart,
with all your soul, with all your mind,
and with all your strength."

The second is this: "Love your neighbour as yourself."
There is no other commandment greater than these.
On these two commandments
hang all the law and the prophets.

Amen. Lord, have mercy.

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.

**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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon us,
pardon and deliver us from all our sins,
confirm and strengthen us in all goodness,
and keep us in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

BIBLE READING: Matthew 27.45-66

page 834-835; read by Iain MacArthur

This is the Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

"IMMORTAL HONOURS"

Immortal honours rest on Jesus' head;
my God, my portion, and my Living Bread;
in Him I live, upon Him cast my care;
He saves from death, destruction, and despair.

He is my refuge in each deep distress;
the Lord my strength and glorious righteousness;
through floods and flames He leads me safely on,
and daily makes His sovereign goodness known.

My every need He richly will supply;
nor will His mercy ever let me die;
in Him there dwells a treasure all divine,
and matchless grace has made that treasure mine.

O that my soul could love and praise Him more,
His beauties trace, His majesty adore;
live near His heart, rest in His love each day;
hear His dear voice and all His will obey.

William Gadsby (1773 - 1844)

THE SERMON

"'TIS FINISHED! THE MESSIAH DIES"

'Tis finished! The Messiah dies,
cut off for sins, but not His own:
accomplished is the sacrifice,
the great redeeming work is done.
Yes, finished! all the debt is paid;
justice divine is satisfied;
the grand and full atonement made;
God for a guilty world has died.

The temple curtain is torn down,
the living way to Heaven is seen;
through Christ the middle wall has gone,
and all who will may enter in.
The ancient shadows are fulfilled;
the scripture prophecies prove true,
the sinless Lamb of God is killed,
the promised covenant made new!

The reign of sin and death is done,
and all may live from sin set free;
Satan and his pretended throne
are swallowed up in victory.
Saved from the curse of God I am,
my Saviour hangs upon a tree!
See there the meek and silent Lamb;
his final breath he breathes for me.

In Christ accepted and brought near
and clothed in righteousness divine,
I see the path to life made clear;
and all your merits, Lord, are mine.
Death, hell, and sin are now subdued;
all grace is now to sinners given;
and so I plead the atoning blood
and claim the title deeds of heaven.

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THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit
and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic
and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.
Amen.**

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

led by by Anne Kavanagh

These responses may be used
Lord, in your mercy
hear our prayer.

And at the end
Merciful Father
**accept these prayers
for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ.
Amen.**

"MAN OF SORROWS"

Man of sorrows, Lamb of God,
by His own betrayed –
the sin of man and wrath of God
has been on Jesus laid.

Silent as He stood accused,
beaten, mocked and scorned –
bowing to the Father's will,
He took a crown of thorns.
*Oh that rugged cross, my salvation,
where your love poured out over me!
Now my soul cries out "hallelujah" –
praise and honour unto thee.*

Sent of heaven, God's own Son,
to purchase and redeem –
and reconcile the very ones
who nailed Him to that tree.
Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full,
by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled!
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me,
whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed!

Now my debt is paid, it is paid in full,
by the precious blood that my Jesus spilled!
Now the curse of sin has no hold on me,
whom the Son sets free, oh is free indeed!
Oh that rugged cross, my salvation...

See the stone is rolled away –
behold the empty tomb!
Hallelujah! God be praised,
He's risen from the grave.

*Oh that rugged cross, my salvation,
where your love poured out over me!
Now my soul cries out "hallelujah" –
praise and honour unto thee,
praise and honour unto thee.*

Words and Music by Matt Crocker & Brooke Ligertwood

HOLY COMMUNION

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

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 our Lord.

For he is our great high priest,
who has loosed us from our sins
and has made us to be a royal priesthood to you,
our God and Father.

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.
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.

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died:
Christ has risen:
Christ will come again.**

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 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.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the Bread

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

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.

**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.**

After receiving communion, the communicant replies
Amen.

Prayer after Communion

**Almighty God, we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.**

**Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

"WHAT GIFT OF GRACE"

What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer;
there is no more for heaven now to give –
He is my joy, my righteousness, and freedom,
my steadfast love, my deep and boundless peace.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
for my life is wholly bound to His.
Oh how strange and divine, I can sing: "All is mine,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

The night is dark but I am not forsaken,
for by my side, the Saviour He will stay.
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing,
for in my need, His power is displayed.
To this I hold, my Shepherd will defend me,
through the deepest valley He will lead.
Oh the night has been won, and I shall overcome –
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!

No fate I dread, I know I am forgiven;
the future sure, the price it has been paid –
for Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon
and He was raised to overthrow the grave.
To this I hold, my sin has been defeated,
Jesus now and ever is my plea.
Oh the chains are released, I can sing: "I am free,
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

With every breath I long to follow Jesus,
for He has said that He will bring me home –
and day by day I know He will renew me
until I stand with joy before the throne.
To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
all the glory evermore to Him,
when the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

To this I hold, my hope is only Jesus,
all the glory evermore to Him,
when the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"
When the race is complete, still my lips shall repeat:
"Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"
Yet not I, but through Christ in me!"

