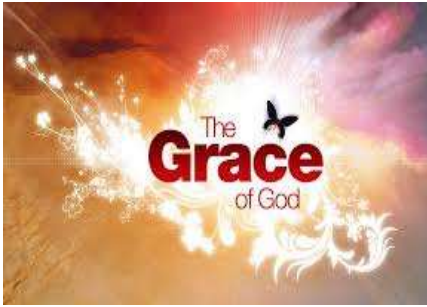




## **MORNING WORSHIP (A) COMMON WORSHIP**



*Welcome to this historic church of St Peter's where God has been worshipped for over 900 years. If you are visiting us or are new to the church we extend a warm welcome and pray that this service may draw you closer to the love of God our Heavenly Father as we worship Him together.*

*Please join us for refreshments after the service in the Church Centre across the road.*

### **PREPARATION**

**Leader** Grace, mercy and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ be with you  
**All** **and also with you.**

**Leader** This is the day that the Lord has made.  
**All** **Let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

### **Welcome**

### **Hymn**

**Notices** (including a prayer for children who leave for St Peter's Rocks)

### **Introduction**

**Leader** We have come together in the name of Christ to offer our praise and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves to the service of God.

Confession (Please sit or kneel)

*An introduction to the confession may be said*

**All 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 to us the joy of your salvation,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

Collect (special prayer for today)

Absolution (we are reminded that God forgives all who repent)

Leader May the Father of all mercies cleanse us from our sins,  
and restore us in his image to the praise and glory of his  
name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Leader Blessed is the Lord,

**All For he has heard the voice of our prayer;**

Leader Therefore shall our hearts dance for joy!

**All And in our song will we praise our God.**

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Leader We thank you, O God, for you are gracious.  
You have loved us from the beginning of time  
and you remember us in times of trouble and of joy.

**All Your mercy endures for ever**

Leader We thank you, O God, for you came to us in Jesus Christ,  
who has redeemed the world and saves us from our sins.

**All Your mercy endures for ever**

Leader We thank you, O God, for you have sent your Holy Spirit,  
who comforts us and leads us into all truth.

**All Your mercy endures forever. Amen**

Opening Prayer

Leader The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;  
let us pray with one heart and mind.

*Silence is kept*

Leader As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,  
so may the light of your presence, O God,  
set our hearts on fire with love for you;  
now and for ever. **Amen.**



# THE WORD OF GOD

A psalm may be included here or between the readings and may end with:

**All**        **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.**

## Bible readings

*At the end of each reading:*

**Reader**    **This is the word of the Lord**

**All**        **Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

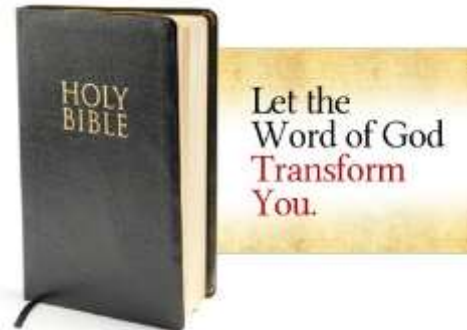
Sermon    *(We explore God's word together)*

## Hymn

Offering    *(The offering goes towards the ministry of St Peter's.  
If you are visiting please do not feel obliged to give)*

Creed        *(We stand to declare our faith)*

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



# PRAYERS

Prayers of Intercession *(Please sit or kneel)*



## The Lord's Prayer

**Leader** Gathering our prayers and praises into one,  
As our Saviour has taught us so we pray.

**All** **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.**

## CONCLUSION

### Hymn

### Blessing

*This or another blessing may be said*

**Leader** The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself,  
the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service,  
the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts;  
and the blessing of God Almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.

**All** **Amen.**

### The Grace

**All** **The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God,  
And the fellowship of the Holy Spirit,  
Be with us all evermore. Amen.**

*Please stay after the service for refreshments and fellowship.*

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