



Good Shepherd with St. Peter's

A Service Booklet
for the Easter Season

Welcome to our church!

Like many other settings, we have changed the way in which we meet together in response to the Covid-19 crisis. Please follow the instructions and invitations that are given, and please take care to maintain physical distance between one another throughout the service.

All the words you need for this service are in this booklet. Please join in the parts in bold. At present we're not able to sing together, so we hope you'll enjoy the peace and silence.

*At the present time we're not able to run activities for children, so please **do collect a children's activity bag** – there are bags for under 7s and over 7s.*

Welcome

The service begins with a welcome from the service leader

The Greeting

**The Lord be with you
and also with you.**

**Alleluia. Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed. Alleluia!**

Prayer of Preparation

**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.**

Confession

In baptism we died with Christ,
so that as Christ was raised from
the dead, we might walk in
newness of life. Let us receive
new life in him as we confess our
sins in penitence and faith.

We have lived by our own
strength, and not by the power
of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived by the light of
our own eyes, as faithless and
not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Lord, hear us and help us.

We have lived for this world alone, and doubted our home in heaven.

In your mercy, forgive us.

Lord, hear us and help us

May the God of love and power forgive us and free us from our sins, heal and strengthen us by his Spirit, and raise us to new life in Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Gloria in Excelsis

The words of the Gloria may be said:

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 (prayer for the day) is usually said here.

Bible Reading

At the end the reader will say:

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

Gospel Reading

When the Gospel reading is announced the reader will say:

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life. Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live, and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

Alleluia.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to N.
Glory to you, O Lord.

At the end the reader will say:

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you O Christ.

Sermon

After the sermon there may be opportunity for quiet reflection.

Creed

Let us declare our faith in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

**Christ died for our sins
in accordance with the
Scriptures;
he was buried;
he was raised to life on the
third day in accordance with
the Scriptures;
afterwards he appeared to
his followers,
and to all the apostles:
this we have received,
and this we believe.
Amen.**

Prayers of Intercession

At the end of the prayers, please join in with these words:

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

The Peace

The risen Christ came and stood among his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you'. Then they were glad when they saw the Lord. Alleluia.

The peace of the Lord
be always with you
and also with you.

We greet one another, and offer one another a socially distanced sign of peace!

The 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 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 your Son our Lord.

For he is your living Word;
through him you have created all
things from the beginning, and
formed us in your own image.

**To you be glory and praise
for ever.**

Through him you have freed us
from the slavery of sin, giving him
to be born of a woman and to die
upon the cross; you raised him
from the dead and exalted him to
your right hand on high.

**To you be glory and praise
for ever.**

Through him you have sent upon
us your holy and life-giving Spirit,
and made us a people for your
own possession.

**To you be glory and praise
for ever.**

And now we give you thanks
because in his victory over the
grave a new age has dawned, the
long reign of sin is ended, a
broken world is being renewed
and humanity is once again made
whole.

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.**

Accept our praises, heavenly
Father, through your Son our
Saviour Jesus Christ, and as we
follow his example and obey his
command, grant that by the
power of your Holy Spirit these
gifts of bread and wine may be
to us his body and his 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.

**To you be glory and praise
for ever.**

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.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Therefore, heavenly Father, we remember his offering of himself made once for all upon the cross; we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension; we look for the coming of your kingdom, and with this bread and this cup we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Lord, by your cross and resurrection you have set us free. You are the Saviour of the world.

Accept through him, our great high priest, this our sacrifice of thanks and praise, and as we eat and drink these holy gifts in the presence of your divine majesty, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in the body of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

To you be glory and praise for ever.

Through him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, with all who stand before you in earth and heaven, we worship you, Father almighty, in songs of everlasting praise:

**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

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.**

The following response may be said:

**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.**

Alleluia. Christ our passover is
sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the
feast. Alleluia.**

Communion is shared.

*You will be offered the opportunity
to sanitize your hands before
receiving the bread.*

*You will be invited to receive
Communion 'in one kind' – bread,
but no wine. Communion will be
received standing, and will be
dropped into people's hands.*

*No words will be spoken as
Communion is administered.*

*If you would prefer to receive a
blessing we would be delighted to
pray for you, but won't touch you.*

Prayer after communion

**God of truth,
we have seen with our eyes
and touched with our hands
the bread of life:
strengthen our faith
that we may grow in love
for you and for each other;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord.
Amen.**

*News and notices are shared. You
can find out more about what's
going on by signing up for our
weekly email:*

www.goodpeter.org.uk/whats-on

Blessing

**May Christ,
who out of defeat brings new
hope and a new future,
fill you with his new life;
and the blessing of
God Almighty,
the Father, the Son,
and the Holy Spirit,
be among you
and remain with you always.
Amen**

He is not here, he is risen.
Go in peace to love and serve the
Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.
In the name of Christ. Amen.
Alleluia, alleluia.