



Holy Communion

9.30am – Sunday 18th Oct 2026

Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

O worship the King, all glorious above; 546
O gratefully sing his power and his love;
our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days,
pavilioned in splendour and girded with praise.

O tell of his might, O sing of his grace,
whose robe is the light, whose canopy space;
his chariots of wrath the deep thunder clouds
form,
and dark is his path on the wings of the storm.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail,
in thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail;
thy mercies how tender, how firm to the end,
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

O measureless might, ineffable love,
while angels delight to hymn thee above,
thy humbler creation, though feeble their lays,
with true adoration shall sing to thy praise.

Robert Grant

Gathering and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
All: Amen.

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

Welcome – Revd Philip Sudell

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of
God's love, revealed in Word and
Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Confession

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.

Assurance of forgiveness

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

Gloria

Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest,
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.
Glory to God, Glory to God
Glory to God in the highest.

The Collect

God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church: by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life; 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.

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 45:1-7

¹This is what the Lord says to his anointed, to Cyrus, whose right hand I take hold of to subdue nations before him and to strip kings of their armour, to open doors before him so that gates will not be shut: ²I will go before you and will level the mountains; I will break down gates of bronze and cut through bars of iron. ³I will give you hidden treasures, riches stored in secret places, so that you may know that I am the Lord, the God of Israel, who summons you by name. ⁴For the sake of Jacob my servant, of Israel my chosen, I summon you by name and bestow on you a title of honour, though you do not acknowledge me. ⁵I am the Lord, and there is no other; apart from me there is no God. I will strengthen you, though you have not acknowledged me, ⁶so that from the rising of the sun to the place of its setting people may know there is none besides me. I am the Lord, and there is no other. ⁷I form the light and create darkness, I bring prosperity and create disaster; I, the Lord, do all these things.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 96

O sing to the Lord a new song; O sing to the Lord, all the earth.

¹ Sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.

² Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day.

O sing to the Lord a new song; O sing to the Lord, all the earth.

³ Declare his glory among the nations, his marvellous deeds among all peoples.

⁴ For great is the Lord and most worthy of praise; he is to be feared above all gods. O sing to the Lord a new song; O sing to the Lord, all the earth.

⁵ For all the gods of the nations are idols, but the Lord made the heavens.

⁶ Splendour and majesty are before him; strength and glory are in his sanctuary. O sing to the Lord a new song; O sing to the Lord, all the earth.

⁷ Ascribe to the Lord, all you families of nations, ascribe to the Lord glory and strength.

⁸ Ascribe to the Lord the glory due to his name; bring an offering and come into his courts.

⁹ Worship the Lord in the splendour of his holiness; tremble before him, all the earth. O sing to the Lord a new song; O sing to the Lord, all the earth.

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 1.1–10

¹ Paul, Silas and Timothy, To the church of the Thessalonians in God the Father and the Lord Jesus Christ: Grace and peace to you. ² We always thank God for all of you and continually mention you in our prayers.

³ We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labour prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴ For we know, brothers and sisters loved by God, that he has chosen you, ⁵ because our gospel came to you not simply with

words but also with power, with the Holy Spirit and deep conviction. You know how we lived among you for your sake. ⁶ You became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you welcomed the message in the midst of severe suffering with the joy given by the Holy Spirit. ⁷ And so you became a model to all the believers in Macedonia and Achaia. ⁸ The Lord's message rang out from you not only in Macedonia and Achaia – your faith in God has become known everywhere. Therefore we do not need to say anything about it, ⁹ for they themselves report what kind of reception you gave us. They tell how you turned to God from idols to serve the living and true God, ¹⁰ and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead – Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

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

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13:24-30; 36-43

²⁴ Jesus told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a man who sowed good seed in his field. ²⁵ But while everyone was sleeping, his enemy came and sowed weeds among the wheat, and went away. ²⁶ When the wheat sprouted and formed ears, then the weeds also appeared. ²⁷ 'The owner's servants came to him and said, "Sir, didn't you sow good seed in your field? Where then did the weeds come from?" ²⁸ "An enemy did this," he replied. 'The servants asked him, "Do you want us to go and pull them up?"

²⁹ "No," he answered, "because while you are pulling up the weeds, you may uproot

the wheat with them. ³⁰ Let both grow together until the harvest. At that time I will tell the harvesters: first collect the weeds and tie them in bundles to be burned; then gather the wheat and bring it into my barn.'"

³⁶ Then he left the crowd and went into the house. His disciples came to him and said, 'Explain to us the parable of the weeds in the field.' ³⁷ He answered, 'The one who sowed the good seed is the Son of Man.

³⁸ The field is the world, and the good seed stands for the people of the kingdom. The weeds are the people of the evil one, ³⁹ and the enemy who sows them is the devil. The harvest is the end of the age, and the harvesters are angels. ⁴⁰ 'As the weeds are pulled up and burned in the fire, so it will be at the end of the age. ⁴¹ The Son of Man will send out his angels, and they will weed out of his kingdom everything that causes sin and all who do evil. ⁴² They will throw them into the blazing furnace, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.

⁴³ Then the righteous will shine like the sun in the kingdom of their Father. Whoever has ears, let them hear.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Revd Philip Sudell

Kingdom Questions

2. Are you puzzled?

Profession of Faith

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

This response 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.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

Come, let us join our cheerful songs ⁴⁰¹
with angels round the throne;
ten thousand thousand are their tongues,
but all their joys are one.

'Worthy the Lamb that died,' they cry,
'to be exalted thus';
'Worthy the Lamb,' our lips reply,
'for he was slain for us.'

Jesus is worthy to receive
honour and power divine;
and blessings, more than we can give,
be, Lord, for ever thine.

The whole creation joins in one
to bless the sacred name
of him that sits upon the throne,
and to adore the Lamb.

Isaac Watts | Henry Lahee

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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song of praise.

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.
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.
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.

 Praise to you, Lord Jesus.
All: Dying you destroyed our death,
 rising you restored our life:
 Lord Jesus, come in glory.

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.

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:

All: Blessing and honour and glory and
 power be yours for ever and ever.
 Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour
has 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.

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.

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

Father of all, we give you thanks and praise, that when we were still far off you met us in your Son and brought us home. Dying and living, he declared your love, gave us grace, and opened the gate of glory. May we who share Christ's body live his risen life; we who drink his cup bring life to others; we whom the Spirit lights give light to the world. Keep us firm in the hope you have set before us, so we and all your children shall be free, and the whole earth live to praise your name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church family news

The kingdom of God is justice and joy; 591
For Jesus restores what sin would destroy.
God's power and glory in Jesus we know;
And here and hereafter the kingdom shall grow.

The kingdom of God is mercy and grace;
The captives are freed, the sinners find place,
The outcast are welcomed God's banquet to share;
And hope is awakened in place of despair.

The kingdom of God is challenge and choice:
Believe the good news, repent and rejoice!
God's love for us sinners brought Christ to his cross:
Our crisis of judgement for gain or for loss.

God's kingdom is come, the gift and the goal;
In Jesus begun, in heaven made whole.
The heirs of the kingdom shall answer his call;
And all things cry "Glory!" to God all in all.

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Blessing

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 the blessing of God almighty; 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 peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

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Readings for next Sunday

25th October – Bible Sunday

Leviticus 19.1–2

Psalm 119.9–16

Colossians 3.12–17

Matthew 13:31-32

The week ahead

Sun 18 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 19 th		
Tues 20 th	9:45-11am 8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups
Wed 21 st		
Thurs 22 nd	10–11.30am 12 noon 12–3pm 4pm 8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall FAB Club Midweek groups meet
Fri 23 rd		
Sat 24 th		
Sun 25 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service

Looking ahead...

Autumn dates – more details to follow

Sat 31st Oct – Children's LIGHT STOP

Sat 14th Nov – Women's Brunch

Sat 21st Nov – Fair and Fun Day

Midweek Groups



We are asking everyone, whether already in a midweek group, or yet to join one, to reflect and think through their commitment to a group for growth in spiritual maturity so that we can work out how best to serve people in groups this autumn – Please speak to Philip for more details.

Sermon Series for October & November

Running through the Sundays in October and November we will be looking at parables from Matthew 13 that will answer a series of “*Kingdom Questions*”



Light Stop – Sat 31st October

Could you come and be part of the team to run this great event to connect with local families? – Come and speak to Jess!



Fair and Fun Day

Sat 21st Nov
Put the date in your diary – sign up to serve at the event.

Please also pray ...

Tim Vickers of Graduate Impact is supported by St Peter's as one of its six ministry and mission partners. Please find their letter with specific prayer point requests on the blue table.