

# The Parish Church of All Saints, Peterborough

## The Holy Eucharist

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

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

*The Priest introduces the service and welcomes the assembled people of God. He invites the people to repent of their sins using these or other appropriate words:*

Lord Jesus, illuminate the darkness in our hearts:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, open our eyes to your saving love:

Christ, have mercy. **Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, unstop our ears to hear your living word:

Lord, have mercy. **Lord, have mercy**

May God who loved the world so much that he sent his Son to be our Saviour forgive *us our* sins and make *us* holy to serve him in the world, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

*The Priest introduces a brief period of silent prayer before saying the Opening Prayer on behalf of the congregation.*

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty,  
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in  
substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you  
with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever. **Amen**

*The Liturgy of the Word with readings and psalm*

First reading: Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. <sup>2</sup> But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he

appears? For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; <sup>3</sup> he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. <sup>4</sup> Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years.

<sup>5</sup> Then I will draw near to you for judgment; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the Word of the Lord

## Psalm 24

The earth is the Lord's and all that is in it,  
the world, and those who live in it;

<sup>2</sup> for he has founded it on the seas,  
and established it on the rivers.

<sup>3</sup> Who shall ascend the hill of the Lord?  
And who shall stand in his holy place?

<sup>4</sup> Those who have clean hands and pure hearts,  
who do not lift up their souls to what is false,  
and do not swear deceitfully.

<sup>5</sup> They will receive blessing from the Lord,  
and vindication from the God of their salvation.

<sup>6</sup> Such is the company of those who seek him,  
who seek the face of the God of Jacob.

<sup>7</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>8</sup> Who is the King of glory?  
The Lord, strong and mighty,  
the Lord, mighty in battle.

<sup>9</sup> Lift up your heads, O gates!  
and be lifted up, O ancient doors!  
that the King of glory may come in.

<sup>10</sup> Who is this King of glory?  
The Lord of hosts,  
he is the King of glory.

*The gospel reading*

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke (2.22-40) **Glory to you, O Lord.**

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, “Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord”), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, “a pair of turtledoves or two young pigeons.”

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. <sup>26</sup> It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying,

“Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace,  
according to your word;

for my eyes have seen your salvation,

which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples,

a light for revelation to the Gentiles

and for glory to your people Israel.”

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. <sup>34</sup> Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, “This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.”

*At the end of the gospel reading*

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

*A homily may be given*

Intercessions

*The Priest introduces **the Peace***

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high has broken upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you

**And also with you.**

*The Liturgy of the Eucharist*

Father, in Christ there has sprung up a light for the righteous; accept the gifts we bring before you and grant that Christ may shine in us to the praise and glory of your name. **Amen**

*The Priest begins **the Eucharistic Prayer (A)** - the great prayer of thanksgiving over the bread and wine that recalls all that God has done for the world.*

Priest        The Lord be with you

**All            And also with you**

Priest        Lift up your hearts

**All            We lift them to the Lord**

Priest        Let us give thanks to the Lord our God

**All            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.

And now we give you thanks  
because, by appearing in the Temple,  
he comes near to us in judgement;  
the Word made flesh searches the hearts of all your people  
and brings to light the brightness of your splendour.

Therefore with all the angels of heaven  
we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name  
and proclaim our joyful hymn 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.

**Christ has died:**

**Christ is risen:**

**Christ will come again.**

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

*The Priest introduces **the Lord's Prayer.***

**Our Father, who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy name;**

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**but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,  
for ever and ever. Amen.**

*The Priest breaks the consecrated bread.*

We break the bread of life, and that life is the light of the world.

**God is here among us, light in the midst of us, bring us to  
life and life.**

*All 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.**

*The invitation to communion:*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,  
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

The Body of Christ, broken for us all

The Blood of Christ, shed for us all

*The post-communion prayers*

Lord, you fulfilled the hope of Simeon and Anna, who lived to welcome the Messiah: may we, who have received these gifts beyond words, prepare to meet Christ Jesus when he comes to bring us to eternal life; for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**We thank you, Lord, that you have fed us in this  
sacrament, united us with Christ, and given us a foretaste  
of the heavenly banquet prepared for all peoples.  
Amen.**

*Candlemas 'procession'*

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Your light shines on us and all peoples shall see your glory.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

You gave us Jesus to be the light of the world;  
he makes our darkness to be light.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Through the Holy Spirit your love burns within us,  
bearing witness to your truth.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

As we bear your light, may our lips never cease to sing your praise.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

**Blessed be God for ever.**

### ***Final Responsory***

Father, we have sung your praise with shepherds and angels:  
may Christ be born in our hearts today.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have shared in the joy of Simeon and Anna;  
help us, like them, to trust your word.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

We have greeted Jesus, the light of the world;  
may we be filled with the light of your love.

**Praise to Christ our light.**

*The Priest blesses the people and dismisses them to go out into the world taking the Good News of Jesus Christ to all those they meet.*

The Lord be with you **And also with you**

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, fill you with radiance  
and scatter the darkness from your path. **Amen.**

Christ, the Sun of righteousness,  
gladden your eyes and warm your heart. **Amen**

Christ, the Dayspring from on high,  
draw near to guide your feet into the way of peace. **Amen.**

And the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**Thanks be to God**