

# ST PETER'S & ALL SAINTS' CHURCHES, NOTTINGHAM

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June 2020  
St Peter the Apostle

Officiant: The Reverend Christopher Harrison  
Preacher: The Reverend Canon Leslie Morley

## INTRODUCTION

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

*The service is introduced*

**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 of sin and asking for God's forgiveness*

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 then 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 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

*recorded by individual members of the church choir in online collaboration*

**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**

*A special prayer for the day*

Almighty God, who inspired your apostle Saint Peter to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God: build up your Church upon this rock, that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ, 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**

*Listening to and reflecting on Scripture*

### **NEW TESTAMENT READING**

*St Peter is miraculously released from prison*

About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

*Acts 12.1-11*

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

## GOSPEL READING

Alleluia! Alleluia!

You are Peter, and on this rock will I build my church, and the gates of the underworld can never hold out against it.

Alleluia!

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*St Peter is the first to recognise Jesus as the Messiah*

Now when Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that the Son of Man is?' And they said, 'Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' He said to them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Simon Peter answered, 'You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God.' And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it.

I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven.'

*Matthew 16.13-19*

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HOMILY

## ANTHEM

*recorded by individual members of the church choir in online collaboration*

Tu es Petrus  
et super hanc petram aedificabo ecclesiam  
meam et portae inferi non praevalent  
adversus eam.  
Et tibi dabo claves regni caelorum.

*You are Peter,  
and upon this Rock I will build My Church:  
and the gates of hell shall not overcome it.  
And I will give you the keys to the kingdom of  
heaven.*

*Music: GP da Palestrina (1525-1594)*

## PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Dorothy Mountford

## THE PEACE

Since we cannot currently share the Peace face to face, I encourage you now to think of particular people in our churches and pray that God's peace will be upon them. Let us also pray that God's peace will be upon the whole world at this difficult time for us all.

Peace to this house from God our heavenly Father.  
Peace to this house from his Son who is our peace.  
Peace to this house from the Holy Spirit, the life-giver.  
The peace of the Lord be always with you.

## GIVING THANKS FOR THE DEATH AND RESURRECTION OF CHRIST

It is always right and good that we should give you glory, praise and thanks, almighty and everlasting God, through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. For after his resurrection, Jesus sent out his apostles and evangelists to preach the gospel to all nations and lead us in the way of truth. With himself as the chief cornerstone, he founded his Church upon the apostles, to stand firmly for ever as a sign of your holiness upon earth and a living witness to all of the way that leads to heaven.

And so with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we lift our voices and join in their unending hymn of praise:

*The choir sings the Sanctus, ancient words describing the worship of the saints in heaven, to the setting in E-major by Harold Darke, as recorded at Salisbury Cathedral in May 2015:*

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God hosts,  
heaven and earth are full of thy glory.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.  
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father, through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ, as we recall that through his body, broken for us, and by his blood, shed for us, we enjoy new life in Him. For in the same night that he was betrayed, he 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; and we look for the coming of your kingdom.

Great is the mystery of faith:  
**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 remember his death and resurrection, renew us by your Spirit, inspire us with your love and unite us in his body, 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.**

*Silence is kept.*

## THE LORD'S PRAYER

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray:

**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 choir sings the Agnus Dei, to the setting in E-major by Harold Darke, as recorded at Salisbury Cathedral in May 2015:*

O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.  
O Lamb of God, that takest away the sins of the world, grant us thy peace.

Father in heaven, whose Church on earth is a sign of your heavenly peace, an image of the new and eternal Jerusalem: grant to us in the days of our pilgrimage that, fed with the living bread of heaven, and united in the body of your Son, we may be the temple of your presence, the place of your glory on earth, and a sign of your peace in the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## THE DISMISSAL

### HYMN

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*Since it is not currently possible to make your offerings to St Peter's and All Saints' churches during worship, please consider making a donation by means of the online giving facility which can be found at <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/7870#!/DonationDetails>.*

### St Peter's Gate

Text & Music: Rev. C D Harrison





Sublime the sight! When in mountain glory past and future shone,  
You would hear the voice of God salute the Son.  
He would name you the Rock; in His strength you would build  
That heaven's work on earth be done.

O sacred feast! When in mandate new your Master bent the knee,  
You declared, 'My servant you will never be!'  
You were washed by the Lord, fully bathed in his love,  
In eucharistic harmony.

How deep the grace, that the resurrected Saviour thrice denied  
Should restore a broken follower to his side!  
Humbly bearing the cross, you would care for his flock;  
And in his name be glorified.

#### THE BLESSING

God has given you the citizenship of heaven, with his blessed and beloved, and the whole company of the redeemed.

God give you the will to live each day in life eternal.

God bring you to the home that Christ prepares for all who love him.

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

Like living stones, precious in his sight, go in peace to proclaim the mighty acts of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**ORGAN VOLUNTARY**      Antiphons on the Magnificat, vi) Gloria    *M Dupré (1886-1971)*  
*played and recorded by Michael Leuty at Durham Cathedral,*  
*January 2012*

*From 12.00 today, 28<sup>th</sup> June, we will be holding a 'virtual coffee time', using 'Zoom', a video based app for smartphones, tablets and computers which enables people to come together online for meetings and social events. We have sent details about this, including login details, to all those on our email database, but if you would like more information to be sent to you please contact Liz Marsh on [liz.marsh@nottinghamchurches.org](mailto:liz.marsh@nottinghamchurches.org)*

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