Welcome to St Peter's for a Service of the Word Second Sunday of Epiphany

19th January 2025

The Greeting

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

All hail the power of Jesus' name

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. The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess our sins.

cf Titus 2.11-14

Confession

Almighty and most merciful Father, we have wandered and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things that we ought to have done; and we have done those things that we ought not to have done; and there is no health in us. But you, O Lord, have mercy upon us sinners. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to mankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful Father, for his sake. that we may live a disciplined, righteous and godly life,

to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Absolution

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.**

Readings

Isaiah 62.1–5 or 1 Corinthians 12.1–11

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Spirit of the living God

Gospel Reading

John 2.1–11

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

<u>Sermon</u>

The Servant King

Profession of faith

Let us declare our faith in God. We believe in God the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth is named. We believe in God the Son, who lives in our hearts through faith, and fills us with his love. We believe in God the Holy Spirit, who strengthens us with power from on high. We believe in one God; Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

These responses may be used: Lord, in your mercy hear our prayer.

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

The 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.

The Collect

The Collect is said, and the people respond: **Amen.**

Here is love, vast as the ocean & 10,000 reasons

Notices

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing ...

Forever

The Dismissal

One in heart and one in mind, and empowered by the Spirit, go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Exit Music

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