

St. Peter's Ash Morning Worship

Welcome and notices



The Preparation

Introductory sentence – please stand

This is the day the Lord has made
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hymn

We say together

Lord, direct our thoughts, teach us to pray,
lift up our hearts to worship you in spirit and in truth,
through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Confession

Jesus said:
Before you offer your gift, go and be reconciled.
As brothers and sisters in God's family,
we come together to ask our Father for forgiveness.

We sit or kneel to pray

God our Father,
we come to you in sorrow for our sins.
For turning away from you,
and ignoring your will for our lives;
Father, forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish,
without thinking of you;
Father, forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do,
and think and say.
Father forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you
by temptations in the world about us.
Father, forgive us.
Save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed
to belong to your Son.
Father, forgive us.
Save us and help us.

God's forgiveness is declared as the minister says

May Almighty God have mercy upon you
forgive your sins,
and bring you to everlasting life,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Praise

We stand to praise the Lord

O Lord open our lips,
and our mouths shall proclaim your praise.
Let us worship the Lord
all praise to his name.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now,
and shall be for ever. Amen.

Songs



Drama and talk

Let us stand and 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.**

The Peace

Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts,
since as members of one body we are called to peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us share together a sign of peace.

Song

Prayers



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 it is in heaven.
Give us this day 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 forever. Amen.**

Hymn (during which the collection will be received)

Conclusion

Father God,
we thank you for showing us your love,
help us to share that love with one another.
Amen.

The Blessing

May God give to you and to all those you love
his comfort and peace,
his light and his joy,
in this world and the next.
And the blessing of God Almighty,
the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,
be upon you and remain with you always.

Amen.

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Please stay for a cup of tea, coffee or squash in St. Peter's
Centre across the road.

