



# The Parish of Peasedown St John

## HOLY COMMUNION

10.30am - Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2018 - 3<sup>rd</sup> of Epiphany

**“Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it?"** *Genesis 18:23-25*

### Welcome/Notices

### Worship in Song

**Worthy, O worthy are You Lord,**  
Worthy to be thanked and praised  
And worshipped and adored.  
Worthy, O worthy are You Lord,  
Worthy to be thanked and praised  
And worshipped and adored.

Singing Hallelujah, Lamb upon the throne,  
We worship and adore You,  
Make Your glory known.  
Hallelujah, glory to the King:  
You're more than a conqueror,  
You're Lord of everything.

### We bow down and confess

You are Lord in this place  
We bow down and confess  
You are Lord in this place.

You are all I need  
It's your face I seek  
In the presence of Your light  
We bow down, We bow down (Repeat)

### Faithful One, so unchanging,

Ageless One, You're my rock of peace.

Lord of all, I depend on You,

I call out to You again and again.

I call out to You again and again.

You are my rock in times of trouble.

You lift me up when I fall down.

All through the storm Your love is the anchor,

My hope is in You alone. (Repeat)

### Confession

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love and marred your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed 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 lead us out from darkness to walk as children of light. Amen.**

### Communion

Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high voices full and joyful; these you deserve. For when we were nothing, you made us something; when we had no name and no faith and no future, you called us your children; when we lost our way or turned away, you did not abandon us; when we came back to you, your arms opened wide in welcome. And, look, you prepare a table for us offering not just bread, not just wine, but your very self so that we may be filled, forgiven, healed, blessed, and made new again. You

Teach us to speak openly and honestly of our faith, not falling into the language of jargon or cliché, but testifying in our own words to what Jesus means to us. Where there is darkness, **let us bring light.**

Teach us to work with our fellow Christians of all denominations and none, recognising the need to learn from one another, and working together in the cause of the Gospel. Where there is darkness, **let us bring light.**

Teach us to love those around us, not simply other believers, nor merely in words, but all people, and through actions that speak unmistakably of our sincerity. Where there is darkness, **let us bring light.**

Almighty God, it is easy to talk of being your people; much harder to live as though we are. Equip us and enable us to respond to that challenge, and reach out in love to the world. Where there is darkness, **let us bring light**

Let us pray using the words our Saviour 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.**

### Hymn

- 1 O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder  
consider all the works thy hand hath made,  
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,  
thy power throughout the universe displayed;  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*  
*Then sings my soul, my Saviour God, to thee,  
how great thou art, how great thou art!*
- 2 And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,  
sent him to die - I scarce can take it in:  
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,  
he bled and died to take away my sin;  
*Then sings my soul, ...*
- 3 When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation  
and take me home - what joy shall fill my heart!  
Then shall I bow in humble adoration,  
and there proclaim, my God, how great thou art!  
*Then sings my soul,...*

### Dismissal

**Whoever you are, wherever you go, whatever your strengths, whatever your weaknesses, God will be with you, to hold, to heal, to guide and to bless. Go, then, in peace, assured of his love. Amen.**

are worthy to receive all our praise. So we join our voices to those of the Church on earth and in heaven;

**Holy, holy, holy, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest.**

Lord Jesus Christ, present with us now, for all that you have done and all that you have promised what have we to offer?

**Our hands are empty, our hearts are sometimes full of wrong things. we are not fit to gather up the crumbs from under your table. But with you is mercy and the power to remake us. So as we do in this place what you did in an upstairs room, send down your Holy Spirit on us and on these gifts of bread and wine that they may be to us your body and your blood, healing, forgiving and making us whole; And grant that we may become, for you, your body, loving and caring in the world until your kingdom comes. Amen**

**Song**

Jesus, name above all names  
Beautiful Saviour, glorious Lord.  
Emmanuel, God is with us.  
Blessed Redeemer, Living word.

**First Reading - 1 Corinthians 11:23-26**

The Lord Jesus, on the night he was betrayed, took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and said, "This is my body, which is for you; do this in remembrance of me." In the same way, after supper he took the cup, saying, "This cup is the new covenant in my blood; do this, whenever you drink it, in remembrance of me." For whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.

**O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. O Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.**

*Bread & Wine is shared*

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life in our hands. Now we put our lives in yours.

**Take us, shake us, remake us; no longer is what we have been important; it is what, with you, we can be, starting now. Amen.**

**Hymn**

My Jesus, My Saviour, Lord there is none like you, All of my days, I want to praise The wonders of Your mighty love. My comfort, my shelter, Tower of refuge and strength Let every breath, all that I am Never cease to worship You.	<i>Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing, Power and majesty, praise to the King! Mountains bow down and the seas will roar, At the sound of your name! I sing for joy at the work of your hands, Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand Nothing compares to the promise I have in You.</i>
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**Reading – Genesis 18:16-33**

16 When the men got up to leave, they looked down toward Sodom, and Abraham walked along with them to see them on their way. 17 Then the LORD said, "Shall I hide from Abraham what I am about to do? 18 Abraham will surely become a great and powerful nation, and all nations on earth will be blessed through him. 19 For I have chosen him, so that he will direct his children and his household after him to keep the way of the LORD by doing what is right and just, so that the LORD will bring about for Abraham what he has promised him." 20 Then the LORD said, "The outcry against Sodom and Gomorrah is so great and their sin so grievous 21 that I will go down and see if what they have done is as bad as the outcry that has reached me. If not, I will know." 22 The men turned away and went toward Sodom, but Abraham remained standing before the LORD. 23 Then Abraham approached him and said: "Will you sweep away the righteous with the wicked? 24 What if there are fifty righteous people in the city? Will you really sweep it away and not spare the place for the sake of the fifty righteous people in it? 25 Far be it from you to do such a thing-- to kill the righteous with the wicked, treating the righteous and the wicked alike. Far be it from you! Will not the Judge of all the earth do right?" 26 The LORD said, "If I find fifty righteous people in the city of Sodom, I will spare the whole place for their sake." 27 Then Abraham spoke up again: "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, 28 what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?" "If I find forty-five there," he said, "I will not destroy it." 29 Once again he spoke to him, "What if only forty are found there?" He said, "For the sake of forty, I will not do it." 30 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak. What if only thirty can be found there?" He answered, "I will not do it if I find thirty there." 31 Abraham said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, what if only twenty can be found there?" He said, "For the sake of twenty, I will not destroy it." 32 Then he said, "May the Lord not be angry, but let me speak just once more. What if only ten can be found there?" He answered, "For the sake of ten, I will not destroy it." 33 When the LORD had finished speaking with Abraham, he left, and Abraham returned home. This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Talk Tenacious Prayer – Matthew Street**

**Song**

Open the eyes of my heart. I want to see You, I want to see You. (Repeat) To see You high and lifted up, Shining in the light of Your glory. Pour out Your power and love,	As we sing holy, holy, holy. Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, Holy, holy, holy, I want to see You.
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**Prayers of Intercession**

Almighty God, you call us to shine like stars in the world, to shed light like a lamp set upon a lamp stand. Help us, and all your Church, to fulfil at least a little of that calling through our words, our actions, our living, and our loving, to share something of what we have received from you. Where there is darkness, **let us bring light.**