

St Peter's Bishop's Waltham - Morning Worship

Welcome and Preparation

Moment of silence

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

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

The night has passed, and the day lies open before us;
let us pray with one heart and mind.

Silence

As we rejoice in the gift of this new day,
so may the light of your presence,
O God, set our hearts on fire with love for you; now and forever.
Amen.

Hymn : Praise My Soul The King of Heaven

Confession

We have come together in the name of Christ, to offer our praise
and thanksgiving, to hear and receive God's holy word, to pray
for the needs of the world, and to seek the forgiveness of our
sins, that by the power of the Holy Spirit we may give ourselves
to the service of God.

Jesus says, 'Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.'
So let us turn away from our sin and turn to Christ, confessing
our sins in penitence and faith.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought and word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy
and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen**

Absolution

May the God of love and power
forgive you and free you from our sins,
heal and strengthen you by his Spirit,
and raise you to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Kyrie (in Lent or Advent):

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

Silence

Collect

**Almighty God,
by the prayer and discipline of Lent
may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings,
and by following in his Way
come to share in his glory;
through 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 Word of God**

First Reading : Mark 1 v35-39

Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed. Simon and his companions went to look for him, and when they found him, they exclaimed: "Everyone is looking for you!" Jesus replied, "Let us go somewhere else—to the nearby villages—so I can preach there also. That is why I have come." So he travelled throughout Galilee, preaching in their synagogues and driving out demons.

At the end of the reading
This is the word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

Hymn : Be Still For the Presence of the Lord

Second Reading : Matthew 11v25-30

At that time Jesus said, "I praise you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, because you have hidden these things from the wise and

learned, and revealed them to little children.
Yes, Father, for this is what you were pleased to do.
"All things have been committed to me by my Father. No one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and those to whom the Son chooses to reveal him.
"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.
For my yoke is easy and my burden is light."
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Sermon

Silence

Response, Prayer and Offering

Let us declare our faith in God: *First affirmation*

**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 and Intercession

Lord in your mercy **Hear our prayer**

And at the end

Merciful Father,

**accept these prayers for the sake of your Son,
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Silence

The Lord's Prayer - Sung

Gathering our prayers and praises into one, let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has 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 : Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

The Blessing

Hymn: Lord Jesus Christ

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