



*St Peter's, Bishop's Waltham*

## **Christmas to Lent**

### *Rizza Setting*

*You are welcome with us today  
whether you have come in person  
or are joining us online.*

## **Welcome and Notices**

*Welcome and quiet prayer*

**We stand and praise you, Lord our God, for you are eternal. Blest be your glorious name, exalted above all. You alone are the Lord; You made the sky and the stars, the earth and all that is in it, the seas and all that is in them; You give life to everything, and the hosts of heaven worship you. We stand up and praise you, Lord our God, for you are eternal. Amen** (Nehemiah 9)

*Hymn (Please stand)*

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

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

*Invitation to Confession (Please sit)*  
Christ the Light of the world has come to dispel the darkness of our hearts. In his light let us examine ourselves and confess our sins.

*Please keep a moment of quiet*

Lord of grace and truth, we confess our unworthiness to stand in your presence as your children.  
We have sinned. Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

The Virgin Mary accepted your call to be the mother of Jesus. Forgive our disobedience to your will.  
We have sinned. Christ, have mercy  
**Christ, have mercy**

Your Son our Saviour was born in poverty in a manger. Forgive our greed and rejection of your ways.  
We have sinned. Lord, have mercy  
**Lord, have mercy**

*God's forgiveness is declared  
followed by the Gloria:*

**Glory, glory to God, glory to God in the highest, peace to his people on earth, 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, glory to God, glory to God in the highest, Peace to his people,  
peace to his people on earth.**

**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; for you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer, receive our prayer, receive our prayer.**

**You alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Lord. you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory, the glory, the glory of God the Father. Amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen, amen.**

The Collect – a prayer for today

## **Bible Readings**



Reading(s)

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

Hymn (*Please stand*)

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N*.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Sermon** (*Please sit*)

*Let us respond by affirming our faith:*

**Though he was divine, he did not cling to equality with God, but made himself nothing.**

**Taking the form of a slave, he was born in human likeness.**

**He humbled himself and was obedient to death, even the death of the cross.**

**Therefore God has raised him on high, and given him the name above every name: that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## **Prayers**

Lord, in your mercy  
**hear our prayer.**

*or*

Lord, hear us  
**Lord, graciously hear us.**

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

## **Communion Prayer**

*The Peace:*

The peace of the Lord  
be always with you  
**and also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

Hymn (*Please stand*)  
*During which a collection is taken*

*Thanksgiving prayers or others are said for the gifts and bread and wine:*  
Lord Jesus, you have taught us that we cannot love both God and money and all that our possessions are a trust from you; teach us to be faithful stewards of our time, our talents, and our money, that we may help extend your kingdom; for your name's sake. **Amen**

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe: you are the giver of this bread, fruit of the earth and of human labour.  
Let it be for us the bread of life.  
**Blessed be God, now and forever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of the universe: you are the giver of this wine, fruit of the vine and of human labour.  
Let it be for us the wine of The eternal kingdom.  
**Blessed be God, now and forever.**  
*(Please sit)*

*A welcome is given to communion or for a blessing and for personal prayer.*



The Lord is here.  
**His Spirit is with us**

Lift up your hearts.  
**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

*The president praises God for his mighty acts and all respond:*  
**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and God of might, heaven and earth are full of your glory, Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he, blessed is he, blessed is he who comes in the name, He who comes in the name of the Lord hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**

*The Last Supper is recalled*

Choir: Let us proclaim the mystery of faith  
**Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again, Christ has died: Christ is risen: Christ will come again. Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest, Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest.**  
*the prayer continues until Amen.*

We pray together:

**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 Invitation to Communion*

Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world. Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord, I am not worthy to receive you, but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, Lamb of God, Jesus, Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world, grant us your peace, grant us your peace.**

*Please come for communion or a blessing. If you receive communion in any Christian Church, you are very welcome here with us.*

*If you would like personal prayer, for yourself or someone else, please*

*speak with the leader of the service afterwards.*

*Please sing or keep a prayerful silence during the giving of communion.*

*After Communion, a Post-Communion Prayer, then:*

**God of truth, we have seen with our eyes and touched with our hands the bread of life. Strengthen our faith that we may grow in love for you and for each other; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Blessing**

Hymn (*Please stand*)

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

Recessional Music

Afterwards, you are very welcome to stay for refreshments and with those coming to the next service.



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