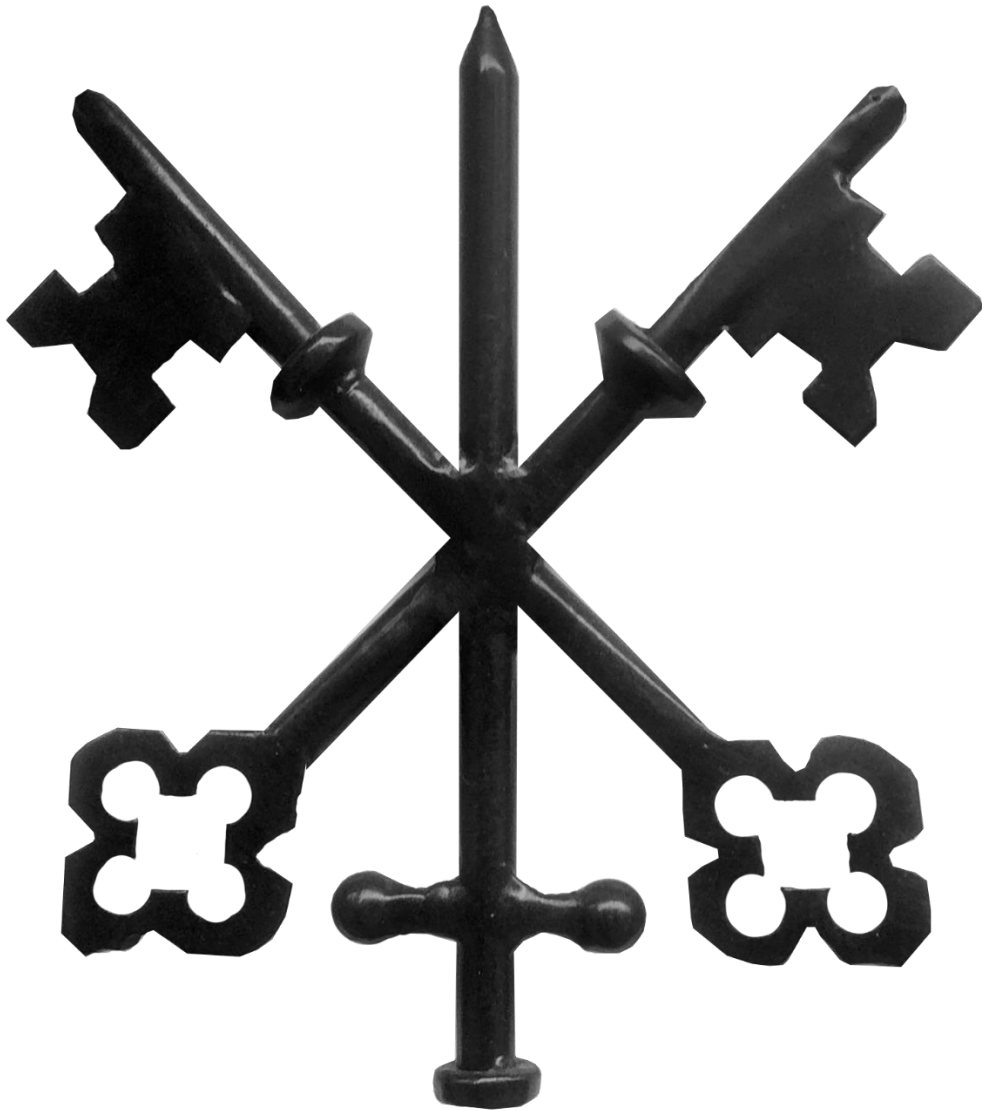


St Peter and St Paul, Flitwick



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Welcome!

For over eight hundred years Christian worship and ministry have been offered in this building, the Parish Church of Flitwick.

It is our pleasure to welcome you here today.

This church is dedicated to St Peter and St Paul, two early followers of Jesus Christ. They were two very ordinary people. Peter was an uneducated fisherman, fiery and impetuous. Paul had more learning, but chose to earn his keep making tents; he was opinionated and forceful, often at conflict with the early Christian Church. Both these men had their lives transformed by their encounters with Jesus. They did not become perfect, far from it, but they found in Jesus an experience of the living God, who brings healing and wholeness, hope and a new sort of life.

Week by week we join together to hear God's word and to meet Christ in Holy Communion, in the bread and the wine. Together we learn more about God, journeying step by step into the knowledge and love of him, through Jesus, God made human. By this encounter we too are transformed.

How to follow the various parts of the service:

You can use this booklet to follow the service. The following symbols will help you to stand, sit or kneel at the times which are usual in this church; if you find it more comfortable to sit throughout, please do so.



The numbers of today's hymns, which are sung from the orange hymn book, can be found on the hymn boards or on the front of the pew sheet.

The words and music for the Psalm, as well as the Collect, the Bible Readings and the Post Communion Prayer are on the separate sheet.

For Younger Worshippers

Children's Church meets during term time in the Chapter House. Children aged 3+ are very welcome to the group for games, stories, crafts and prayer. The children will join us in church during Communion.



The Greeting

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

All **Amen.**

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**



Opening Hymn



Prayer of Preparation

All **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.**



Confession

Confession is introduced with these or other appropriate words

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son Jesus Christ
to save us from our sins,
to be our advocate in heaven,
and to bring us to eternal life.

Let us confess our sins in penitence and faith,
firmly resolved to keep God's commandments
and to live in love and peace with all.



All **Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**



Absolution

The priest uses these or other appropriate words

Almighty God,
who forgives all who truly repent,
have mercy upon you,
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,
and keep you in life eternal;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All **Amen.**



Gloria

All **Glory to God in the highest,
and 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.**

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

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



Collect

The priest prays the Collect, the special prayer for today.

This Collect may also be used.

Loving God,
in your mercy you have brought us to this time and place,
you reveal your will for us through Jesus;
increase our desire to know you
and to live out your good news,
so your people here in Flitwick may grow
in faithfulness and in number,
for the sake of your kingdom:
through Christ our redeemer,
who comes to us through the Spirit
and reigns with you,
one God, world without end.

All **Amen.**



Readings

One or two readings from the Bible precede the Gospel.

At the end of each the reader says

This is the Word of the Lord.

All **Thanks be to God.**



Psalm or Gradual Hymn

The choir leads us as together we sing the psalm, found on the inside pages of the Pew Sheet. Alternatively a hymn may be sung.



Gospel Reading

When the Gospel is announced the reader says

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

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

At the end

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you O Christ.**



Sermon



Creed

All **We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is,
seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.**

**On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;**

**he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

**We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come.**

Amen.



Intercessions

These responses may be used

Lord, in your mercy
All **Hear our prayer.**

Or

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

At the end

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



The Peace

The priest introduces the Peace with these or other suitable words

We are the body of Christ.
In the one spirit we were all baptized into one body.
Let us the pursue all that makes for peace
And builds up our common life.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange a sign of peace



Offertory Hymn

During this hymn, a collection towards the ministry of this church is taken, the altar is prepared, and the bread and wine are brought up.



Prayer over the Gifts

These or other suitable prayers are offered

Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power,
the glory, the splendour and the majesty;
for everything in heaven and on earth is yours:

All **All things come from you
and of your own do we give you.**

Or

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
Through your goodness we have this bread to set before you,
which earth has given and human hands have made.
It will become for us the bread of life.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**

Blessed are you, Lord God of all creation:
Through your goodness we have this wine to set before you,
fruit of the vine and work of human hands.
It will become for us the cup of salvation.

All **Blessed be God for ever.**



Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

Lift up your hearts.

All **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All **It is right to give thanks and praise.**

Father, we give you thanks and praise
through your beloved Son Jesus Christ, your living Word,
through whom you have created all things;
who was sent by you in your great goodness to be our Saviour.

By the power of the Holy Spirit he took flesh;
as your Son, born of the blessed Virgin,
he lived on earth and went about among us;
he opened wide his arms for us on the cross;
he put an end to death by dying for us;
and revealed the resurrection by rising to new life;
so he fulfilled your will and won for you a holy people.

The priest may say an appropriate Preface

Therefore with angels and archangels,
and with all the company of heaven,
we proclaim your great and glorious name,
for ever praising you and saying:

All **Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
[Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.]**

Lord, you are holy indeed, the source of all holiness;
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit,
and according to your holy will,
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ;



who, in the same night that he was betrayed,
took bread and gave you thanks;
he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying:
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper
he took the cup and gave you thanks;
he gave it to them, saying:
Drink this, all of you;
this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it,
in remembrance of me.

[Great is the mystery of faith:]

All **Christ has died:**
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.

And so, Father, calling to mind his death on the cross,
his perfect sacrifice made once for the sins of the whole world;
rejoicing in his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension,
and looking for his coming in glory,
we celebrate this memorial of our redemption.
As we offer you this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving,
we bring before you this bread and this cup
and we thank you for counting us worthy
to stand in your presence and serve you.

Send the Holy Spirit on your people
and gather into one in your kingdom
all who share this one bread and one cup,
so that we, in the company of [N and] all the saints,
may praise and glorify you for ever,
through Jesus Christ our Lord;
by whom, and with whom, and in whom,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father,
For ever and ever.

All **Amen.**



The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **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.**



Breaking of the Bread

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

All **Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

All **Jesus, Lamb of God,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, bearer of our sins,
have mercy on us.**

**Jesus, redeemer of the world,
grant us peace.**

Or

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

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

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**



Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith.
Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ
which he gave for you,
and his blood which he shed for you.
Eat and drink
in remembrance that he died for you,
and feed on him in your hearts
by faith with thanksgiving.

Or

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

All **Jesus Christ is holy,
Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

If you receive Communion at your own church, please do come and share bread and wine with us today. If you would prefer to receive a blessing, come to altar rail, bringing this service book with you.



Hymn



Choir Piece



Prayer after Communion

The priest says the Post Communion Prayer for the day.

All respond

All **Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out
in the power of your Spirit
to live and work
to your praise and glory.
Amen.**



Blessing

The priest uses this or another suitable blessing

The peace of God,
which passes all understanding,
keep your hearts and minds
in the knowledge and love of God,
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**



Hymn



Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

Please help us by replacing your kneeler on the pew, and returning this service booklet and your hymn book to the back of church.

Thank you.

Please join us after the service as we enjoy fellowship and refreshments in the Chapter House

