29th June 2025 - Saint Peter’s Day

Jesus, the name high over all - Hymn 99

**1** Jesus, the name high over all,

in hell, or earth, or sky:

angels and mortals prostrate fall,

and devils fear and fly.

**2** Jesus, the name to sinners dear,

the name to sinners given;

it scatters all their guilty fear,

it turns their hell to heav'n.

**3** Jesus the prisoner's fetters breaks,

and bruises Satan's head;

power into strengthless souls he speaks,

and life into the dead.

**4** O that the world might taste and see

the riches of his grace!

The arms of love that compass me

would all the world embrace.

**5** His righteousness alone I show,

his saving grace proclaim:

'tis all my business here below

to cry: 'Behold the Lamb!'

**6** Happy if with my final breath

I might but gasp his name;

preach him to all, and cry in death

'Behold, behold the Lamb!'

The Greeting

Hello and Welcome - Please Stand

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

and also with you

O Lord, open our lips

and our mouth will proclaim your praise.

Let us worship the Lord.

All praise to his name.

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Blessed be God for ever.

 Penitence - saying sorry

O God, our loving Father in heaven,

we confess that we have sinned against you;

we have broken your commandments;

we have often been selfish,

and we have not loved you as we should.

For these and all our sins, forgive us, we pray:

through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Forgiveness - a reminder of God's gift

 Preparing to hear God's word

Let us hear the word of the Lord.

So may the light of your presence shine into our hearts.

Acts 12: 1-11 please be seated

12 About that time King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. 2 He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. 3 After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.)4 When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending to bring him out to the people after the Passover. 5 While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

6 The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. 7 Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, ‘Get up quickly.’ And the chains fell off his wrists. 8 The angel said to him, ‘Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.’ He did so. Then he said to him, ‘Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.’ 9 Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel’s help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. 10 After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him.  11Then Peter came to himself and said, ‘Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.’

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Children's Spot

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills - Hymn 14

1 I lift my eyes to the quiet hills

in the press of a busy day;

as green hills stand in a dusty land

so God is my strength and stay.

2 I lift my eyes to the quiet hills

to a calm that is mine to share; secure and still

in the Father's will and kept by the Father's care.

3 I lift my eyes to the quiet hills

with a prayer as I turn to sleep; by day, by night,

through the dark and light

my Shepherd will guard his sheep.

4 I lift my eyes to the quiet hills

and my heart to the Father's throne;

in all my ways to the end of days

the Lord will preserve his own.

Matthew 16: 13-19 please be seated

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Christ is our corner-stone Hymn 327

**1** Christ is our corner-stone, on him alone we build;

with his true saints alone the courts of heaven are filled:

on his great love our hopes we place

of present grace and joys above.

**2** O then with hymns of praise

these hallowed courts shall ring;

our voices we will raise the Three-in-One to sing,

and thus proclaim in joyful song,

both loud and long that glorious name.

**3** Here, gracious God, come now

and evermore draw near;

accept each faithful vow and mark each earnest prayer;

in copious shower on all who pray

each holy day thy blessings pour.

**4** Here may we gain from heaven

the grace which we implore;

and may that grace, once given, be with us evermore,

until that day when all the blessed

to endless rest are called away.

The Sermon

In Christ alone - Thanks & Praise 64

Collection Hymn

**1** In Christ alone my hope is found,

He is my light, my strength, my song;

This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,

Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.

What heights of love, what depths of peace,

When fears are stilled, when strivings cease!

My Comforter, my all in all,

Here in the love of Christ I stand.

**2** In Christ alone! - who took on flesh

Fullness of God in helpless babe!

This Gift of love and righteousness,

Scorned by the ones He came to save:

Till on that cross as Jesus died,

The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid;

Here in the death of Christ I live.

**3** There in the ground his body lay,

Light of the world by darkness slain:

Then bursting forth in glorious day

Up from the grave He rose again!

And as He stands in victory,

Sin's curse has lost its grip on me,

For I am His and He is mine

Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

**4** No guilt in life, no fear in death,

This is the power of Christ in me;

From life's first cry to final breath,

Jesus commands my destiny.

No power of hell, no scheme of man,

Can ever pluck me from His hand;

Till he returns or calls me home,

Here in the power of Christ I'll stand!

Declaring Faith -affirming our belief

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,

who made the world?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ,

who redeemed mankind?

I believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,

who gives life to the people of God?

I believe and trust in him.

This is the faith of the Church.

This is our faith.

We believe and trust in One God,

Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Praying Together - Intercessions

Collect for St Peter’s Day

Daily Collect Thanks for today

O Lord, our heavenly Father, almighty and ever living God, we give you thanks for bringing us safely to this day: Keep us from falling into sin or running into danger, and in all things guide us to know and do your will; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer - we pray with Jesus

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.

A Thanksgiving - we give thanks to God

For every blessing we have received

we give you thanks and praise

The Blessing and Dismissal

The Church's one foundation - Hymn 528

**1** The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord;

she is his new creation by water and the word:

from heaven he came and sought her

to be his holy bride; with his own blood

he bought her, and for her life he died.

**2** Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth,

her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;

one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,

and to one hope she presses with every grace endued.

**4**'Mid toil and tribulation, and tumult of her war,

she waits the consummation of peace for evermore;

till with the vision glorious

her longing eyes are blessed,

and the great Church victorious

shall be the Church at rest.

**5** Yet she on earth has union with God the Three-in-One,

and mystic sweet communion

with those whose rest is won:

O happy ones and holy!  Lord, give us grace that we,

like them the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.

Be with us Lord,

as we go out into the world.

May the lips that have sung your praise

always speak the truth;

may the ears which have heard your Word

listen only to what is good

and may our lives,

as well as our worship,

be always pleasing in your sight,

for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.