Welcome to a Service of the Word Next Sunday before Lent 2nd March 2025

The Greeting

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

Praise my soul the King of heaven

Prayer of preparation

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.

Invitation to confession

God our Father,

we come to you in sorrow for our sins.

Confession

For turning away from you, and ignoring your will for our lives; Father, forgive us: save us and help us.

For behaving just as we wish, without thinking of you; Father, forgive us: save us and help us.

For failing you by what we do, and think and say; Father, forgive us: save us and help us.

For letting ourselves be drawn away from you by temptations in the world about us; Father, forgive us: save us and help us.

For living as if we were ashamed to belong to your Son;

Father, forgive us: save us and help us.

Absolution

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

Readings

Exodus 34.29-end or 2 Corinthians 3.12-4.2

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

There is a Redeemer

Gospel Reading

Luke 9.28-36 [37-43a]

At the end: This is the Word of the Lord **Thanks be to God**

<u>Sermon</u>

Light of the world: Here I am to worship

Profession of faith

Let us declare our faith in God.

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 of Intercession

These responses may be used: Lord, in your mercy

hear our prayer.

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

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray 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.

The Collect

The Collect is said, and the people respond: **Amen.**





Notices

Tuesday 4th March

St Peter's PCC Meeting, 7.00pm

Wednesday 5th March – ASH WEDNESDAY

9.30am – St Mary's HC with Imposition of Ashes

10.45am - St Andrew's HC with Imposition of Ashes

7.30pm - St Chad's HC with Imposition of Ashes

7.30pm – St Peter's HC with Imposition of Ashes

Thursday 6th March

11.00am – Worship at the Hub*

7.30pm – Lent Bible Study*

Saturday 8th March

10.00am - Cleaning and maintenance at St Paul's

10.00am – Cleaning and maintenance at St Peter's

Sunday 9th March

5.00pm – Lent Bible Study*

*details below



Thursday Mornings in person - 11.00am at the Hub Thursday Evenings in person - 7.30pm at St Andrew's Sunday Evenings online - 5.00pm via Teams (you won't need a special account for this) or in person at St Andrew's Parish Room "Covenants and Promises" Study outline and preparation available from Monday on the website: blackleycofe.church/documents/study_materials

The 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. **Amen.**

I stand amazed

The Dismissal

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

Amen.

Exit Music

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