



**Welcome to
St Peter's for
Service of the Word
16th November 2025
Second Sunday before Advent**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you
And also with you.

Hymn: At the name of Jesus

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

The gospel calls us to turn away from sin
and be faithful to Christ.

As we offer ourselves to him
in penitence and faith,
we renew our confidence
and trust in his mercy.

**Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, 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 *your* sins,
heal and strengthen *you* by his Spirit,
and raise *you* to new life in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

First Reading

Malachi 4. 1 – 2a or 2 Thessalonians 3.6–13

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Hymn: Sing to God new songs of worship

Gospel Reading

Luke 21.5–19

At the end:

This is the Word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Sermon

Hymn: Trust and obey

Profession of faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of God
and makes Christ known in the world?

We 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.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord in your mercy

Hear our prayer

At the end:

Merciful Father,

**Accept these 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.

Hymn: Father I place into your hands

Notices

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, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be with you and remain with you all, now and forever.

Amen.

Hymn: Go forth and tell

The Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ.

Amen.

Exit Music: My Lighthouse

Common Worship: Prayers and Services for the Church of England,
material from which is included in this service,
is copyright © The Archbishop's Council