

## Petertide Order of Service

### Greeting

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

**Amen.**

The Lord be with you

**and also with you.**

### Introduction

#### Prayers of Penitence

Jesus said to his apostles,

‘You are my friends if you obey my commands.’

Let us now confess our disobedience to him.

Lord Jesus, in your love you invite us to be your friends:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your joy you choose us to go out and bear fruit:

Christ, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, in your power you send us to be your faithful witnesses:

Lord, have mercy.

**Lord, have mercy.**

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

**Amen.**

#### The Collect

Almighty God,  
who inspired your apostle Saint Peter  
to confess Jesus as Christ and Son of the living God:  
build up your Church upon this rock,  
that in unity and peace it may proclaim one truth  
and follow one Lord, your Son our Saviour Christ,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

### **First Reading**

Acts 12.1-11

### **Gospel Reading**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 16.13-19

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

### **Talk**

#### **The Apostles' Creed**

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,  
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried;  
he descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again;  
he ascended into heaven,  
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,  
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins,  
the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

#### **Prayers of Intercession**

We use this response:

Lord, have mercy.

**Christ, have mercy.**

#### **Spiritual Communion**

Rejoicing in God's new creation,  
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.**

We give thanks for the saving death and resurrection of Jesus and ask him to be with us now.

**Thanks be to you, Lord Jesus Christ,  
for all the benefits you have given me,  
for all the pains and insults you have borne for me.  
Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally,  
I ask you to come spiritually into my heart.  
O most merciful redeemer, friend and brother,  
may I know you more clearly,  
love you more dearly,  
and follow you more nearly, day by day. Amen.**  
*after the Prayer of St Richard of Chichester*

### **Blessing**

God, who has prepared for you a city with eternal foundations,  
bring you, with Peter and all the saints,  
to the eternal and triumphant joy of that city;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you and remain with you always.  
**Amen.**

**Hymn** The Church's one foundation

*Samuel John Stone (1839-1900)*

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