

# Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> December Simple Communion

In St. Peter's

# Renewed Creation Revelation 21:1-5,22-24 Revelation 2:1-5

#### Collect:

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries

may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,

that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

# Reading

## A New Heaven and a New Earth

21 Then I saw "a new heaven and a new earth," for the first heaven and the first earth had passed away, and there was no longer any sea. <sup>2</sup>I saw the Holy City, the new Jerusalem, coming down out of heaven from God, prepared as a bride beautifully dressed for her husband. <sup>3</sup> And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Look! God's dwelling place is now among the people, and he will dwell with them. They will be his people, and God himself will be with them and be their God. <sup>4</sup> 'He will wipe every tear from their eyes. There will be no more death'or mourning or crying or pain, for the old order of things has passed away."

<sup>5</sup> He who was seated on the throne said, "I am making everything new!" Then he said, "Write this down, for these words are trustworthy and true."

<sup>22</sup> I did not see a temple in the city, because the Lord God Almighty and the Lamb are its temple. <sup>23</sup> The city does not need the sun or the moon to shine on it, for the glory of God gives it light, and the Lamb is its lamp. <sup>24</sup> The nations will walk by its light, and the kings of the earth will bring their splendour into it.

## To the Church in Ephesus

2 "To the angel of the church in Ephesus write:

These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands. <sup>2</sup>I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked people, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. <sup>3</sup> You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary.

<sup>4</sup> Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken the love you had at first. <sup>5</sup> Consider how far you have fallen! Repent and do the things you did at first. If you do not repent, I will come to you and remove your lampstand from its place.

This is the Word of the Lord

### Thanks be to God

Sermon:				

#### Intercessions:

## The Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

#### Blessing:

The blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.** 

**NOTE:** Distribution of communion.

#### Bread:

- We often serve bread at communion.
- Gluten free wafers are available. Please let the Welcomer or Warden know ideally before the service starts so that we can arrange this for you. Please ask for a gluten free wafer when you come forward. 000

### Wine:

We serve alcoholic wine from a shared silver cup.

- We also have non-alcoholic wine in a separate cup. If you wish to receive non-alcoholic wine please come forward with your service sheet in your hands.
- If you do not wish to receive wine please feel no compulsion to do so.

#### A blessing:

 If you do not wish to receive communion but would like to be prayed for, when you come forward, keep your hands by your side and we will pray for you.

# Welcome to St. Peter's

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  We will try to get back to you as soon as possible. This email is checked regularly but we do not have a full-time administrator.
- 2) Provide your details and preferred method of contact below and return this page to a member of the welcome team.

  Name

  Please contact me by: Email

  And/Or phone

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