



ANGLICAN CHURCH OF PAPHOS

Lent Course 2024

'People On The Edge'

Peter: Weakest Link

Week 5: 19 March 2024

Welcome

Self Examination & Confession

God the Father:

Have mercy on us.

God the Son:

Have mercy on us.

God the Holy Spirit:

Have mercy on us.

Holy, blessed and glorious Trinity:

Have mercy on us.

From all evil and mischief; from pride, vanity, and hypocrisy;
from envy, hatred, and malice; and from all evil intent:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sloth, worldliness and love of money; from hardness of heart
and contempt for your word and your laws:

Good Lord, deliver us.

From sins of body and mind; from the deceits of the world,
the flesh and the devil:

Good Lord, deliver us.

In all times of sorrow; in all times of joy; in the hour of death;
and at the day of judgement:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By the mystery of your holy incarnation; by your birth, childhood and
obedience; by your baptism, fasting and temptation:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your ministry in word and work; by your mighty acts of power;
and by your preaching of the kingdom:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your agony and trial; by your cross and passion;
and by your precious death and burial:

Good Lord, deliver us.

By your mighty resurrection; by your glorious ascension;
and by your sending of the Holy Spirit:

Good Lord, deliver us.

Give us true repentance; forgive us our sins of negligence and
Ignorance and our deliberate sins; and grant us the grace of your
Holy Spirit to amend our lives according to your holy word.

Holy God, holy and strong, holy and immortal: have mercy upon us.

Make our hearts clean, O God:

And renew a right spirit within us.

**Father eternal, giver of light and grace, we have sinned against you
and against our neighbour, in what we have thought, in what we
have said and done, through ignorance, through weakness, through
our own deliberate fault. We have wounded your love, and marred
your image in us. We are sorry and ashamed, and repent of all our
sins. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us, forgive
us all that is past; and lead us out from darkness to walk as children
of light. AMEN.**

Song 829 For The Joys And For The Sorrows

Luke 22:31-34 Jesus Predicts Peter's Denial

'Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat,
³²but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you,
when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.'³³And he
said to him, 'Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!'
³⁴Jesus said, 'I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you
have denied three times that you know me.'

Luke 22:54-62 Peter Denies Jesus

Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high
priest's house. But Peter was following at a distance.⁵⁵When they had
kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together,
Peter sat among them.⁵⁶Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight,
stared at him and said, 'This man also was with him.'⁵⁷But he denied it,
saying, 'Woman, I do not know him.'⁵⁸A little later someone else, on
seeing him, said, 'You also are one of them.' But Peter said, 'Man, I am
not!'⁵⁹Then about an hour later yet another kept insisting, 'Surely this
man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.'⁶⁰But Peter said, 'Man, I do
not know what you are talking about!' At that moment, while he was
still speaking, the cock crowed.⁶¹The Lord turned and looked at Peter.
Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him,
'Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.'⁶²And he
went out and wept bitterly.

A Few Thoughts

Monologue

Song I Love You Lord

Questions for Discussion & Reflection

- 1) How does the character of Peter resonate with your own Christian journey?
- 2) Does being on the edge of someone's pain mean that you are invisible to the sufferer?
- 3) Have you ever felt powerless to change something in your own life?
- 4) How do you deal with the guilt of this experience?

Song 251 *How Sweet The Name Of Jesus Sounds*

Closing Prayer

Feed us Lord
In these starving times
When our need of you is so great and our faith so small
Feed us Lord
When our dreams are so often broken
and we have such need of good news
Feed us Lord
When our path seems full of difficulty and we are asked for yet more
Feed us Lord
For we know that without you there is no way we can be sustained.
AMEN.