



St Peter's
Hammersmith

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+ 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.

We ask God for healing and forgiveness

**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.**

The priest pronounces the Absolution, and we say the words of the Gloria

**Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Collect

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us
a new and living way into your presence:
give us pure hearts and steadfast wills
to worship you in spirit and in truth;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 14:19-31

The angel of God who was going before the Israelite army moved and went behind them; and the pillar of cloud moved from in front of them and took its place behind them. It came between the army of Egypt and the army of Israel. And so the cloud was there with the darkness, and it lit up the night; one did not come near the other all night.

Then Moses stretched out his hand over the sea. The Lord drove the sea back by a strong east wind all night, and turned the sea into dry land; and the waters were divided. The Israelites went into the sea on dry ground, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left. The Egyptians pursued, and went into the sea after them, all of Pharaoh's horses, chariots, and chariot drivers. At the morning watch the Lord in the pillar of fire and cloud looked down upon the Egyptian army, and threw the Egyptian army into panic. He clogged their chariot wheels so that they turned with difficulty. The Egyptians said, 'Let us flee from the Israelites, for the Lord is fighting for them against Egypt.'

Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand over the sea, so that the water may come back upon the Egyptians, upon their chariots and chariot drivers.' So Moses stretched out his hand over the sea, and at dawn the sea returned to its normal depth. As the Egyptians fled before it, the Lord tossed the Egyptians into the sea. The waters returned and covered the chariots and the chariot drivers, the entire army of Pharaoh that had followed them into the sea; not one of them remained. But the Israelites walked on dry ground through the sea, the waters forming a wall for them on their right and on their left.

Thus the Lord saved Israel that day from the Egyptians; and Israel saw the Egyptians dead on the seashore. Israel saw the great work that the Lord did against the Egyptians. So the people feared the Lord and believed in the Lord and in his servant Moses.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

A reading from the Holy Gospel according to Matthew.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 18:21-35

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times. For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying,

“Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the sermon, and stand to affirm our faith

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord,
Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and was made man.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory
to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.
We believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshipped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism
for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

We sit or kneel for intercessions, for which the following response may be used

Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer.

And at the end,

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

Liturgy of the Sacrament

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We nod or bow to each other as a sign of peace

Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you
and also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give thanks and praise.

The priest praise God for his mighty acts, and all respond:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord,
God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is he who comes
in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest.**

The priest recalls the Last Supper, with the acclamation:

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died:
Christ is risen:
Christ will come again.**

The prayer continues and leads into the doxology, to which all respond:

Amen.

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name;
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

We break this bread to share in the body of Christ.

**Though we are many, we are one body,
because we all share in one bread.**

**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
have mercy on us.**

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**Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world,
grant us peace.**

The congregation are invited to communion with the words

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world.

Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**Lord I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

Communion will be distributed in one kind (wafer only) from the chancel steps, without the usual words of distribution. Please be mindful of social distancing as you approach. After all have received, the priest prays the post communion prayer, and we say together

**Almighty God,
we thank you for feeding us
with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.
Through him we offer you our souls and bodies
to be a living sacrifice.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory. Amen.**

We remain seated for notices, and stand for the blessing and dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

In the name of Christ. Amen.

THIS WEEK – 13th SEPTEMBER 2020

9.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**

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10.30 am **HOLY COMMUNION**

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BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP. *Virus as a Summons to Faith* by Walter Brueggemann (Professor of Old Testament at Columbia Theological Seminary, Georgia). How does the bible help us think about COVID? In this short series of reflections, one of the world's leading Old Testament scholars shows us how the bible might refresh our imagination and both think and see differently in our current crisis. It's a book which does not offer easy answers, but invites us to explore the strange world of the bible, to challenge our modern preoccupations and assumptions. Meeting on Zoom to read and discuss *Virus as a Summons to Faith* from 12-1pm, on Wednesday 16th and 23rd September. Details on the website.

GLASS DOOR SLEEP OUT (OR IN) on Friday 2nd October to raise funds to ensure individuals can access support to end their chapter of homelessness. For the first time this year, you have the option of joining the event remotely. We'll be unrolling ways to stay connected virtually, with special guests (including actors Colin Firth and Jim Carter) taking part via video uplink. Take part by sleeping out in your own home on the floor or in your garden if you have one. Or join us at Duke of York Square in Chelsea, if government guidance allows. You don't need to decide yet where to take part. If taking part in the square, participants must be at least 11 years old. 11 to 16 year-olds must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. There is no registration fee nor minimum fundraising requirement. For more details and to register, visit <https://www.glassdoor.org.uk/Event/sleep-out-2020>

FAMILY WORSHIP. Because COVID makes it difficult to run children's clubs and creche at the moment, we are now offering Family Worship at 9 am twice a month, on the first and third Sundays of the month. So the next Family Worship will be September 20th at 9 am.

GIVING TO ST PETER'S. The cost of running St Peter's is about £4000 a week. If you would like to make a one-off donation, please use one of the yellow envelopes at the back of church, or via a direct bank transfer, to St Peter's Church PCC (account number 41721101, Sort Code 60-50-06). But if you can, please consider setting up a **Standing Order** to St Peter's, which will help us to plan our budget, and claim back gift aid if you are a tax payer. You can do this easily by completing a Standing Order form, available on the website, or at the back of church, and returning it to the Parish Office.