



St Peter's
Hammersmith

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(Epiphany)

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10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Senior steward: Simon Bruce
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Crèche:
Children's club: *n/a*
Coffee: *n/a*
Flowers: *n/a*

+ 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

The grace of God has dawned upon the world, through our Saviour Jesus Christ.

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face to shine upon us.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on the earth, your saving power among the nations.
Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Make known your salvation, and reveal your justice in the sight of the nations.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

The priest pronounces the Absolution, and we sing the Gloria

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen; alleluia amen; alleluia amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen; alleluia amen; alleluia amen!

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.

To him be glory forever.

To him be glory forever.

Alleluia, amen.

Alleluia, amen; alleluia amen; alleluia amen!

The Collect

O God, who by the leading of a star
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:
mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith,
may at last behold your glory face to face;
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

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 2:1-12

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel."'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the sermon, and stand to affirm our 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.**

*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

We stand for the peace

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace.
Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end.

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

**We three kings of Orient are;
Bearing gifts we traverse afar,
Field and fountain, moor and mountain,
Following yonder star:**

*Oh, star of wonder, star of night,
Star with royal beauty bright,
Westward leading, still proceeding,
Guide us to thy perfect light*

**Born a king on Bethlehem plain,
Gold I bring to crown Him again,
King forever, ceasing never,
Over us all to reign:**

**Frankincense to offer have I;
Incense owns a deity nigh:
Prayer and praising, all men raising,
Worship him, God most high:**

**Myrrh is mine, its bitter perfume
Breathes a life of gathering gloom;
Sorrowing, sighing, bleeding, dying,
Sealed in the stone-cold tomb:**

**Glorious now, behold him arise,
King, and God, and sacrifice!
Heaven sings alleluya,
Alleluya, the earth replies:**

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, 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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have mercy on us.**

**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.**

HYMN 36	<i>The first Nowell</i>
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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

HYMN 52	<i>O worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness</i>
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY (9th January)

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

9 am FAMILY WORSHIP

10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

NEW COVID RESTRICTIONS. In light of new government regulations, face masks are now compulsory in church (unless you are exempt, or aged under 11) and we ask members of the congregation to wear them even when singing. You are also encouraged (but not required) to take a lateral flow test before coming to worship or other church events. These are freely available from most pharmacists, or can be ordered directly from the government website at <https://www.gov.uk/order-coronavirus-rapid-lateral-flow-tests>

EVENING PRAYER tonight (January 2nd) at 6.30 pm in the side chapel. All welcome. (The readings for Evening Prayer are Psalm 135, Isaiah 43:1-13, and Matthew 7:13-27.)

BURNS NIGHT, Friday January 21st, 7-10.30 pm (covid permitting!). Do join us for a splendid evening celebrating Burns Night. We welcome everyone from 8 to 80! There will be a delicious supper, haggis, neeps and tatties; if you've never tried it, you will be surprised how good it is. We will dance Scottish reels and have a merry time. We recommend that if you haven't danced reels before, you join us to have a practice the weekend before (on Saturday January 15th 3.30-5 pm): it will make the party even better fun. Tickets: adults £15, children £5. If you are intending to come (covid permitting!) please sign up on the sheet at the back of church, or email Bridget Stevenson on bridget@2fr.co.uk

The **FUNERAL** for **STEVE HAUDE** is planned for Friday 14th January at 1.45 pm. A book on condolence for Steve is available next to the Book of Remembrance on the north side of the nave. Do make use of it if you would like to offer some words of tribute for Steve.