

St Peter's Hammersmith

3rd September 2023 (Holy Communion with baptism of Rafe and Max Greenly)

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10. 30 am HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant: Revd Charles Clapham

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Readers: N/A

Intercessions: James Rawls

Crèche:

Coffee: Fiona Hay, Vicky Lambert, Laura Grimond

Flowers: Ruth Todd

+ 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

For the times we have failed to love our neighbours as ourselves. Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

For the times we have failed to look after your creation. Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

For the times we have failed to love you with all our hearts and minds. 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

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Exodus 3:1-15

Moses was keeping the flock of his father-in-law Jethro, the priest of Midian; he led his flock beyond the wilderness, and came to Horeb, the mountain of God. There the angel of the Lord appeared to him in a flame of fire out of a bush; he looked, and the bush was blazing, yet it was not consumed. Then Moses said, 'I must turn aside and look at this great sight, and see why the bush is not burned up.' When the Lord saw that he had turned aside to see, God called to him out of the bush, 'Moses, Moses!' And he said, 'Here I am.' Then he said, 'Come no closer! Remove the sandals from your feet, for the place on which you are standing is holy ground.' He said further, 'I am the God of your father, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob.' And Moses hid his face, for he was afraid to look at God.

Then the Lord said, 'I have observed the misery of my people who are in Egypt; I have heard their cry on account of their taskmasters. Indeed, I know their sufferings, and I have come down to deliver them from the Egyptians, and to bring them up out of that land to a good and broad land, a land flowing with milk and honey, to the country of the Canaanites, the Hittites, the Amorites, the Perizzites, the Hivites, and the Jebusites. The cry of the Israelites has now come to me; I have also seen how the Egyptians oppress them. So come, I will send you to Pharaoh to bring my people, the Israelites, out of Egypt.' But Moses said to God, 'Who am I that I should go to Pharaoh, and bring the Israelites out of Egypt?' He said, 'I will be with you; and this shall be the sign for you that it is I who sent you: when you have brought the people out of Egypt, you shall worship God on this mountain.'

But Moses said to God, 'If I come to the Israelites and say to them, "The God of your ancestors has sent me to you", and they ask me, "What is his name?" what shall I say to them?" God said to Moses, 'I am who I am.' He said further, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "I am has sent me to you." 'God also said to Moses, 'Thus you shall say to the Israelites, "The Lord, the God of your ancestors, the God of Abraham, the God of Isaac, and the God of Jacob, has sent me to you": This is my name for ever, and this my title for all generations.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Liturgy of baptism

The priest, candidate, parents and godparents gather by the font

Parents and godparents, the Church receives these children with joy. Today we are trusting God for their growth in faith.

Will you pray for them, draw them by your example into the community of faith, and walk with them in the way of Christ?

With the help of God, we will.

In baptism, God calls us out of darkness into his light.

To follow Christ means dying to sin and rising to new life with him. Therefore I ask:

Do you turn to Christ? I turn to Christ.

Do you repent of your sins?

I repent of my sins.

Do you renounce evil?

I renounce evil.

The priest makes the sign of the cross on the forehead of each candidate, and invites all to affirm their faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world? We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity? We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God? **We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

We believe and trust in one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

The priest sprinkles water on the forehead of each candidate, with the words

N, I baptise you in the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

The priest anoints each candidate with chrism, and presents them with a candle

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

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

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

If you would like to make a donation to the church, collection plates (with gift aid envelopes) and a card reader are available at the back of church at the end of the service

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

We are pilgrims on a journey and companions on the road; we are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.

I will hold the Christ-light for you in the night-time of your fear; I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.

I will weep when you are weeping; when you laugh I'll laugh with you; I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through. When we sing to God in heaven we shall find such harmony, born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Brother, sister, let me serve you, let me be as Christ to you; pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.

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, and 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.

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

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

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.

Those who wish to receive the wine as well as the wafer should do do through intinction (that is, dipping the wafer into the wine) rather than drinking directly from the chalice. As we receive, the choir sing "lesu, joy of man's desiring" (Bach).

HYMN 76 Take up thy cross, the Saviour said (omitting verse 3)

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 335 All praise to thee, for thou, O King divine

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. In the name of Christ. Amen.

Voluntaries:

Before: Vaughan Williams - Rhosymedre (No. 2 from 3 Preludes Founded on Welsh Hymn Tunes)

After: Elgar - Sonata in G major (op. 28) (1st movement)

All welcome to **EVENING PRAYER** tonight (3rd September) at 6.30 pm. (Officiant: the Vicar; reader Richard Sanders; Psalm 108; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ephesians 2:1-10).

A reminder that **FAMILY WORSHIP** starts again next week at 9 am (10th September). If you think you could go on the rota to prepare an occasional craft and prayer for Family Worship, do speak to the Vicar.

The September **MEN LUNCHING** will be at the Black Lion on 12th September at 12.30pm. No need to book. All welcome. Why not join us for a convivial meal and conversation?

WOMEN LUNCHING will be at 12.30 pm, on Thursday 14th September. Venue to be confirmed.

Do you think you might be able to lead **INTERCESSIONS** on an occasional basis at the 10.30 am service? We are fortunate to have a range of individuals who prepare and lead our prayers at St Peter's, but we are always looking for more! If you haven't done it before, there are plenty of resources you can use, and Charles (and others!) will be very happy to offer advice and support.

St Peter's Church are looking to appoint a **CHILDREN'S WORKER**. The previous position was a paid one, term-time only for 8 hours a week, to coordinate Family Worship, running children's arts & craft activities and occasional events, and help with confirmation groups. But there is plenty of scope for changing, splitting, or extending the role, or running completely new activities – a children's choir? holiday club? regular youth service? drama group? We have the flexibility to build one or more roles around the skills, time and interests of possible applicants, and willingness to support the work financially as necessary. So if you are interested, get in touch with the vicar Charles for an open conversation (charles.clapham@sky.com or 0797-909-3418).

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SUNDAY 10th SEPTEMBER (14th Sunday after Trinity)

8 am HOLY COMMUNION
9 am FAMILY WORSHIP
10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION