



St Peter's Hammersmith

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10.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION
Senior steward:	Richard Woods
Stewards:	Quentin Robey, Follett Balch
Reader:	Paul Brett, Magnus Grimond
Intercessions:	MP Moine
Crèche:	
Children's club:	Vanessa Townsend
Coffee:	Annelie Berglind, Jemma Daffarn, Alex Matthews
Flowers:	Libby Balch

+ 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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you,
and against our neighbour
in thought and word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry 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 grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. Amen.**

The priest pronounces the Absolution, and we sing 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 and ever-living God,
clothed in majesty,
whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple,
in substance of our flesh:
grant that we may be presented to you
with pure and clean hearts,
by your Son Jesus Christ 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

As we sit for the reading, children are invited to leave for their Sunday club, in the meeting room at the back of church. A crèche is also offered in the meeting rooms, and colouring sheets are available from the stewards for children who want to stay in church.

Malachi 3:1-5

See, I am sending my messenger to prepare the way before me, and the Lord whom you seek will suddenly come to his temple. The messenger of the covenant in whom you delight—indeed, he is coming, says the Lord of hosts. But who can endure the day of his coming, and who can stand when he appears?

For he is like a refiner's fire and like fullers' soap; he will sit as a refiner and purifier of silver, and he will purify the descendants of Levi and refine them like gold and silver, until they present offerings to the Lord in righteousness. Then the offering of Judah and Jerusalem will be pleasing to the Lord as in the days of old and as in former years. Then I will draw near to you for judgement; I will be swift to bear witness against the sorcerers, against the adulterers, against those who swear falsely, against those who oppress the hired workers in their wages, the widow, and the orphan, against those who thrust aside the alien, and do not fear me, says the Lord of hosts.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 95, sung by the choir with congregational response:

All the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God

(Full words as HYMN 535)

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 2:22-40

When the time came for their purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord (as it is written in the law of the Lord, ‘Every firstborn male shall be designated as holy to the Lord’), and they offered a sacrifice according to what is stated in the law of the Lord, ‘a pair of turtle-doves or two young pigeons.’

Now there was a man in Jerusalem whose name was Simeon; this man was righteous and devout, looking forward to the consolation of Israel, and the Holy Spirit rested on him. It had been revealed to him by the Holy Spirit that he would not see death before he had seen the Lord’s Messiah. Guided by the Spirit, Simeon came into the temple; and when the parents brought in the child Jesus, to do for him what was customary under the law, Simeon took him in his arms and praised God, saying, ‘Master, now you are dismissing your servant in peace, according to your word; for my eyes have seen your salvation, which you have prepared in the presence of all peoples, a light for revelation to the Gentiles and for glory to your people Israel.’

And the child’s father and mother were amazed at what was being said about him. Then Simeon blessed them and said to his mother Mary, ‘This child is destined for the falling and the rising of many in Israel, and to be a sign that will be opposed so that the inner thoughts of many will be revealed—and a sword will pierce your own soul too.’

There was also a prophet, Anna the daughter of Phanuel, of the tribe of Asher. She was of a great age, having lived with her husband for seven years after her marriage, then as a widow to the age of eighty-four. She never left the temple but worshipped there with fasting and prayer night and day. At that moment she came, and began to praise God and to speak about the child to all who were looking for the redemption of Jerusalem.

When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favour of God was upon him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for the sermon

We 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

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

Let us offer one another 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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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 44	Faithful vigil ended
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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 439	Praise to the Holiest in the height
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

NEXT SUNDAY (6th February)

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

10.30 am ALL AGE COMMUNION

6.30 pm EVENING PRAYER

MEN LUNCHING continues monthly on Tuesdays at 12.30 pm, gathering at the Black Lion Pub, on Black Lion Lane. No need for advance booking. Do join us if you are able. Email Richard Millar (richardmillar@supanet.com) for more information.

WOMEN LUNCHING will be held at The Black Lion Lane Pub on Thursday 10th February from 12.30 pm. As always all are welcome and, indeed, perhaps some new faces might like to join us? January's lunch was a great success and much fun. If you are interest in coming along, do please let me know by emailing ruthhawkins@talktalk.net or phoning on 07899747044, or just turn up on the day.

On Friday 25 February (7.30 pm) we welcome **OPERA INTEGRA** back with a full-length comic opera in concert – Otto Nicholai's 'The Merry Wives of Windsor'. Based on the Shakespearian comedy, the opera presents the two neighbouring wives getting their own back on the world of men. Having both received the exact same unsolicited letter of love from the local 'bon-viveur' knight, they decide to humiliate him as punishment, and, at the same time, also trick their husbands into having more regard for them. It really is a surprisingly delightful comedy (both in its plot and musical jokes) and produces many a genuine laugh. Tickets are £15 and are on sale by card through the website (<https://operaintegra.org.uk/whats-on/>) (PayPal – no account required) and will be available on the door (by cash or card).

HOST A TEENAGER. We've been contacted on behalf of a teenager from Canada who is hoping to come to London next year (2023) to study at Latymer Upper School for two years of sixth form, and is wondering if there is anyone in the congregation who might be able to host her. Her family might be able to make some financial contribution towards costs. If you think you could help, contact the church office, and we can put you in touch with her family in Canada.

We are looking for a good **HANDYMAN** to do some basic plastering/decorating of the toilets in the church. Can anyone recommend someone reliable and local?

GIVING TO ST PETERS. To support St Peter's, you can use the yellow envelopes to make a cash donation (place it in the bowl at the back of church), or give contactlessly as you leave. You can also make a one-off donation or set up a regular **DIRECT DEBIT** by scanning the QR code, or visiting the giving page on the website at <https://stpetersw6.org/about/giving/>

