

St Peter's Hammersmith

15th May 2022 (Fifth Sunday of Easter)

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10. 30 am HOLY COMMUNION

Senior steward: Richard Woods

Stewards: MP Moine, Paul Brett

Readers: Mike Illingworth, Lorna Robey

Intercessions: Richard Millar

Crèche:

Children's club:

Coffee: Jemma Daffarn, Joy Birney, Jackie Hall

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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia!

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 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 Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen 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 available in the meeting rooms, and colouring sheets are available from the stewards for children who want to stay in church.

Acts 11.1-18

Now the apostles and the believers who were in Judea heard that the Gentiles had also accepted the word of God. So when Peter went up to Jerusalem, the circumcised believers criticized him, saying, 'Why did you go to uncircumcised men and eat with them?' Then Peter began to explain it to them, step by step, saying, 'I was in the city of Joppa praying, and in a trance I saw a vision. There was something like a large sheet coming down from heaven, being lowered by its four corners; and it came close to me. As I looked at it closely I saw four-footed animals, beasts of prey, reptiles, and birds of the air. I also heard a voice saying to me, "Get up, Peter; kill and eat." But I replied, "By no means, Lord; for nothing profane or unclean has ever entered my mouth." But a second time the voice answered from heaven, "What God has made clean, you must not call profane." This happened three times; then everything was pulled up again to heaven. '

'At that very moment three men, sent to me from Caesarea, arrived at the house where we were. The Spirit told me to go with them and not to make a distinction between them and us. These six brothers also accompanied me, and we entered the man's house. He told us how he had seen the angel standing in his house and saying, "Send to Joppa and bring Simon, who is called Peter; he will give you a message by which you and your entire household will be saved." And as I began to speak, the Holy Spirit fell upon them just as it had upon us at the beginning. And I remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said, "John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit." If then God gave them the same gift that he gave us when we believed in the Lord Jesus Christ, who was I that I could hinder God?' When they heard this, they were silenced. And they praised God, saying, 'Then God has given even to the Gentiles the repentance that leads to life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

John 13.31-35

When Judas Iscariot had gone out, Jesus said, 'Now the Son of Man has been glorified, and God has been glorified in him. If God has been glorified in him, God will also glorify him in himself and will glorify him at once. Little children, I am with you only a little longer. You will look for me; and as I said to the Jews so now I say to you, "Where I am going, you cannot come." I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.

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

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.

HYMN 263 All creatures of our God and King (omitting verses 5&6)

Those who wish to make a donation to the offertory collection are reminded that collection plates and a card reader are available at the back of church at the end of the service.

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.

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.

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 276 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed

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 107 Good Christian men, rejoice and sing

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE between Nerena Neathercoat of this parish and Ugochukwu Akuwudike of St Mary and St Michael, Cambridge (3rd time of asking).

All welcome to **EVENING PRAYER**, this evening, Sunday May 15th, at 6.30 pm. (Readings are: Psalm 98, Isaiah 61, Luke 7:1-17.)

Buy tickets today for **THE SAFARI SUPPER** on June 8th! If you haven't been before, you'll have a great evening: drinks and canapés at the vicarage followed by a main course in one house and a pudding in another. A great opportunity to meet and chat with new friends and enjoy good food and wine together. Tickets MUST be booked in advance by May 26th: £30 per head, cheques payable to St Peter's Church PCC, or directly to account no. 41721101, sort code 60-50-06; or pay by card today at church. You will be given instructions about your hosts and where you are dining before the event takes place. Any queries or book your tickets by emailing bridget@2fr.co.uk

Thanks from Luba Shepherd to all who donated for a **UKRAINIAN BADGE** at church. This has raised over £225, for relief work in Ukraine via London Euromaidan. (For those wondering, the wording on the badge is 'Souls & Bodies, we'll lay down all for our freedom', from the Ukrainian national anthem, over 100 years old.). The Vicar also been contacted via a friend by a **UKRAINIAN REFUGEE** currently in Germany, but looking for help to move to London to take up a possible job offer: do speak to Charles if you think you might be able to help.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL PLATINUM JUBILEE CONCERT, in St Peter's Square on Friday 27th May at 10am. Each class is performing a song from one of the seven decades of the Queen's reign, with a whole school performance of the Platinum Jubilee song 'Here's to the Queen'. Bring along your own picnic blankets or collapsible chairs if you'd like. The PTA team will be selling light refreshments on the day. All welcome!

JUBILEE LUNCH PARTY. In celebration of Her Majesty's Platinum Jubilee, join us on Sunday June 5th from 12pm in St Peter's Square for a party in the Square! Local residents, families, friends and well-behaved dogs welcome! Tables and chairs provided, but please bring your own food and drink. To guarantee a table, email st.peters.sq.jubilee-party@btconnect.com stating how many people you are. St Peter's Residents' Association will donate a bottle of Prosecco to the first 48 pre-booked tables of 4!

DEANERY SYNOD FINANCE OFFICER sought, to help coordinate Common Fund contributions in Hammersmith and Fulham deanery. Approx six hours a month. Ability to read accounts and experience as church treasurer (or equivalent) helpful. Speak to Charles or contact the parish office for full role description.

NEXT SUNDAY (22nd May 2022)

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

9 am FAMILY WORSHIP

10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION