



St Peter's
Hammersmith

11th December 2022
(3rd Sunday of Advent)

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10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

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| Senior steward: | Richard Woods |
| Stewards: | MP Moine, Joanna Woods |
| Chalice: | Fiona Hay |
| Readers: | Vicky Lawrence, Leslie DuCane |
| Intercessions: | Bola Savage |
| Crèche: | Rosie Shephard |
| Children's club: | Susannah Stevens, Chloe Riddell |
| Coffee: | Alice Keown, Caroline Illingworth, Sarah Cruz |
| Flowers: | NA |

+ 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.**

We sing the Kyrie

**Kyrie eleison.
Christe eleison.
Kyrie eleison.**

*The priest pronounces the Absolution,
lights the Advent candle, and prays the Collect*

O Lord Jesus Christ,
who at your first coming sent your messenger
to prepare your way before you:
grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries
may likewise so prepare and make ready your way
by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just,
that at your second coming to judge the world
we may be found an acceptable people in your sight;
for you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

Isaiah 35.1-10

The wilderness and the dry land shall be glad, the desert shall rejoice and blossom; like the crocus it shall blossom abundantly, and rejoice with joy and singing. The glory of Lebanon shall be given to it, the majesty of Carmel and Sharon. They shall see the glory of the Lord, the majesty of our God. Strengthen the weak hands, and make firm the feeble knees. Say to those who are of a fearful heart, 'Be strong, do not fear! Here is your God. He will come with vengeance, with terrible recompense. He will come and save you.'

Then the eyes of the blind shall be opened, and the ears of the deaf unstopped; then the lame shall leap like a deer, and the tongue of the speechless sing for joy. For waters shall break forth in the wilderness, and streams in the desert; the burning sand shall become a pool, and the thirsty ground springs of water; the haunt of jackals shall become a swamp, the grass shall become reeds and rushes.

A highway shall be there, and it shall be called the Holy Way; the unclean shall not travel on it, but it shall be for God's people; no traveller, not even fools, shall go astray. No lion shall be there, nor shall any ravenous beast come up on it; they shall not be found there, but the redeemed shall walk there. And the ransomed of the Lord shall return, and come to Zion with singing; everlasting joy shall be upon their heads; they shall obtain joy and gladness, and sorrow and sighing shall flee away.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 6

Hark the glad sound! the Saviour comes

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 11.2-11

When John heard in prison what the Messiah was doing, he sent word by his disciples and said to him, 'Are you the one who is to come, or are we to wait for another?' Jesus answered them, 'Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind receive their sight, the lame walk, the lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have good news brought to them. And blessed is anyone who takes no offence at me.'

As they went away, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John: 'What did you go out into the wilderness to look at? A reed shaken by the wind? What then did you go out to see? Someone dressed in soft robes? Look, those who wear soft robes are in royal palaces. What then did you go out to see? A prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written, "See, I am sending my messenger ahead of you, who will prepare your way before you." Truly I tell you, among those born of women no one has arisen greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

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

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
he ascended into heaven,
he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. 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.

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

**For the fruits of his creation, thanks be to God.
For his gifts to every nation, thanks be to God.
For the ploughing, sowing, reaping,
silent growth while we are sleeping,
future needs in earth's safekeeping, thanks be to God.**

**In the just reward of labour, God's will be done.
In the help we give our neighbour, God's will be done.
In our worldwide task of caring
for the hungry and despairing,
in the harvests we are sharing, God's will be done.**

**For the harvests of his Spirit, thanks be to God.
For the good we all inherit, thanks be to God.
For the wonders that astound us,
for the truths that still confound us,
most of all that love has found us, thanks be to God.**

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.**

*Those who wish to receive the wine as well as the wafer should do so through intinction
(that is, dipping the wafer into the wine) rather than drinking directly from the chalice*

As we receive, the choir sing the anthem 'Rejoice in the Lord always' (Purcell)

**Hark, my soul, it is the Lord;
'tis thy Saviour, hear his word;
Jesus speaks, and speaks to thee,
'Say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?**

**'I delivered thee when bound,
and, when wounded, healed thy wound;
sought thee wandering, set thee right,
turned thy darkness into light.**

**'Can a woman's tender care
cease towards the child she bare?
Yes, she may forgetful be,
yet will I remember thee.**

**'Mine is an unchanging love,
higher than the heights above,
deeper than the depths beneath,
free and faithful, strong as death.**

**'Thou shalt see my glory soon,
when the work of grace is done;
partner of my throne shalt be:
say, poor sinner, lov'st thou me?'**

**Lord, it is my chief complaint
that my love is weak and faint;
yet I love thee, and adore;
O for grace to love thee more!**

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

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| HYMN 486 | <i>We have a gospel to proclaim</i> |
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**Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.**

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Sunday December 11th, 3-5pm, for ages 3 to 8 (ish) for a brilliant afternoon jam-packed with games, activities, singing, nativity story, enormous party tea, mulled wine and bar (for the grown-ups) and, if we've all been really good, a special visitor from Lapland. £5 per child (plus food contribution). Booking essential (lulu@hyperbia.com) so we can brace Father Christmas with accurate numbers.

SINGWEST CHRISTMAS CONCERT, Tuesday 13th December, 7.30 pm.

MILLY FORREST RECITAL, Saturday 17th December, 7.30 pm, St Peter's Church. It's a great pleasure to welcome back Milly Forrest, together with accompanist Jo Ramadan, for a recital at St Peter's, in which she will be trying out some new arias for the 2023 audition season, together with a few Christmas favourites for good measure! Tickets are £15 each and can be bought on the door – please bring cash!

MEN'S CHRISTMAS LUNCHING will be at the Black Lion at 12.30pm on Tuesday 20 December. We have invited special guests. Do join us if you are able to do so. Pre-booking is necessary for this one; please contact richardmillar@supanet.com.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES:

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| Monday 12th (4.15 pm): | St Peter's School Carol Concert |
| Friday 16th (9 am): | St Peter's School Christmas Service |
| Sunday 18th (6.30 pm): | CAROL SERVICE |
| Christmas Eve (4.30 pm): | CRIB SERVICE |
| Christmas Eve (11.30 pm): | MIDNIGHT MASS |
| Christmas Day (10.30 am): | CHRISTMAS FAMILY COMMUNION |

BURNS NIGHT PARTY, Friday 20th January, 7-10.30pm. A great night out with the family, with whisky (or Irn Bru!) and supper with haggis, neeps, tatties, and sausages for the faint hearted! The haggis will be piped in by our piper Stuart and we'll dance Scottish reels led by our expert Philip. Practice on Saturday 14th January, 3-4.30pm. Tickets now on sale. Adults £25, children 7+ £10. £60 for a family of 4 (£5 per additional children).

FIRST AID TRAINING. We have arranged some First Aid training to be provided at church on Saturday 4th February. There will be two identical sessions, one in the morning from 9.30 am -12.30 pm, and the second from 1.30-3.30 pm.; each session can accommodate 12 people. Anybody from the church who has a relevant role or feels they would like to take part is welcome to attend. The church will cover most of the cost, but we are asking all those who participate to contribute £15 towards the cost (unless unable to do so). Please book via the church office.

NEXT SUNDAY (18th DECEMBER 2022)

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| 8 am | Holy Communion |
| 10.30 am | Holy Communion |
| 6.30 pm | Carol Service |