



**St Peter's**  
Hammersmith

**18th December 2022**  
**(4th Sunday of Advent)**

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10.30 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Senior steward: Sarah Burrell  
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Chalice: Bridget Stevenson  
Readers: MP Moine, Tony Saville Sneath  
Intercessions: Paul Brett  
Crèche:  
Children's club:  
Coffee: Angela Clarke, Caroline Illingworth,  
Margaret Magnusson  
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*

God our redeemer,  
who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary  
to be the mother of your Son:  
grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour,  
so we may be ready to greet him  
when he comes again as our judge;  
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

*Isaiah 7:10-16*

The Lord spoke to Ahaz, saying, Ask a sign of the Lord your God; let it be deep as Sheol or high as heaven. But Ahaz said, I will not ask, and I will not put the Lord to the test. Then Isaiah said: 'Hear then, O house of David! Is it too little for you to weary mortals, that you weary my God also? Therefore the Lord himself will give you a sign. Look, the young woman is with child and shall bear a son, and shall name him Immanuel. He shall eat curds and honey by the time he knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good. For before the child knows how to refuse the evil and choose the good, the land before whose two kings you are in dread will be deserted.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

<i>HYMN 3</i> <i>Come, thou long-expected Jesus</i>
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Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

*Matthew 11.2-11*

Now the birth of Jesus the Messiah took place in this way. When his mother Mary had been engaged to Joseph, but before they lived together, she was found to be with child from the Holy Spirit. Her husband Joseph, being a righteous man and unwilling to expose her to public disgrace, planned to dismiss her quietly. But just when he had resolved to do this, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream and said, 'Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take Mary as your wife, for the child conceived in her is from the Holy Spirit. She will bear a son, and you are to name him Jesus, for he will save his people from their sins.'

All this took place to fulfil what had been spoken by the Lord through the prophet: 'Look, the virgin shall conceive and bear a son, and they shall name him Emmanuel', which means, 'God is with us.' When Joseph awoke from sleep, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him; he took her as his wife, but had no marital relations with her until she had borne a son; and he named him Jesus.

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*

<p>HYMN 11      <i>O come, O come, Emmanuel</i></p>
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## *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.**

*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 'Basque Noël: I saw a maiden' (arr. Pettman)*

<i>HYMN 184</i> <i>Shall we not love thee, Mother dear</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*

<i>HYMN 186</i> <i>Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord</i>
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**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 CARDS.** As many of you will know, in previous years we have often signed and posted Christmas cards to everyone on our donor database to say thank you so much for your continued financial support for the church. Typically, this costs around £200 each year. This year, rather than sending Christmas cards, in view of the exceptional needs in the local area, the vicar and churchwardens have decided instead to make a donation for this amount directly to the Hammersmith and Fulham food bank. But please be assured that your support and donations to the church are extremely appreciated, and we are very grateful as always!!

**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.

### **CHRISTMAS SERVICES:**

Sunday 18th (6.30 pm):	<b>CAROL SERVICE</b>
Christmas Eve (4.30 pm):	<b>CRIB SERVICE</b>
Christmas Eve (11.30 pm):	<b>MIDNIGHT MASS</b>
Christmas Day (10.30 am): (Please note there will be	<b>CHRISTMAS FAMILY COMMUNION</b> <b>NO 8 am service</b> on Christmas Day)
New Year's Day (10.30 am): (Please note there will be	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b> <b>NO 8 am service</b> on New Year's Day)