



St Peter's
Hammersmith

29th February 2023
(Fourth Sunday of Epiphany)

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10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Senior steward: Richard Woods
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Chalice: Richard Shaw
Readers: Nick Heaton, Sara Kaprelian
Intercessions: Simon Bruce
Crèche:
Children's club:
Coffee: Heli Coxhead, Emily Weston-Price, MP Moine
Flowers: MP Moine, Rozzie Barda

+ 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

God be gracious to us and bless us, and make your face to shine upon us:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

May your ways be known on earth, your saving power among the nations:
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

You, Lord, have made known your salvation, and reveal your justice to the peoples:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

God our creator,
who in the beginning
commanded the light to shine out of darkness:
we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ
may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief,
shine into the hearts of all your people,
and reveal the knowledge of your glory
in the face of Jesus Christ your Son 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

1 Corinthians 1.18-end

For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written, 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise, and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.' Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.

Consider your own call, brothers and sisters: not many of you were wise by human standards, not many were powerful, not many were of noble birth. But God chose what is foolish in the world to shame the wise; God chose what is weak in the world to shame the strong; God chose what is low and despised in the world, things that are not, to reduce to nothing things that are, so that no one might boast in the presence of God. He is the source of your life in Christ Jesus, who became for us wisdom from God, and righteousness and sanctification and redemption, in order that, as it is written, 'Let the one who boasts, boast in the Lord.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

**I Come With Joy To Meet My Lord,
Forgiven, Loved, And Free;
In Awe And Wonder To Recall
His Life Laid Down For Me.**

**I Come With Christians Far And Near
To Find, As All Are Fed,
The New Community Of Love
In Christ's Communion Bread.**

**As Christ Breaks Bread And Bids Us Share,
Each Proud Division Ends;
The Love That Made Us, Makes Us One,
And Strangers Now Are Friends.**

**And Thus With Joy We Meet Our Lord;
His Presence, Always Near,
Is In Such Friendship Better Known:
We See And Praise Him Here.**

**Together Met, Together Bound,
We'll Go Our Different Ways;
And As His People In The World,
We'll Live And Speak His Praise.**

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

John 2.1-11

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

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.**

*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 'O taste and see' (Vaughan Williams)

HYMN 287 <i>Glory, love and praise and honour</i>

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 345 <i>Christ is the King, O friends rejoice</i>

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

MEN'S LUNCH, Tuesday 7th February, 12.30 pm at the Black Lion Pub.

WOMEN'S LUNCH meet again at the Black Lion Pub on Thursday 9th February at 12.30 pm. Contact ruthhawkins@talktalk.net for more information.

In a time of exceptional need, **HAMMERSMITH AND FULHAM FOODBANK** still welcome donations of food and money, and referrals for those in need. They have branches in Shepherds Bush, Fulham, Old Oak and White City. More information on the leaflets at the back of church, or from <https://hammersmithfulham.foodbank.org.uk>

CONFIRMATION. We are delighted to announce that we have managed to arrange for the new Bishop of Kensington, Emma Ineson, to come to St Peter's on Sunday 23rd April, to take a confirmation service. We will be running a confirmation course for children and younger teenagers from year six and above later this term, on Wednesday evenings from 6-7pm, beginning 1st March (please email Lulu Crutchley at children@stpetersw6.org). If there are older teenagers or adults looking to be confirmed, or who wish to be formally received from another denomination into the Church of England, speak to the vicar or email charles.clapham@sky.com

FIRST AID TRAINING. We have arranged some First Aid training to be provided at church on Saturday 4th February. Only three places left now, for the morning session only, from 9.30 am -12.30 pm. Anybody from the church 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.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL PTA is hosting an **AUCTION NIGHT** on Friday 3rd March to raise money for the school - specifically new staging, lighting and sound equipment for the hall as well as updates to the library. The PTA are putting out a plea for offers of auction promises or gifts - big or small as they would like to have a range to suit all bank balances. Contact stpetersw6pta@gmail.com if you can help.

ACCOMMODATION REQUIRED, for up to one year for a visiting professor on a sabbatical from Turkey, and for her daughter coming for to study at City University. Contact the office if you might be able to help.

SUNDAY 5th FEBRUARY

The Presentation of Christ (Candlemas)

8 am

HOLY COMMUNION

10.30 am

ALL AGE COMMUNION

6.30 pm

EVENING PRAYER

(Officiant: Alyson Sich; reader: Alex Johnston.
Psalm 4, Genesis 2:4-25, Mark 10:1-16)