

St Peter's Hammersmith

# 12th February 2023 (Second Sunday before Lent)

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10. 30 am HOLY COMMUNION

Senior steward: Richard Millar

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Chalice: MP Moine

Readers: Paul Brett, George Lawrie

Intercessions: Richard Millar

Crèche:

Children's club: Vanessa Townsend

Coffee: Alice Keown, Caroline Illingworth, Vicky Lambert

Flowers: Ruth Todd

+ 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.

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, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

Amen.

# The Liturgy of the Word

Romans 8.18-25

I consider that the sufferings of this present time are not worth comparing with the glory about to be revealed to us. For the creation waits with eager longing for the revealing of the children of God; for the creation was subjected to futility, not of its own will but by the will of the one who subjected it, in hope that the creation itself will be set free from its bondage to decay and will obtain the freedom of the glory of the children of God. We know that the whole creation has been groaning in labour pains until now; and not only the creation, but we ourselves, who have the first fruits of the Spirit, groan inwardly while we wait for adoption, the redemption of our bodies. For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN 365 God moves in a mysterious way

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

Matthew 6.25-34

Jesus said to the crowd, 'Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? Therefore do not worry, saying, "What will we eat?" or "What will we drink?" or "What will we wear?" For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today.'

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.

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

HYMN 265 Lord of beauty, thine the splendour

### **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 do 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 'Litany to the Holy Spirit' (Hurford)

HYMN 458 The Lord my pasture shall prepare

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 336 Angel-voices ever singing

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

**BINGO, BANGERS AND BEER.** Saturday 4th March, 5-7.30 pm. Food, drink, conversation with friends, and the wild stamping of bingo cards. Fabulous fun for all, including children and families. £10 adults, £5 kids (includes food). Cash bar. Sign up on sheets at back of church, or email the office to reserve a place.

**DISASTERS EMERGENCY COMMITTEE** is coordinating UK charities and their local partners to provide urgent help following devastating earthquakes in Southern Turkey and North-West Syria. Immediate priorities are search and rescue, medical treatment for the injured, shelter for those who have lost their homes, heating in safe spaces, blankets, warm clothes, and ensuring people have food and clean water. You can donate at https://www.dec.org.uk

MEN'S LUNCH, Tuesday 14th February, 12.30 pm at the Black Lion Pub.

**FUNERAL OF ROBERT SICH**, Wednesday 15th February, 2.45 pm. Robert was a valued and long time member of the congregation at St Peter's, and our prayers are with Alyson his sister, and all who knew him.

**CHISWICK CHEESE MARKET** on Sunday 19th February (9.30-3pm) will feature Ukrainian music and drinks to support British Ukrainian Aid and First Aid Ukraine.

**CONFIRMATION.** We are delighted the new Bishop of Kensington is coming to St Peter's on Sunday 23rd April, to take a confirmation service. We are running a confirmation group for children and younger teenagers from year six and above, on Wednesdays from 6-7pm, from 1st March (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 into the Church of England, speak to the vicar or email charles.clapham@sky.com

**ST PETER'S SCHOOL PTA** is hosting an **AUCTION NIGHT** on Friday 3rd March to raise money for new staging, lighting and sound equipment, and updates for the library. The PTA are looking for offers of auction promises or gifts - big or small to suit all bank balances. Contact stpetersw6pta@gmail.com if you can help.

	SUNDAY 19th FEBRUARY (Sunday next before Lent)
8 am	HOLY COMMUNION
9 am	FAMILY WORSHIP
10.30 am	HOLY COMMUNION
6.30 pm	<b>EVENING PRAYER</b> (Officiant: Simon Brooke; reader: Richard Sanders. Psalm 84, Genesis 13, Luke 10:25-37)