



## St Peter's Hammersmith

# 14th May 2023 (Sixth Sunday of Easter)

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10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

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Readers:	Follet Balch, Vicky Lawrence
Intercessions:	Paul Brett
Crèche:	
Children's club:	Vanessa Townsend
Coffee:	Libby Balch, Caroline Langton, Heli Coxhead
Flowers:	MP Moine

+ 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*

Lord Jesus, you raise us to new life:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you forgive us our sins:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you feed us with the living bread:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest pronounces the Absolution*

**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 redeemer,  
you have delivered us from the power of darkness  
and brought us into the kingdom of your Son:  
grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life,  
so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy;  
through 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*

*Acts 17.22-31*

Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way. For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you.

'The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

'Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will have the world judged in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**And can it be that I should gain  
An interest in the Saviour's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, should die for me?**

**'Tis mystery all! The Immortal dies!  
Who can explore His strange design?  
In vain the first-born seraph tries  
To sound the depths of love divine!  
'Tis mercy all! let earth adore,  
Let angel minds enquire no more.**

**He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace;  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race;  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free;  
For, O my God, it found out me!**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay  
Fast bound in sin and nature's night;  
Thine eye diffused a quickening ray,  
I woke, the dungeon flamed with light;  
My chains fell off, my heart was free;  
I rose, went forth and followed Thee.**

**No condemnation now I dread;  
Jesus, and all in Him is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head,  
And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach the eternal throne,  
And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

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

*John 14.15-2*

Jesus said to his disciples, 'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.

'I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

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

Do you believe and trust in God the Father,  
source of all being and life, the one for whom we exist?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Son,  
who took our human nature, died for us and rose again?

**We believe and trust in him.**

Do you believe and trust in God the Holy Spirit,  
who gives life to the people of God and makes Christ known in the world?

**We believe and trust in him.**

This is the faith of the Church.

**This is our faith. We believe and trust in one God,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. 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 112 <i>Jesus lives! thy terrors now</i>
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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.**

*The Lord's Prayer*

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.**

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 'If ye love me' (Tallis)*

HYMN 341	<i>Blest are the pure in heart</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*

HYMN 440	<i>Praise to the Lord, the Almighty (omitting verses 4&amp;5)</i>
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING.** All welcome to stay for the church's AGM after church today at 12 noon, to review the year, and appoint church wardens and new PCC members. Copies of the Annual Review and Accounts will be available on the church website, and in hard copy at the meeting.

**OPEN GARDEN,** today Sunday 14th May, from 2-6pm. Oliver and Gabrielle Leigh-Wood are delighted to open their garden at 27 St Peter's Square as part of the National Open Garden Scheme. Described as "a plantsman's eclectic semi-tamed wilderness, with lots of camellias, magnolias and fruit trees." Refreshments, including home-made cakes, available. Tickets £5 from <https://findagarden.ngs.org.uk/garden/31914/27-st-peters-square>

### **FUNERALS AT ST PETER'S CHURCH:**

Nicola Mitchell-Jones (Turner), on Friday 19th May, 2 pm  
Revd Geoffrey Lang, on Tuesday 30th May, 11.30 am

**BOOK GROUP: "GOD OUTSIDE THE BOX: WHY SPIRITUAL PEOPLE OBJECT TO CHRISTIANITY"**, by Richard Harries (SPCK, 2002). Former Bishop of Oxford and Professor at Kings College London tackles the big objections that people have towards christian faith. Meeting on Thursdays at 2 pm in the Cross Keys, for 5 weeks, beginning on 25th May with part one: 'The Case against God'.

If you'd like to donate toward a **WEDDING GIFT** for Sam and Rio who will be married at St Peter's on 27th May, please make a direct bank transfer to the church bank account (St Peter's Church PCC, acc. no. 41721101, sort code 60-50-06), using the reference "SamRioWedding", or give cash in a clearly marked envelope to the office.

**SEPARATE TABLES**, by Terence Rattigan, featuring our very own Leslie and Alison DuCane, Bromley Little Theatre, Friday 12th to Saturday 20th May, 7.45 pm. Tickets from: <https://bromleylittletheatre.org/mevents/separate-tables/>

**GIVING TO ST PETERS.** To support St Peter's, you can use the yellow envelopes to make a cash donation, or give contactlessly as you leave. You can also make a one-off donation or set up a regular **DIRECT DEBIT** by scanning the QR code, or visiting the church website.



### **SUNDAY 21st MAY**

(Ascension Sunday)

8 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

9 am

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

10.30 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

6.30 pm

**EVENING PRAYER**

(Psalm 47; Isaiah 65:17-25; Acts 1:1-14)