



**St Peter's**  
Hammersmith

**21st May 2023**  
**(Ascension Sunday)**

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10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Senior steward: Richard Woods  
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Readers: Deirdre Shaw, Simon Gompertz  
Intercessions: Simon Brooke  
Crèche:  
Children's club: Clare Berry  
Coffee: Emily Weston-Price, Victoria McDonald  
Flowers: Joanna Woods, Sarah Kaprielian

+ 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*

**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*

Grant, we pray, almighty God,  
that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ  
to have ascended into the heavens,  
so we in heart and mind may also ascend  
and with him continually dwell;  
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 1.1-11*

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from the beginning until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?' He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.' When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

This is the word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

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

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

Luke 24.44-53

Jesus said to the disciples, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. You are witnesses of these things. And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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*

# *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.**

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 'God is gone up' (Croft)*

<i>HYMN 274</i> <i>Author of life divine</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 388</i> <i>Jesus shall reign where'er the sun</i>
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**EVENING PRAYER.** 6.30 pm, Sunday 18th May. (Officiant Charles Clapham; Reader Alex Johnston; Psalm 47; Isaiah 65:17-25; Acts 1:1-14)

**MEN'S WEDNESDAY** lunch at the Cross Keys. Wednesday 24th May, 12.30 pm. All welcome.

**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'.

**FUNERAL OF REVD GEOFFREY LANG**, Tuesday 30th May, 11.30 am, St Peter's Church.

**DEANERY SYNOD.** The next meeting of the Deanery Synod will take place at St Mary's Church Hall at 2 Edith Road (corner of Hammersmith Road and Edith Road) W14, Wednesday 31st May 2023, with 7 for 7.30pm start, and ending shortly after 9.00pm. The Area Dean is putting together a panel of speakers on Discipleship in our parishes, to generate discussion and to share experiences during the week before Pentecost when many in the Diocese will be praying Thy Kingdom Come. As always the meeting is open to anyone in St Peter's church who might be interested.

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.

**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 28th MAY**  
(Pentecost)

8 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>
9 am	<b>FAMILY WORSHIP</b>
10.30 am	<b>HOLY COMMUNION</b>