



St Peter's
Hammersmith

30th July 2023
(8th Sunday after Trinity)

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10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Senior steward: Simon Brooke
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Chalice: Fiona Hay
Readers: Simon Bruce, Lorna Robey
Intercessions: Alice Keown
Crèche:
Children's club:
Coffee: Jenny TD, Caroline Illingworth, Fiona Fox
Flowers: *n/a*

+ 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

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,
We have sinned against you, and against our neighbour
in thought, word and deed,
through negligence, through weakness,
through our own deliberate fault.
We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life
to the glory of your name. 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

Almighty Lord and everlasting God,
we beseech you to direct, sanctify and govern
both our hearts and bodies
in the ways of your laws
and the works of your commandments;
that through your most mighty protection, both here and ever,
we may be preserved in body and soul;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
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

Romans 8.26-39

Likewise the Spirit helps us in our weakness; for we do not know how to pray as we ought, but that very Spirit intercedes with sighs too deep for words. And God, who searches the heart, knows what is the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for the saints according to the will of God.

We know that all things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. For those whom he foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, in order that he might be the firstborn within a large family. And those whom he predestined he also called; and those whom he called he also justified; and those whom he justified he also glorified.

What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword? As it is written, 'For your sake we are being killed all day long; we are accounted as sheep to be slaughtered.' No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Matthew 13.31-33, 44-52

Jesus put before the crowds another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed that someone took and sowed in his field; it is the smallest of all the seeds, but when it has grown it is the greatest of shrubs and becomes a tree, so that the birds of the air come and make nests in its branches.'

He told them another parable: 'The kingdom of heaven is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened. The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which someone found and hid; then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field. Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a merchant in search of fine pearls; on finding one pearl of great value, he went and sold all that he had and bought it.'

'Again, the kingdom of heaven is like a net that was thrown into the sea and caught fish of every kind; when it was full, they drew it ashore, sat down, and put the good into baskets but threw out the bad. So it will be at the end of the age. The angels will come out and separate the evil from the righteous and throw them into the furnace of fire, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth. Have you understood all this?'

They answered, 'Yes.' And he said to them, 'Therefore every scribe who has been trained for the kingdom of heaven is like the master of a household who brings out of his treasure what is new and what is old.'

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.

*If you would like to make a donation to the church, collection plates (with gift aid envelopes)
and a card reader are available at the back of church at the end of the service*

HYMN 338 <i>At the name of Jesus (omitting verse 6)</i>

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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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 'Jesu, the very thought of thee' (Bairstow)

<i>HYMN 276 Bread of heaven, on thee we feed</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

<i>HYMN 235 Forth in thy name, O Lord, I go</i>
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

*Before: Couperin - Fugue sur la Trompette (from Mass for the Convents)
After: Dupré - Prelude and Fugue in B major (op. 7 no. 1)*

Please be aware that as we are into the school holidays there will be **NO FAMILY WORSHIP** now until schools resume after summer. We'll start the new term with All Age Communion at 10.30 am on 3rd September; and Family Worship will start again the following week at 9 am on 10th September.

MEN LUNCHING gather again at the Black Lion Pub, on Black Lion Lane, at 12.30 pm on Tuesday 8th August. No need for advance booking. Do join us if you are able. Email Richard Millar (richardmillar@supanet.com) for more information.

In view of the unreliable weather, **WOMEN LUNCHING** will meet at the Black Lion Pub rather than the Square! If the weather is kind, then we can be in the garden and if not, inside. So, looking forward to seeing you on Thursday 10th August at 12.30 pm. Any queries, do please contact Ruth Hawkins on 07899747044.

St Peter's Church are looking to appoint a **CHILDREN'S WORKER**. The previous position was a paid one, term-time only for 8 hours a week, to coordinate Family Worship, running children's arts & craft activities and occasional events, and help with confirmation groups. But there is plenty of scope for changing, splitting, or extending the role, or running completely new activities – a children's choir? holiday club? regular youth service? drama group? We have the flexibility to build one or more roles around the skills, time and interests of possible applicants, and willingness to support the work financially as necessary. So if you are interested, get in touch with the vicar Charles for an open conversation (charles.clapham@sky.com or 0797-909-3418).

Can you help with accommodation for an **IRANIAN CHRISTIAN**? Omid fled to the UK due to religious persecution, has been in the UK for about three years and has attended services at St Nicholas Church. He needs to live within commuting distance of Park Royal as he has a job there, is looking to rent a room or a flat, but can only afford about £4-500 a month. If you can help please contact sara@natsing.co.uk

The **LOUIS DOWDESWELL** Big Band are performing at the Earth Theatre Hackney on bank holiday Sunday (27th) August for one night only! Louis will be known to some at St Peter's as the talented trumpeter and partner of our former soprano Milly Forrest. Tickets from Dice.FM at <https://tinyurl.com/4np93k9b>

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 via the church website.



SUNDAY 6th AUGUST (Transfiguration)

8 am

HOLY COMMUNION

NO Family Worship

10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

6.30 pm

EVENING PRAYER

(Psalm 72; 1 Kings 19:1-16; 2 Peter 1:12-21)