



**St Peter's**  
Hammersmith

**17th September 2023**  
**(Fifteenth Sunday after Trinity)**

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10.30 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Officiant: Revd Charles Clapham  
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Chalice: Richard Millar  
Readers: Wendy Scott, Angela Dixon  
Intercessions: Richard Millar  
Crèche:  
Children's club: Susannah Stevens  
Coffee: Caroline Illingworth, Jenny TD  
Flowers: Deirdre Shaw

+ 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 and 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*

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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*

*Romans 14.1-12*

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. Who are you to pass judgement on servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall. And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God.

We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. For it is written, 'As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.' So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

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 18.21-35*

Peter came and said to Jesus, 'Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?' Jesus said to him, 'Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.'

'For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything." And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, "Pay what you owe." Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, "Have patience with me, and I will pay you." But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. Then his lord summoned him and said to him, "You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?" And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt.'

'So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.'

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.**

*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*

# *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.**

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 'Almighty and everlasting God' (Gibbons).*

HYMN 472 <i>When all thy mercies, O my God</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 408 <i>Love Divine, all loves excelling</i>
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

This Sunday (September 17th) our director of music Sam Hanson is away; we are grateful to **SEAN FROST**, Organ Scholar at St Clement Danes Church, for playing the organ and rehearsing the choir this morning.

**EVENING PRAYER** this Sunday (17th) at 6.30 pm. Officiant: Simon Brooke; reader Mark TD (Psalm 108; Jeremiah 31:31-34; Ephesians 2:1-10).

**HARVEST SUPPER**, Friday 29th September, 7.30 pm. Back by popular demand to celebrate harvest time - our traditional St Peter's Harvest Supper. There is the promise this year of ham, Cumberland sauce, potatoes dauphinoise, and roasted vegetables, with donations for the meal on the night to support the work of The Upper Room, and Glass Door. A chance to sit down with old friends and new; eat, drink and be merry; and raise money for those in need. Please let us know in advance that you are coming – by signing the sheet at the back of church, or emailing [s.carolineillingworth@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:s.carolineillingworth@hotmail.co.uk)

**SING WEST** start again on Monday 18th September, 7.30 pm at St Peter's. They are a local community choir created by three friends “who love music, people and sloping off to the pub” with an ethos which is open, inclusive and relaxed, under the charismatic leadership of Cian and Dafyd. They have 80 or so regular members, but always looking for new recruits. More details at [www.singwest.co.uk](http://www.singwest.co.uk)

Come and sing Haydn's Creation, with the **ADDISON SINGERS ORATORIO CHOIR**, at St Peter's Church on Saturday 23rd September 2023, from 2pm-5pm, with public performance at 5pm. £15 (free for under 30s), including music and tea/coffee (cake at £1/slice, with money raised supporting the choir). Register at <https://www.addisonsingers.com>

The next **DEANERY SYNOD** meets on 20th September (7 for 7.30 pm) at St Alban's Church, Margravine Road W6 8HJ. The area safeguarding officer, Caryn Weber, will be leading a presentation and discussion about how we can promote and create a church culture which is safe. All welcome to attend, whether members of the synod or not.

Do you think you might be able to lead **INTERCESSIONS** on an occasional basis at the 10.30 am service? If you haven't done it before, there are plenty of resources you can use, and Charles (and others!) will be very happy to offer advice and support.

**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 24th SEPTEMBER** (16th Sunday after Trinity)

8 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

9 am

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

10.30 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**