



**St Peter's**  
Hammersmith

**12th November 2023**  
**(Remembrance)**

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10.30 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Officiant: Revd Charles Clapham  
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Chalice: Vicky Lawrence  
Readers: Richard Woods, Sarah Burrell  
Intercessions: Simon Brooke  
Children's club:  
Coffee: Fiona Hay, Libby Balch, Vicky Lambert  
Flowers: Ruth Hawkins, Alice Crossman

+ 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, 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 Lord,  
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

## *The Collect*

Almighty Father, whose will is to restore all things  
in your beloved Son, the King of all:  
govern the hearts and minds of those in authority,  
and bring the families of the nations,  
divided and torn apart by the ravages of sin,  
to be subject to his just and gentle rule;  
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*

*1 Thessalonians 4.13-end*

But we do not want you to be uninformed, brothers and sisters, about those who have died, so that you may not grieve as others do who have no hope. For since we believe that Jesus died and rose again, even so, through Jesus, God will bring with him those who have died. For this we declare to you by the word of the Lord, that we who are alive, who are left until the coming of the Lord, will by no means precede those who have died. For the Lord himself, with a cry of command, with the archangel's call and with the sound of God's trumpet, will descend from heaven, and the dead in Christ will rise first. Then we who are alive, who are left, will be caught up in the clouds together with them to meet the Lord in the air; and so we will be with the Lord for ever. Therefore encourage one another with these words.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**I vow to thee, my country, all earthly things above,  
Entire and whole and perfect, the service of my love:  
The love that asks no question, the love that stands the test,  
That lays upon the altar, the dearest and the best;  
The love that never falters, the love that pays the price,  
The love that makes undaunted the final sacrifice.**

**And there's another country, I've heard of long ago,  
Most dear to them that love her, most great to them that know;  
We may not count her armies, we may not see her king;  
Her fortress is a faithful heart, her pride is suffering;  
And soul by soul, and silently her shining bounds increase,  
And her ways are ways of gentleness, and all her paths are peace.**

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

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Matthew 25.1-13*

‘Then the kingdom of heaven will be like this. Ten bridesmaids took their lamps and went to meet the bridegroom. Five of them were foolish, and five were wise. When the foolish took their lamps, they took no oil with them; but the wise took flasks of oil with their lamps. As the bridegroom was delayed, all of them became drowsy and slept. But at midnight there was a shout, “Look! Here is the bridegroom! Come out to meet him.” Then all those bridesmaids got up and trimmed their lamps. The foolish said to the wise, “Give us some of your oil, for our lamps are going out.” But the wise replied, “No! there will not be enough for you and for us; you had better go to the dealers and buy some for yourselves.” And while they went to buy it, the bridegroom came, and those who were ready went with him into the wedding banquet; and the door was shut. Later the other bridesmaids came also, saying, “Lord, lord, open to us.” But he replied, “Truly I tell you, I do not know you.” Keep awake therefore, for you know neither the day nor the hour.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## *Act of Remembrance*

*Please stand for the procession to the war memorial.*

*If you are worried that your baby or young child may disturb the two minutes silence, we would invite you to take them out into the meeting room at this point for the duration of the Act of Remembrance.*

*The wreath is laid this morning by Capt. Sam Greenly, Scots Guards (2011-18). Sam was commissioned into the Scots Guards from the Royal Military Academy Sandhurst. During his 7 years in the British Army, Sam's career experiences included conducting ceremonial duties at Buckingham Palace, training new recruits at the Infantry training centre in Catterick, working with the New Zealand Army on a selected Officer exchange programme and commanding the Mortar platoon. He deployed on numerous overseas training exercises, culminating in commanding the Regiments Support (Specialist Weapons) Company, prior to leaving in 2018.*

*As the wreath is laid, the following words are used:*

They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old;  
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun and in the morning, we will remember them.

**We will remember them.**

*We sit or kneel for intercessions, with the following responses*

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.

<i>HYMN 205</i> <i>Christ is made the sure foundation</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, 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 are asked to do so through intinction  
(that is, dipping the wafer into the wine) rather than drinking directly from the chalice.*

*Please ask the priest if you require a gluten-free wafer.*

*As we receive, the choir sing 'So they gave their bodies' (Aston).*

**Be still, my soul: the Lord is on thy side;  
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;  
leave to thy God to order and provide;  
in ev'ry change He faithful will remain.  
Be still, my soul: thy best, thy heav'nly Friend  
Through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.**

**Be still, my soul: thy God doth undertake  
to guide the future as He has the past.  
Thy hope, thy confidence let nothing shake;  
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.  
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know  
His voice, who ruled them while He dwelt below.**

**Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,  
and all is darkened in the veil of tears,  
then shalt thou better know His love, His heart,  
who comes to soothe thy sorrow and thy fears.  
Be still, my soul: thy Jesus can repay  
from His own fullness, all He takes away.**

**Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on  
when we shall be for ever with the Lord,  
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,  
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.  
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,  
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.**

*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*

<p><i>HYMN 119      The strife is o'er, the battle done</i></p>
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

*VOLUNTARIES (both with Simon Sturgeon-Clegg):*

*Before: Zimmer, Gibson & Rubin - Interstellar*

*After: Holst (arr. Sykes) - Jupiter, the Bringer of Jollity (from The Planets, op. 32)*

All donations given today will go support the **ROYAL BRITISH LEGION** and **COMBAT STRESS**. Collection plates (with gift aid envelopes) and a card reader are available at the back of church at the end of the service.

**MEN LUNCHING** will meet again on Tuesday 14th November at 12.30pm at the Black Lion. All welcome. Any enquiries to richardmillar@supanet.com

**CHORAL EVENSONG**, on Sunday 19th November at 6pm in St Peter's Church, including traditional Preces and Responses, an antiphonal psalm, Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis together with congregational hymns, and a retiring collection for "Sunday Suppers" (see below). Our thanks to Andrew Sparke for organising this.

**CHRISTMAS TREES**. St Peter's School PTA are again ordering Christmas trees for you, at a lower price than other local sellers, and all profits going to the school! Costs between £35-£85 depending on height, with last order 2nd December, and collection from the school on Friday 8th or Saturday 9th December. For more details, pick up a form from church, or download from the church website.

**PETROS SINGERS:** *Spem in Alium* singing workshop culminates in an hour-long recital, on Saturday November 25th, 6 pm. Tickets (£10) from [www.petrosingers.com](http://www.petrosingers.com)

**SPRA BULB PLANTING** in St Peter's Square, on Sunday 19th, November 2023 10am-12pm. With over 1000 bulbs to be planted, all are invited - bring a trowel!

**CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY**, Sunday 10th December, 3-5 pm, with games, arts/crafts activities, singing, bring-and-share party tea, and bar. Please email the vicar if you'd like to join the team organising this! Booking (£5 a head) for children to follow.

**SUNDAY SUPPERS**. With local volunteers, Vicky and Steve Lawrence are launching Sunday Suppers at Rivercourt on 19th November, to provide a hot meal to homeless men and women and those experiencing food poverty. For details or to volunteer, contact Vicky on 07939 083466; to make a financial donation visit [www.givey.com/sundaysuppers](http://www.givey.com/sundaysuppers)

**BOOK SWAP**, Wednesday 22nd November at Hartswood Tennis Club (31-33 Hartswood Road, W12 9NR) 10 am to 12.30 pm to support The Upper Room. Come and browse, and bring four books that others might enjoy. Christmas treats, homemade made cake and coffee. Donations to The Upper Room (cash or card).

**DEANERY SYNOD**, 16th November, St Andrews Church, Fulham Fields, 7 for 7.30pm, with a presentation by Love Your Neighbour, a network of churches and charities working to see people helped, communities rebuilt and inspire a movement of practical love for our neighbour (see <https://www.loveyourneighbour.uk>); and feedback session on last year's Synod on 'Warm Rooms' needed that winter. All welcome.

**SUNDAY 19th NOVEMBER** (2nd Sunday before Advent)

8 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

9 am

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

10.30 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

6 pm

**CHORAL EVENSONG**