



St Peter's
Hammersmith

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(2nd Sunday before Advent)

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10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

Officiant: Revd Charles Clapham
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Chalice: Bridget Stevenson
Readers: Clive Barda
Intercessions: Bola Savage
Children's club: Susannah Stevens
Coffee: The Robeys, Sarah Cruz, Victoria McDonald
Flowers: Ruth Todd

+ 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

Heavenly Father,
whose blessed Son was revealed
to destroy the works of the devil
and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life:
grant that we, having this hope,
may purify ourselves even as he is pure;
that when he shall appear in power and great glory
we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom;
where he 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 5.1-11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. When they say, 'There is peace and security', then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

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

Praise to you, O Christ.

Matthew 25.14-30

Jesus said to his disciples: 'The kingdom of heaven is as if a man, going on a journey, summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; to one he gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to his ability. Then he went away. The one who had received the five talents went off at once and traded with them, and made five more talents. In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more talents. But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug a hole in the ground and hid his master's money.'

'After a long time the master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. Then the one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more talents, saying, "Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have made five more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master." And the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, "Master, you handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents." His master said to him, "Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things, I will put you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master."

'Then the one who had received the one talent also came forward, saying, "Master, I knew that you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow, and gathering where you did not scatter seed; so I was afraid, and I went and hid your talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours." But his master replied, "You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap where I did not sow, and gather where I did not scatter? Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on my return I would have received what was my own with interest. So take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents. For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an abundance; but from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away. As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth."

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, 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.

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 leads into the doxology, to which all respond:

Amen.

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 'Listen, sweet dove' (Ives).

HYMN 70	Lord Jesus, think on me
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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 413	Now thank we all our God
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

VOLUNTARIES:

Before: Vierge - Adagio (from Symphony No. 3, op. 28)

After: Karg-Elert - Nun danket alle Gott (op. 65 no. 59)

CHRISTMAS PRESENT TREE launches today to provide presents for local children in need. Take a tag, buy and wrap a gift, and return to church by 17th December!

2024 CALENDAR with paintings of West London landmarks by our very own (and extremely talented) Denis Browne. On sale at the church (£15) with profits to St Peter's.

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.

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!

St Peter's School PTA are ordering **CHRISTMAS TREES** for you, at a lower price than other local sellers, and all profits going to the school! From £35 depending on height; last order 2nd December, and collection from the school on Friday 8th & Saturday 9th December. Pick up a form at church, or download from the church website.

CHRISTINGLE, Sunday December 3rd, 4.30 pm. Begin the build up to Christmas, with candles, oranges and sweets at our ever-popular Christingle service. All ages welcome!

CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY, Sunday 10th December, 3-5 pm, with games, arts & crafts, singing, bring-and-share party tea, bar, and (if we've all been very very good) a special visitor from Lapland. Booking (£5 a head) to follow.

ST PETER'S SCHOOL FAIR, 2nd December, 12-4 pm. BBQ, pizzas, mulled wine, crafts, Christmas stalls, Santa's Grotto, cakes, raffle, games, caricatures, and more.

BOOK SWAP, Wednesday 22nd November at Hartswood Tennis Club (31-33 Hartswood Road) 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).

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

SUNDAY SUPPERS at Rivercourt Church provides a hot meal each Sunday evening to homeless people and those experiencing food poverty. To volunteer, contact Vicky on 07939 083466; to make a financial donation visit www.givey.com/sundaysuppers

OPERA INTEGRATA Christmas Concert, Thursday 7th December, 7.30 pm. Winter themed songs plus Menotti's one-act Three Kings Christmas opera (operaintegrata.org.uk)

SUNDAY 26th NOVEMBER (Christ the King)

8 am

HOLY COMMUNION

9 am

FAMILY WORSHIP

10.30 am

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