



St Peter's
Hammersmith

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(Ascension Sunday)

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10.30 am

HOLY COMMUNION

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Children's club:
Coffee: Libby Balch, Fiona Hay, Vicky Lambert
Flowers: Joanna Woods, Emily Weston-Price

+ 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.

Alleluia! Christ is risen!
He is risen indeed! Alleluia!

We ask God for healing and forgiveness

Like Mary at the empty tomb,
we fail to grasp the wonder of your presence.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Like the disciples behind locked doors,
we are afraid to be seen as your followers.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Like Thomas in the upper room,
we are slow to believe.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

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

Ephesians 1.15-23

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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

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, with the following responses

Blessed are the poor in spirit:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Blessed are those who mourn:

for they will be comforted.

Blessed are the meek:

for they will inherit the earth.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness:

for they will be filled.

Blessed are the merciful:

for they will be shown mercy.

Blessed are the pure in heart:

for they will see God.

Blessed are the peace-makers:

for they will be called the children of God.

Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness:

for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

And blessed are we all when people insult us and falsely say all kinds of things about us, because of Jesus Christ.

**Let us even rejoice and be glad,
because great is our reward in heaven. 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 and a card reader are available at the back of church at the end of the service, or you can give online by scanning the QR code on the back of the order of 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.**

The congregation are invited to communion with the words

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 the anthem 'Come, Holy Ghost' (Attwood)

<i>HYMN 134 The head that once was crowned with thorns</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 388 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun</i>

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Oliver and Gabrielle Leigh-Woods are delighted to open their garden on St Peter's Square as part of the **NATIONAL OPEN GARDEN** scheme, with proceeds from tea and cake to the Church. Sunday May 12th, 2-6 pm, 27 St Peter's Square but with access from British Grove.

Thank you to all those who brought and bought cakes for the sale after church last week. We raised £365 for the Action for Children charity. If you'd still like to donate, you can do so directly via their website at www.actionforchildren.org.uk

MEN LUNCHING meet on Tuesday 14th at 12.30 pm at the Black Lion Pub, on Black Lion Lane. No need for advance booking. Do join us if you are able. Email Richard Millar (richardmillar@supanet.com) for more information.

St Peter's Church **APCM** (Annual Parochial Church Meeting), will be held after church on Sunday 19th May, starting at about 11.45 am. Copies of the church's annual report and accounts will be available for download on the website in advance; hard copies will also be provided on the day.

FUNERAL FOR DAVID BROAD, on Friday 17th May, 1.30 pm, at St Peter's Church, followed by refreshments at Linden House on the Upper Mall.

A **CONFIRMATION GROUP** for children in year six and above will be running next term on Tuesdays (5-6 pm) for six weeks, from May 21st. Email Lizzie Tree at lizzie@stpetersw6.org if you are interested. We may also run a separate group for teenagers, and/or also one for adults depending on demand.

SHAKESPEARE IN THE SQUARES are delighted to return to St Peter's Square on Saturday 8th June at 7pm, with a production of All's Well That Ends Well with a fairytale twist and gypsy swing music. Tickets from shakespeareinthesquares.co.uk/

To **DONATE TO ST PETER'S**, use the card machines or leave cash at the exit, or scan the QR code with your phone and donate online.



PENTECOST (19th May)

8 am

HOLY COMMUNION

10.30 am

ALL AGE COMMUNION

6.30 pm

EVENING PRAYER

(Psalm 45; Deuteronomy 8:1-10; John 6:1-14)