

St Peter's

18th August 2024 (12th Sunday after Trinity)

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10.30 am HOLY COMMUNION

Senior steward: Richard Millar

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Reader: Wendy Scott, Oliver Leigh Wood

Intercessions: Janie Pickard

Children's club: N/A

Coffee: Caroline Langton, Fiona Fox, Sarah Cruz

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

Most merciful God,
Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned
in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy, forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are,
and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray and to give more than either we desire or deserve: pour down upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask but through the merits and mediation of 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

1 Kings 3.3-14

Solomon loved the Lord, walking in the statutes of his father David; only, he sacrificed and offered incense at the high places. The king went to Gibeon to sacrifice there, for that was the principal high place; Solomon used to offer a thousand burnt-offerings on that altar. At Gibeon the Lord appeared to Solomon in a dream by night; and God said, 'Ask what I should give you.' And Solomon said, 'You have shown great and steadfast love to your servant my father David, because he walked before you in faithfulness, in righteousness, and in uprightness of heart towards you; and you have kept for him this great and steadfast love, and have given him a son to sit on his throne today. And now, O Lord my God, you have made your servant king in place of my father David, although I am only a little child; I do not know how to go out or come in. And your servant is in the midst of the people whom you have chosen, a great people, so numerous they cannot be numbered or counted. Give your servant therefore an understanding mind to govern your people, able to discern between good and evil; for who can govern this your great people?'

It pleased the Lord that Solomon had asked this. God said to him, 'Because you have asked this, and have not asked for yourself long life or riches, or for the life of your enemies, but have asked for yourself understanding to discern what is right, I now do according to your word. Indeed I give you a wise and discerning mind; no one like you has been before you and no one like you shall arise after you. I give you also what you have not asked, both riches and honour all your life; no other king shall compare with you. If you will walk in my ways, keeping my statutes and my commandments, as your father David walked, then I will lengthen your life.'

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John. Glory to you, O Lord.

John 6.51-58

Jesus said, 'I am the living bread that came down from heaven. Whoever eats of this bread will live for ever; and the bread that I will give for the life of the world is my flesh.'

The Jews then disputed among themselves, saying, 'How can this man give us his flesh to eat?' So Jesus said to them, 'Very truly, I tell you, unless you eat the flesh of the Son of Man and drink his blood, you have no life in you. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood have eternal life, and I will raise them up on the last day; for my flesh is true food and my blood is true drink. Those who eat my flesh and drink my blood abide in me, and I in them. Just as the living Father sent me, and I live because of the Father, so whoever eats me will live because of me. This is the bread that came down from heaven, not like that which your ancestors ate, and they died. But the one who eats this bread will live for ever.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

We sit for at the sermon, and stand to affirm our faith

Do you believe and trust in God the Father, who made the world?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in his Son Jesus Christ, who redeemed humanity?

We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in the Holy Spirit, who gives life to the people of God?

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 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 OR code on the back of the order of service.

HYMN 339

Be Thou My Vision

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.

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.

HYMN 342 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

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 336 Angel Voices Ever Singing

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

EVENING PRAYER tonight, 6.30 pm (Psalm 92; Exodus 2:23-3:10; Ephesians 1).

Next Sunday (25th August), we welcome again the **REVD JEREMY BROOKS**, who will be taking services at 8 am and at 10.30 am.

LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS! Join us in church to watch the Last Night of the Proms together on the big screen, with drinks, canapés, flag-waving, bunting and general bonhomie, culminating as we sing along to Rule Britannia, Land of Hope and Glory, Jerusalem, the National Anthem, and Auld Lang Syne. Saturday 14th September, from 7pm. More details to come.

SAM AND FRIENDS PLAY JAZZ. Save the date for the return of our former Director of Music Sam Hanson, with an evening of jazz with Sam and friends, booked for Saturday October 26th.

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.



AUGUST 25th (13th Sunday after Trinity)

8 am HOLY COMMUNION

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