



**St Peter's**  
Hammersmith

**15th September 2024**  
**(16th Sunday after Trinity)**

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10.30 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

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Reader: Cynthia Sparke, Deirdre Shaw  
Intercessions: Simon Bruce  
Children's club:  
Coffee: Emma Bruce, Heli Coxhead  
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*

When we turn away from you, and ignore your will for our lives:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

When we behave just as we wish, without considering others:  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

When we fail you by what we think and say and do:  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*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*

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers  
of your people who call upon you;  
and grant that they may both perceive and know  
what things they ought to do,  
and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them;  
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*

*James 3.1-12*

Not many of you should become teachers, my brothers and sisters, for you know that we who teach will be judged with greater strictness. For all of us make many mistakes. Anyone who makes no mistakes in speaking is perfect, able to keep the whole body in check with a bridle. If we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we guide their whole bodies. Or look at ships: though they are so large that it takes strong winds to drive them, yet they are guided by a very small rudder wherever the will of the pilot directs. So also the tongue is a small member, yet it boasts of great exploits.

How great a forest is set ablaze by a small fire! And the tongue is a fire. The tongue is placed among our members as a world of iniquity; it stains the whole body, sets on fire the cycle of nature, and is itself set on fire by hell. For every species of beast and bird, of reptile and sea creature, can be tamed and has been tamed by the human species, but no one can tame the tongue—a restless evil, full of deadly poison. With it we bless the Lord and Father, and with it we curse those who are made in the likeness of God. From the same mouth come blessing and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this ought not to be so. Does a spring pour forth from the same opening both fresh and brackish water? Can a fig tree, my brothers and sisters, yield olives, or a grapevine figs? No more can salt water yield fresh.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**From Heaven You came, helpless babe  
Entered our world, your glory veiled  
Not to be served but to serve  
And give Your life that we might live**

***This is our God, The Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to The Servant King***

**There in the garden of tears  
My heavy load he chose to bear  
His heart with sorrow was torn  
"Yet not My will but Yours", He said**

***This is our God, The Servant King  
He calls us now to follow Him  
To bring our lives as a daily offering  
Of worship to The Servant King***

**Come see His hands and His feet  
The scars that speak of sacrifice  
Hands that flung stars into space  
To cruel nails surrendered**

**So let us learn how to serve  
And in our lives enthrone Him  
Each other's needs to prefer  
For it is Christ we're serving**

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

*Mark 8.27-end*

Jesus went on with his disciples to the villages of Caesarea Philippi; and on the way he asked his disciples, 'Who do people say that I am?' And they answered him, 'John the Baptist; and others, Elijah; and still others, one of the prophets.' He asked them, 'But who do you say that I am?' Peter answered him, 'You are the Messiah.' And he sternly ordered them not to tell anyone about him.

Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, 'Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.'

He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, 'If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise of 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 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.**

**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.*

*During communion, the choir sing the anthem “Lead Me Lord“ (S.Wesley)*

HYMN 342 <i>Breathe on me Breath of 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 337 <i>Immortal, Invisible</i>
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Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**

**EVENING PRAYER**, tonight at 6.30 pm. Officiant Alyson Sich; reader Mark TD (Psalm 119:73-88; Exodus 18: 13-26; Matthew 7:1-14)

We're pleased to welcome **MICHAEL STEVENSON** to play the organ this morning, while Travis is on tour in the USA!

**HARVEST SUPPER.** Back by popular demand to celebrate harvest and welcome the autumn. Delicious home made food with vegetarian/gluten-free option, with donations for the meal on the night to support the work of local charities who support those who are homeless or in need. A wonderful chance to sit down with old friends and new; eat, drink and be merry; and also 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 the parish office.

**QUIZ NIGHT.** Advance notice to save the date of Saturday 16th November for the ever popular and highly contested St Peter's Church quiz night, with curry and cash bar.

**ADDISON SINGERS.** All welcome for an open rehearsal of Poulenc's *Gloria*, led by the Matthew Thomas Morgan and Matthew Hough. £15 per head (free for under 30s), Saturday 21st September 2-5pm at St Peter's Church, with free performance at 5 pm for friends, family, and passersby! Book at <https://www.addisonsingers.com/>

The **MERRY OPERA COMPANY** invite you to an evening of beloved opera selections, featuring our very own **ELERI GWILYM**, with popular arias to make you laugh, songs that make you cry, and rollicking choruses that make you want to join in. Familiar favourites from Puccini, Verdi, Mozart, Johann Strauss, Gilbert and Sullivan and more, with the odd (and very Merry) surprise thrown in. St Peter's Church, Saturday 28th September, 7 pm. Tickets from £5-£20, available from <https://www.merryopera.co.uk/>

**ST MICHAEL'S PLAYERS** present 'Harvey': a Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy that centres around Elwood P. Dowd, a good-natured, mild-mannered eccentric whose best friend is Harvey - an invisible, six-foot-tall, white rabbit. Wednesday 2nd - Saturday 5th October at 7.45pm. Tickets from <https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/stmichaelsplayers>

**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.



**SEPTEMBER 23rd** (Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity)

8 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

9 am

**FAMILY WORSHIP**

10.30 am

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