



**St Peter's**  
Hammersmith

**5th January 2024**  
**(Epiphany)**

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10.30 am

**HOLY COMMUNION**

Senior steward: Fiona Hay  
Stewards: Joanna and Richard Woods  
Chalice: Caroline Illingworth  
Reader: Tony Matthews  
Intercessions: Simon Bruce  
Children's club: NA  
Coffee: Heli Coxhead, L&Q Robey, Caroline Illingworth  
Flowers: Joanna Woods

+ 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*

You raise the dead to life in the Spirit.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

*The priest pronounces the Absolution*

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Father.**  
To him be glory forever.  
**To him be glory forever.**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen; Alleluia, amen; Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, Son of the Father.**  
To him be glory forever.  
**To him be glory forever.**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen; Alleluia, amen; Alleluia, amen.**

Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.  
**Glory to God, glory to God, glory to the Spirit.**  
To him be glory forever.  
**To him be glory forever.**  
Alleluia, amen.  
**Alleluia, amen; Alleluia, amen; Alleluia, amen.**

## *The Collect*

O God,  
who by the leading of a star  
manifested your only Son to the peoples of the earth:  
mercifully grant that we,  
who know you now by faith,  
may at last behold your glory face to face;  
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*

*Matthew 2.1-12*

In the time of King Herod, after Jesus was born in Bethlehem of Judea, wise men from the East came to Jerusalem, asking, 'Where is the child who has been born king of the Jews? For we observed his star at its rising, and have come to pay him homage.' When King Herod heard this, he was frightened, and all Jerusalem with him; and calling together all the chief priests and scribes of the people, he inquired of them where the Messiah was to be born. They told him, 'In Bethlehem of Judea; for so it has been written by the prophet: "And you, Bethlehem, in the land of Judah, are by no means least among the rulers of Judah; for from you shall come a ruler who is to shepherd my people Israel!"'

Then Herod secretly called for the wise men and learned from them the exact time when the star had appeared. Then he sent them to Bethlehem, saying, 'Go and search diligently for the child; and when you have found him, bring me word so that I may also go and pay him homage.' When they had heard the king, they set out; and there, ahead of them, went the star that they had seen at its rising, until it stopped over the place where the child was. When they saw that the star had stopped, they were overwhelmed with joy. On entering the house, they saw the child with Mary his mother; and they knelt down and paid him homage. Then, opening their treasure-chests, they offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And having been warned in a dream not to return to Herod, they left for their own country by another road.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

*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.

*To support St Peter's, you can donate via the collection plates, the card readers at the back of church, or by scanning the QR code with your phone.*

*If you are regular worshipper, we'd be very grateful if you would consider setting up a standing order or direct debit with a Gift Aid declaration, to allow us to reclaim tax on your donation. For details, scan the QR code, or visit [stpetersw6.org/giving](http://stpetersw6.org/giving)*



HYMN 52

*O Worship the Lord in the Beauty of Holiness*

## 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, and the prayer ends with 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 "People, Look East" (art. B.Ferguson)*

*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*

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

**EVENING PRAYER** tonight at 6.30 pm. Officiant the Vicar; reader Alyson Sich (Psalms 96 & 97, Isaiah 40. 1-13, Romans 15.8-21).

**WOMEN LUNCHING.** So soon this new year! But lunch will be at *The Black Lion Pub* in Black Lion Lane next Thursday 9 January 2025! Probably most of you will not have recovered from Christmas and the New Year, but I look forward to seeing those of you who can. Any queries do please contact Ruth Hawkins on 07899747044.

**MEN'S LUNCH** continues monthly on Tuesdays at 12.30 pm, gathering again on Tuesday 14th January 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.

**SUNDAY SUPPERS** provides hot meals to the homeless, and those experiencing food poverty, every Sunday evening at Rivercourt Methodist Church. To help, contact Vicky Lawrence (07939 083466). Volunteering hours are 6 to 9.15pm, except for cooking teams who start earlier. We're again collecting warm clothing and sturdy footwear for our guests (bring donations to St Peter's).

**HELP WITH COST OF LIVING.** Hammersmith and Fulham Council have produced a helpful booklet with information on sources of help and support for anyone struggling to manage this winter. You can access it at [lbhf.gov.uk/costofliving](http://lbhf.gov.uk/costofliving) or by scanning the QR code.



Please note that the **VICAR WILL BE ON STUDY LEAVE** from January 15th. In the first instance, contact the church wardens or the parish office with any inquiries.

**JANUARY 12th** (Baptism of Christ)

8 am **HOLY COMMUNION**

9 am **FAMILY WORSHIP**

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