

## **ST PETER'S CHURCH, STREATHAM – Trinity 15 2023**

You are welcome at St Peter's – whether this is your first time in church, or your 1000th. Everything you need is in this booklet – please join in the **bold**. If you would like a gluten-free wafer at communion, please let a welcomer know before mass begins.

Trinity 15 September 17	8am: Said Mass <b>10.30am: Parish Mass</b> 6.30pm: Evensong and Benediction
Mon – Wed	9am: Morning Prayer in church
Tues 19	7.30am: Mass at St Margaret the Queen, SW2 3BH
Wed 20	9.15am: Toddler Church 12pm: Said Mass in church
Trinity 16 September 24	8am: Said Mass <b>10.30am: Parish Mass</b> 6.30pm: Evensong and Benediction

**PRAYER CYCLE:** to add or remove people, contact Fr Steffan  
Pray for peace in Ukraine, Sudan and the Holy Land.

In our Diocese for **St Mary Magdalen, Heath Church & Reigate Mill Church, Reigate;** & in the Anglican Communion for **Diocese of Aguata, The Church of Nigeria.**

**Birthdays:** Winston Trotman, Anthea Eastoe, Alice, Emira Borde-Kuofie, Louise Sugden (check sheet for new ones).

**The Sick:** Neil, Judy, Valda, Graeme, Derek, James, Leo, Caryll, Cecil, Indy, Ronda and Marie-Therese.

**The Elderly & Housebound:** Vera, Rupert, Godfrey, Sylvia.

**Recently Departed Bishop Karowei & those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:** (none listed).

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## PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE

*As the bell rings, the Altar party enters. Please stand, if you are able.*

1. All my hope on God is founded;  
He doth still my trust renew.  
Me through change and chance he guideth,  
Only good and only true.  
God unknown,  
He alone  
Calls my heart to be his own.
2. God's great goodness aye endureth,  
Deep his wisdom, passing thought:  
Splendour, light and life attend him,  
Beauty springeth out of naught.  
Evermore  
From his store  
New-born worlds rise and adore.
3. Daily doth th'Almighty giver  
Bounteous gifts on us bestow;  
His desire our soul delighteth,  
Pleasure leads us where we go.  
Love doth stand  
At his hand;  
Joy doth wait on his command.
4. Still from man to God eternal  
Sacrifice of praise be done,  
High above all praises praising  
For the gift of Christ his Son.  
Christ doth call  
One and all:  
Ye who follow shall not fall.

✠ In the name of the Father & of the Son & of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**  
The Lord be with you: **And also with you**

*The priest introduces the mass, then calls us to confession:*

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love, revealed in  
Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins:

*Silence, then:* **Almighty God, our heavenly Father, we have sinned  
against you and against our neighbour in thought and 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.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent, have mercy upon *you*,  
pardon & deliver *you* from all *your* sins, confirm & strengthen *you* in all  
goodness, & keep *you* in life eternal; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

*We then sing the ancient hymn of praise, the gloria:*  
Glory to God, glory in the highest,  
peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory to God...**  
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father. **Glory...**  
We worship you, **glory in the highest,**  
give you thanks, **glory in the highest,**  
praise you for your glory. **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, **have mercy on us;**  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer, **receive our prayer.**  
Glory to God, glory in the highest,  
peace to his people, peace on earth. **Glory...**  
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 glory of God the Father. **Glory...**  
Amen, **amen.**

OPENING PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY      Let us pray: *silence, then:*  
God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in  
the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in  
the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be  
found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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.**

*Please sit for the* 1ST READING    Genesis 50.15–21

Realizing that their father was dead, Joseph's brothers said, 'What if Joseph still bears a grudge against us and pays us back in full for all the wrong that we did to him?' <sup>16</sup>So they approached Joseph, saying, 'Your father gave this instruction before he died, <sup>17</sup>"Say to Joseph: I beg you, forgive the crime of your brothers and the wrong they did in harming you.'" Now therefore please forgive the crime of the servants of the God of your father.' Joseph wept when they spoke to him. <sup>18</sup>Then his

brothers also wept, fell down before him, and said, 'We are here as your slaves.' <sup>19</sup>But Joseph said to them, 'Do not be afraid! Am I in the place of God? <sup>20</sup>Even though you intended to do harm to me, God intended it for good, in order to preserve a numerous people, as he is doing today. <sup>21</sup>So have no fear; I myself will provide for you and your little ones.' In this way he reassured them, speaking kindly to them.

This is the word of the Lord: **Thanks be to God**

### **Psalm 103.1–4.9-12**

The reader says: *The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy*

***And we respond: The Lord is compassion and love, slow to anger and rich in mercy***

1. My soul, give thanks to the Lord; All my being, bless his holy name. My soul, give thanks to the Lord; And never forget all his blessings. *Response.*

2. It is he who forgives all your guilt, Who heals every one of your ills, Who redeems your life from the grave, Who crowns you with love and compassion. *Response.*

3. His wrath will come to an end; He will not be angry for ever. He does not treat us according to our sins Nor repay us according to our faults. *Response.*

4. For as the heavens are high above the earth; So strong is his love for those who fear him. As far as the east is from the west, So far does he remove our sins. *Response.*

### **2ND READING Romans 14.1–12**

Welcome those who are weak in faith, but not for the purpose of quarrelling over opinions. <sup>2</sup>Some believe in eating anything, while the weak eat only vegetables. <sup>3</sup>Those who eat must not despise those who abstain, and those who abstain must not pass judgement on those who eat; for God has welcomed them. <sup>4</sup>Who are you to pass judgement on

servants of another? It is before their own lord that they stand or fall.

And they will be upheld, for the Lord is able to make them stand.

Some judge one day to be better than another, while others judge all days to be alike. Let all be fully convinced in their own minds. <sup>6</sup>Those who observe the day, observe it in honour of the Lord. Also those who eat, eat in honour of the Lord, since they give thanks to God; while those who abstain, abstain in honour of the Lord and give thanks to God. We do not live to ourselves, and we do not die to ourselves. <sup>8</sup>If we live, we live to the Lord, and if we die, we die to the Lord; so then, whether we live or whether we die, we are the Lord's. <sup>9</sup>For to this end Christ died and lived again, so that he might be Lord of both the dead and the living.

Why do you pass judgement on your brother or sister? Or you, why do you despise your brother or sister? For we will all stand before the judgement seat of God. <sup>11</sup>For it is written,

‘As I live, says the Lord, every knee shall bow to me, and every tongue shall give praise to God.’

<sup>12</sup>So then, each of us will be accountable to God.

This is the word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as the music starts for the GOSPEL reading (accounts of Jesus life and teaching) & face the procession as it moves to the centre of church:*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia; **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia***

*Speak, Lord, your servant is listening: you have the message of eternal life. **Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.***

*The Lord be with you: **And also with you.***

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

***Glory to you, O Lord.** (Matthew 18.21–35)*

Then Peter came and said to him, ‘Lord, if another member of the church sins against me, how often should I forgive? As many as seven times?’ <sup>22</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.’

‘For this reason the kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who wished to settle accounts with his slaves. <sup>24</sup>When he began the reckoning, one who owed him ten thousand talents was brought to him; <sup>25</sup>and, as he could not pay, his lord ordered him to be sold, together with his wife and children and all his possessions, and payment to be made. <sup>26</sup>So the slave fell on his knees before him, saying, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you everything.” <sup>27</sup>And out of pity for him, the lord of that slave released him and forgave him the debt. <sup>28</sup>But that same slave, as he went out, came upon one of his fellow-slaves who owed him a hundred denarii; and seizing him by the throat, he said, “Pay what you owe.” <sup>29</sup>Then his fellow-slave fell down and pleaded with him, “Have patience with me, and I will pay you.” <sup>30</sup>But he refused; then he went and threw him into prison until he should pay the debt. <sup>31</sup>When his fellow-slaves saw what had happened, they were greatly distressed, and they went and reported to their lord all that had taken place. <sup>32</sup>Then his lord summoned him and said to him, “You wicked slave! I forgave you all that debt because you pleaded with me. <sup>33</sup>Should you not have had mercy on your fellow-slave, as I had mercy on you?” <sup>34</sup>And in anger his lord handed him over to be tortured until he should pay his entire debt. <sup>35</sup>So my heavenly Father will also do to every one of you, if you do not forgive your brother or sister from your heart.’

This is the Gospel of the Lord: **Praise to you, O Christ!**

SERMON *then silence for reflection.*

*Then we stand for* THE CREED: **We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,**

*[All bow for] was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and was made man.*

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshipped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead ☩, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

*Please feel free to sit or kneel during the PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL.*

*After each prayer, the leader may say:*

Lord, in your mercy, **Hear our prayer.**

*After praying for the dead, they may say:*

☩ Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord:

**and let light perpetual shine upon them.**

*Then:* **Hail Mary, full of grace, the Lord is with thee. Blessed art thou among women, and blessed is the fruit of thy womb, Jesus. Holy Mary, Mother of God, pray for us sinners, now, and at the hour of our death.**

*The priest ends the prayers: ...Jesus Christ: Amen.*

#### THE PEACE:

Blessed are the peacemakers: they shall be called children of God.

We meet in the name of Christ and share his peace.

The peace of the Lord be always with you: **And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*During the hymn, a collection is taken: you are welcome to make a donation, or if you would like you can use a card reader at the back of church.*

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord!  
Unnumbered blessings give my spirit voice;  
tender to me the promise of his word;  
in God my Savior shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his Name!  
Make known his might, the deeds his arm has done;  
his mercy sure, from age to age to same;  
his holy Name--the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul, the greatness of his might!  
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.  
Proud hearts and stubborn wills are put to flight,  
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!  
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.  
Tell out, my soul, the greatness of the Lord  
to children's children and for evermore!

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Please stand for:*

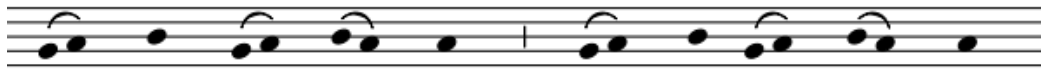
Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to  
God, the almighty Father:

**May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise  
and glory of his name, for our good, and the good of all his  
Church.**

Wise and gracious God, you spread a table before us; nourish your  
people with the word of life and the bread of heaven. Through Jesus  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



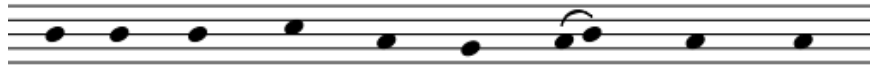
## THE EUCHARIST



The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



Lift up your hearts. **R.** 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 praises God for his acts, and then we join with the angels in their song of praise, as the choir sings, in English or Latin:*

*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, recalling the last supper of Jesus and his disciples, prays that the bread and wine may become the body and blood of Christ.*

*After elevating the host and chalice, we proclaim the mystery of faith:*

*Great is the mystery of faith:*

**Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

*The priest then prays for the church and the world, and the gift of God's spirit, ending, as the priest elevates the gifts. ending:*



for ev-er and ev-er. **A-men.**

## THE LORD'S PRAYER



Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom come;



thy will be done, on earth as it is in hea - ven. Give us this day our dai - ly bread,



and for - give us our tres - pas - ses, as we for - give those who tres - pass a - gainst us,



and lead us not in - to temp - ta - tion, but de - liv - er us from e - vil.

Deliver us, Lord, from every evil, and grant us peace in our day. In your mercy keep us free from sin and protect us from all anxiety as we wait in joyful hope for the coming of our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

**For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,  
now and forever.**

*As the host is broken, the choir sing, in English or Latin:  
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.*

Behold the Lamb of God who takes away the sins 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.**

*Please come forward to receive communion. If you would like a blessing, ask as you approach, or cross your arms over your chest, and this will be given.*

*The choir will sing an anthem.*

*We then sing together our communion hymn:*

1. Longing for light, we wait in  
darkness.  
Longing for truth, we turn to you.  
Make us your own, your holy  
people,  
light for the world to see.

*Chorus: Christ, be our light!  
Shine in our hearts.  
Shine through the darkness.  
Christ, be our light!  
Shine in your church gathered today.*

2. Longing for peace, our world is  
troubled.  
Longing for hope, many despair.  
Your word alone has power to save  
us.  
Make us your living voice.  
*Christ, be our light!...*

3. Longing for food, many are hungry.  
Longing for water, many still thirst.  
Make us your bread, broken for  
others,  
shared until all are fed.  
*Christ, be our light! ...*

4. Longing for shelter, many are  
homeless.  
Longing for warmth, many are cold.  
Make us your building, sheltering  
others,  
walls made of living stone.  
*Christ, be our light!...*

5. Many the gifts, many the people,  
many the hearts that yearn to belong.  
Let us be servants to one another,  
making your kingdom come.  
*Christ, be our light!...*

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray. *Please stand.*

Keep, O Lord, your Church, with your perpetual mercy; and, because  
without you our human frailty cannot but fall, keep us ever by your  
help from all things hurtful, and lead us to all things profitable to our  
salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

**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**

*Followed by the NOTICES.*

Then THE BLESSING & DISMISSAL  
The Lord be with you: **And also with you.**

The Lord bless you and keep you, The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up the light of his countenance upon you and give you his peace; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. **Amen**

Go in the peace of Christ. **Thanks be to God.**

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
To his feet thy tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven.  
who like me his praise should sing?  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise the everlasting King!

2. Praise him for his grace and favour  
To our fathers in distress;  
Praise him still the same forever,  
Slow to chide, and swift to bless.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Glorious in his faithfulness.

3. Father-like he tends and spares us;  
Well our feeble frame he knows;  
In his hands he gently bears us,  
Rescues us from all our foes.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Widely as his mercy flows.

4. Angels, help us to adore him;  
Ye behold him face to face;  
Sun and moon bow down before him,  
Dwellers all in time and space.  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise him! Praise him!  
Praise with us the God of grace!

*Please do join us for refreshments after the service – we love meeting new people! Refreshments are normally served in the crypt, opposite the entrance gate as you come in – or ask one of the clergy or welcomers who can take you down and introduce you to people.*