

## ST PETER'S CHURCH, STREATHAM – 19 Nov 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.

2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday before Advent Nov 19	8am: Said Mass <b>10.30am: Parish Mass</b> 6.30pm: Evensong and Benediction
Mon – Wed	9am: Morning Prayer in church
Tues 7	7.30am: Mass at St Margaret the Queen, SW2 3BH
Wed 8 Nov	9.15am Toddler Church 12pm: Said Mass in church
Christ the King Nov 26	8am: Said Mass <b>10.30am: Parish Mass</b> 6.30pm: Evensong and Benediction

**PRAYER CYCLE:** to add or remove people, contact Fr Steffan In our Diocese for **Croydon Central Deanery**; & in the Anglican Communion for **Anglican Church of Myanmar**.

**Birthdays:** Joshua & Oliver Freeman-Birth (check sheet).

**The Sick:** Neil, Judy, Valda, Leo, Caryll, Cecil, Indy, Ronda, Anne.

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

**Recently Departed:** Derek Downs, Mary Mensah, Graeme Walker, Dr Andrew Ranjan Ferando, Gregory Cools, Alexandra Cunnison & **those whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:** Dick Gaster.

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## PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE

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

1 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, thou weary one, lay down  
Thy head upon my breast:’  
I came to Jesus as I was,  
Weary, and worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place,  
And he has made me glad.

3 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘I am this dark world’s Light;  
Look unto me, thy morn shall rise,  
And all thy day be bright:’  
I looked to Jesus, and I found  
In him my Star, my Sun;  
And in that light of life I’ll walk  
Till traveling days are done.

2 I heard the voice of Jesus say,  
‘Behold, I freely give  
The living water, thirsty one;  
Stoop down, and drink, and live:  
I came to Jesus, and I drank  
Of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul  
revived,  
And now I live in him.

✠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:*

Jesus says, ‘Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is close at hand.’  
So let us turn away from sin and turn to Christ,  
confessing our sins in penitence and faith.

*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.**

*The choir sing, in English or Greek, the ancient Prayer the 'kyrie', kyrie meaning Lord and eleison meaning mercy*

Lord have mercy  
Christ have mercy;  
Lord have mercy

Kyrie eleison  
Christe eleison  
Kyrie eleison

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 in the highest, and peace to his people on earth.**

(Choir) Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father.

We worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory.

**Glory to God...**

(Choir) 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.

(Choir) You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer.

**Glory to God...**

(Choir) 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 Amen.

**Glory to God...**

**OPENING PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY** Let us pray:

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son was revealed to destroy the works of the devil and to make us the children of God and heirs of eternal life: grant that we, having this hope, may purify ourselves even as he is pure; that when he shall appear in power and great glory we may be made like him in his eternal and glorious kingdom; where he 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** Zephaniah 1.7,12-18

<sup>7</sup> Be silent before the Lord God! For the day of the Lord is at hand; the Lord has prepared a sacrifice, he has consecrated his guests.

<sup>12</sup> At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the

people who rest complacently on their dregs, those who say in their hearts, 'The Lord will not do good, nor will he do harm.'

<sup>13</sup> Their wealth shall be plundered, and their houses laid waste.

Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them; though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

<sup>14</sup> The great day of the Lord is near, near and hastening fast; the sound of the day of the Lord is bitter, the warrior cries aloud there.

<sup>15</sup> That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish, a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom, a day of clouds and thick darkness, a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities and against the lofty battlements.

<sup>17</sup> I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the Lord, their blood shall be poured out like dust, and their flesh like dung.

<sup>18</sup> Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them on the day of the Lord's wrath; in the fire of his passion the whole earth shall be consumed; for a full, a terrible end he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

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

### **Psalm 90 v1-8**

*The choir sing: O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.*

*And we respond: **O Lord my God, in you I take refuge.***

Lord, you have been our refuge from one generation to another. Before the mountains were brought forth, or the earth and the world were formed, from everlasting to everlasting you are God. **Response**

You turn us back to dust and say: 'Turn back, O children of earth.' For a thousand years in your sight are but as yesterday, which passes like a watch in the night. **Response.**

You sweep them away like a dream; they fade away suddenly like the grass. In the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered. **Response**

For we consume away in your displeasure; we are afraid at your wrathful indignation. You have set our misdeeds before you and our secret sins in the light of your countenance. **Response**

2ND READING      I Thessalonians 5.1–11

Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do not need to have anything written to you. <sup>2</sup>For you yourselves know very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night. <sup>3</sup>When they say, ‘There is peace and security’, then sudden destruction will come upon them, as labour pains come upon a pregnant woman, and there will be no escape! <sup>4</sup>But you, beloved, are not in darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; <sup>5</sup>for you are all children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of darkness. <sup>6</sup>So then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober; <sup>7</sup>for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who are drunk get drunk at night. <sup>8</sup>But since we belong to the day, let us be sober, and put on the breastplate of faith and love, and for a helmet the hope of salvation. <sup>9</sup>For God has destined us not for wrath but for obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, <sup>10</sup>who died for us, so that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. <sup>11</sup>Therefore encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

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:  
The choir sings “Alleluia, Alleluia”, which we repeat **Alleluia, Alleluia**  
Even if you have to die, says the Lord, keep faithful, and I will give you the crown of Life. **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 11.25-30)

At that time Jesus declared, "I thank you, Father, Lord of heaven and earth, that you have hidden these things from the wise and understanding and revealed them to little children; yes, Father, for such was your gracious will. All things have been handed over to me by my Father, and no one knows the Son except the Father, and no one knows the Father except the Son and anyone to whom the Son chooses to reveal him. Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me, for I am gentle and lowly in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light."

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:

May the God of peace sanctify you: may he so strengthen your hearts in holiness that you may be blameless before him at the coming of our Lord Jesus with his saints.

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.*

1. We hail thy presence glorious,  
O Christ our great high priest,  
o'er sin and death victorious,  
at thy thanksgiving feast:  
as thou art interceding  
for us in heaven above,  
thy Church on earth is pleading  
thy perfect work of love.

2. Through thee in every nation  
thine own their hearts upraise,  
offering one pure oblation,  
one sacrifice of praise:  
with thee in blest communion  
the living and the dead  
are joined in closest union,  
one body with one head.

3. O living Bread from heaven,  
Jesu, our Saviour good,  
who thine own self hast given  
to be our souls' true food;  
for us thy body broken  
hung on the cross of shame:  
this bread, its hallowed token,  
we break in thy dear name.

4. O stream of love unending,  
poured from the one true vine,  
with our weak nature blending  
the strength of life divine;  
our thankful faith confessing  
in thy life-blood outpoured,  
we drink this cup of blessing  
and praise thy name, O Lord.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Please stand for:*

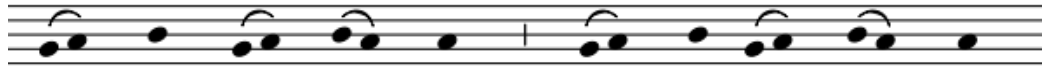
Pray, my brothers and sisters, that our sacrifice may be acceptable to  
God, the almighty Father:

**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.**

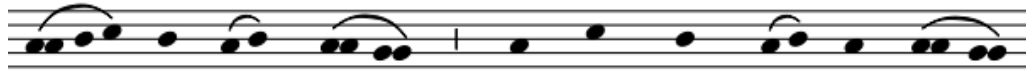
To you we come, Father of lights, with angels and saints, where heaven  
and earth unite. May Jesus meet us in the breaking of the bread. Through  
Christ our Lord. **Amen.**



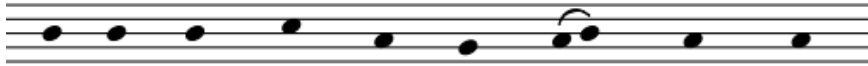
## THE EUCHARIST



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



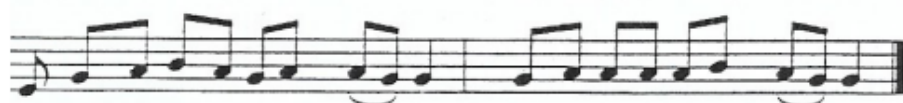
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom come;



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 God of mercy, God of grace,  
Show the brightness of thy face:  
Shine upon us, Saviour, shine,  
Fill thy Church with light divine;  
And thy saving health extend  
Unto earth's remotest end.

2 Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Be by all that live adored:  
Let the nations shout and sing,  
Glory to their Saviour King;  
At thy feet their tributes pay,  
And thy holy will obey.

3 Let the people praise thee, Lord;  
Earth shall then its fruits afford;  
God to man his blessing give,  
Man to God devoted live;  
All below, and all above,  
One in joy, and light, and love.

### POST COMMUNION PRAYER

*Let us pray. Please stand.*

Gracious Lord, in this holy sacrament you give substance to our hope:  
bring us at the last to that fullness of life for which we long; through Jesus

Christ our Saviour. **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.**

Christ our King make you faithful and strong to do his will, that you may reign with him in glory; 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.**

I To God be the glory, great things he has done!  
So loved he the world that he gave us his Son,  
who yielded his life an atonement for sin,  
and opened the life-gate that all may go in.

*Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord,  
Let the earth hear his voice!  
Praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!  
Let the people rejoice!  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son  
and give him the glory, great things he has done!*

2 Great things he has taught us, great things he has done,  
and great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son,  
but purer and higher and greater will be  
our joy and our wonder, when Jesus we see.

*Praise the Lord!...*

*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.*