

St Peter's Church, Streatham – Advent 3 2024

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.

Dec 15 Advent 3	8am: Said Mass 10.30am: Parish Mass 6.30pm: Choral Evensong and Benediction
Mon 16	9am: Morning Prayer
Tues 17	7.30am: Said Mass at St Margaret's (SW2 3BH) 9am: Morning Prayer
Wed 18	9am: Morning Prayer 9.20am: Toddler Church 12pm: Said Mass
Dec 22 Advent 4	8am: Said Mass 10.30am: Parish Mass 6.30pm: Nine Lessons and Carols

PRAYER CYCLE: to add/remove people, please contact Fr Steffan In our **Diocese** for All Saints Plumstead, & in the wider **Anglican Communion** for the Church of Tanzania.

In our **parish**, that we may grow in numbers, grow in the deepening of our faith, and grow in service to our community.

Birthdays: Imogen Tew

The Sick: Neil, Judy, Indy, Charlotte, Chad, Natasha, Andreas, Arlette, Tyrone, Brian, Imogen, Michael, Paula, Bridget, Gabriel, Valerie, Richard, Norman, Patsy, Claude.

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

The Recently Departed: Marjorie Edwards, Germaine; **and whose Year's Mind occurs at this time:** Irene Yarwood, Iris Smith

Fr Steffan Mathias, Vicar	frsteffanmathias@gmail.com Fr Steffan's day off is Friday	
Fr Ben Vertannes, Assistant Curate	frbenvertannes@gmail.com Fr Ben's day off/study day are Fri/Sat	078 2154 0262

Stuck at home/hospital?

Please be in touch and the clergy would be happy to visit or pray.

New home? Fresh start?

We would be delighted to come round for a house blessing.

*Speak to Fr Ben to be added to our email list, or to request a visit.
stpeters-streatham.org. Facebook & Twitter: @StPetersSW16*

Please do join us for refreshments after the service – we love meeting new people! Refreshments are normally by the statue of Mary.

*One of the clergy can help introduce you to people
– please ask if we can be of help.*

Upcoming Dates for your Diary



Nine Lessons & Carols

Followed by Mulled Wine
and Raffle Draw



Children's Christmas

With Activities 3-4pm
and Crib service at 4-4.30pm



Midnight Mass

Come and join us as we celebrate
Jesus' Birth



Christmas Day Mass

Family Service with
Carols & Crib Scene

PARISH MASS – ORDER OF SERVICE

*As the bell rings, the Altar party enters. Please stand, if you are able.
The choir sing the traditional Advent Prose, taken from verses of Isaiah,
calling down God to bring peace and healing on earth:*

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Ye are my witnesses, saith the Lord,
and my servant whom I have chosen:
that ye may know me and believe me:
I, even I, am the Lord, and beside me there is no Saviour:
and there is none that can deliver out of my hand.

Drop down, ye heavens, from above,
and let the skies pour down righteousness.

Then we all sing:

1 ON Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh;
Come then and hearken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

2 Then cleansed be every Christian
breast,
And furnished for so great a guest!
Yea, let us each our hearts prepare
For Christ to come and enter there.

3 For thou art our salvation, Lord,
Our refuge and our great reward;
Without thy grace our souls must fade,
And wither like a flower decayed.

4 Stretch forth thine hand to heal our
sore,
And make us rise, to fall no more;
Once more upon thy people shine,
And fill the world with love divine.

5 All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent sets thy people free,
Whom, with the Father, we adore,
And Spirit blest, for evermore. Amen.

GREETING AND WELCOME

✠ 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.

During the lighting of the Advent candle, the choir sing:

Blessed are you, Sovereign Lord, just and true,
to you be praise and glory for ever!

Your prophet John the Baptist was witness to the truth
as a burning and shining light.

May we your servants rejoice in his light, and so be led to witness to
him who is the Lord of our coming Kingdom
Jesus our Saviour and King of the ages. Blessed be God for ever.

Then we are called to confession:

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in
darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in
the light of Christ let us confess 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.

Then the choir sing:

Lord have mercy	Kyrie Eleison
Christ have mercy	Christe Eleison
Lord have mercy	Kyrie Eleison

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

OPENING PRAYER FOR THIS SUNDAY

Let us pray. *Silence, then:*

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power
and come among us,
and with great might succour us;
that whereas, through our sins and wickedness
we are grievously hindered
in running the race that is set before us,
your bountiful grace and mercy
may speedily help and deliver us;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit,
be honour and glory, now and for ever.
Amen.

Please sit for the IST READING A reading from the Prophet Zephaniah
(3.14–20)

¹⁴ Sing aloud, O daughter Zion; shout, O Israel!

Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The Lord has taken away the judgements against you,
he has turned away your enemies.

The king of Israel, the Lord, is in your midst;
you shall fear disaster no more.

¹⁶ On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

Do not fear, O Zion; do not let your hands grow weak.

¹⁷ The Lord, your God, is in your midst, a warrior who gives victory;
he will rejoice over you with gladness,
he will renew you in his love;

he will exult over you with loud singing¹⁸ as on a day of festival.

I will remove disaster from you,

so that you will not bear reproach for it.

¹⁹ I will deal with all your oppressors at that time.

And I will save the lame and gather the outcast,

and I will change their shame into praise and renown in all the earth.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you home, at the time when I gather you;

for I will make you renowned and praised

among all the peoples of the earth,

when I restore your fortunes

before your eyes, says the Lord.

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

2ND READING A reading from the letter of St Paul to the Philippians
(4:4-7)

Rejoice in the Lord always; again I will say, Rejoice.⁵ Let your gentleness be known to everyone. The Lord is near. ⁶ Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. ⁷ And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

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!** The spirit of the Lord has been given to me.

He has sent me to bring good news to the poor. **Alleluia!**

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

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

Glory to you, O Lord. (Luke 3.7–18)

John said to the crowds that came out to be baptized by him, ‘You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruits worthy of repentance. Do not begin to say to yourselves, “We have Abraham as our ancestor”; for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children to Abraham. ⁹Even now the axe is lying at the root of the trees; every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire.’

And the crowds asked him, ‘What then should we do?’ ¹¹In reply he said to them, ‘Whoever has two coats must share with anyone who has none; and whoever has food must do likewise.’ ¹²Even tax-collectors came to be baptized, and they asked him, ‘Teacher, what should we do?’ ¹³He said to them, ‘Collect no more than the amount prescribed for you.’ ¹⁴Soldiers also asked him, ‘And we, what should we do?’ He said to them, ‘Do not extort money from anyone by threats or false accusation, and be satisfied with your wages.’

As the people were filled with expectation, and all were questioning in their hearts concerning John, whether he might be the Messiah, ¹⁶John answered all of them by saying, ‘I baptize you with water; but one who is more powerful than I is coming; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹⁷His winnowing-fork is in his hand, to clear his threshing-floor and to gather the wheat into his granary; but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.’

So, with many other exhortations, he proclaimed the good news to the people.

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.**

PRAYER OF THE FAITHFUL

please feel free to sit or kneel

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:

In the tender mercy of our God, the dayspring from on high shall break upon us, to give light to those who dwell in darkness and in the shadow of death, and to guide our feet into the way of peace.

The Peace of the Lord be always with you:

and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We turn to our neighbour and say 'peace be with you', or shake hands

OFFERTORY: *The gifts of bread and wine are brought forward. 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 the church.*

1. People look East. The time is near Of
the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able,
Trim the hearth and set the table.

People look East, today:

Love the Guest is on the way.

2. Furrows, be glad. Though earth is
bare,

One more seed is planted there: Give up
your strength the seed to nourish,
That in course the flower may flourish.

People look East, today:

Love the Rose is on the way.

3. Stars, keep the watch. When
night is dim

One more light the bowl shall
brim, Shining beyond the frosty
weather, Bright as sun and moon
together. People look East, today:

Love the Star is on the way.

4. Angels announce to man and
beast Him who cometh from the
East. Set every peak and valley
humming With the Word, the
Lord is coming. People look East,
today:

Love the Lord is on the way.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS AT THE ALTAR

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.**

Look upon us in mercy not in judgement; draw us from hatred to love;
make the frailty of our praise a dwelling place for your glory.

Though Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

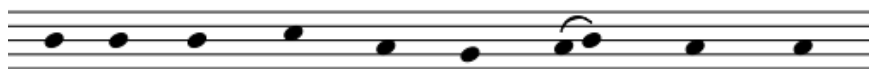
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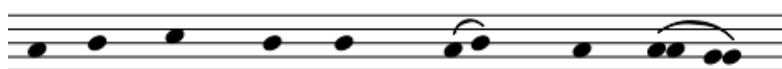
The Lord be with you **R.** and al-so with you.



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 sing (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...



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

THE LORD'S PRAYER



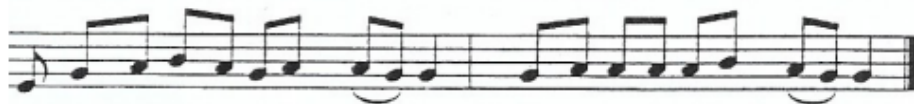
Our Fa - ther, who art in hea - ven, Hal - low - ed be thy name. Thy king - dom come;



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 (body of Christ) is broken, the choir sings (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 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.**

RECEIVING OF COMMUNION

*Please come forward to receive communion after the choir.
Christians of any denomination are welcome 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 – or feel free to stay in your pew.

The choir sings a motet: See Amid the Winter's Snow, by Goss

Then we sing:

Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here;
come bow before him now
with reverence and fear:
in him no sin is found-
we stand on holy ground.
Be still,
for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

2. Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;
he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned:
how awesome is the sight-
our radiant King of light!
Be still,
for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around.

3. Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place:
he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace-
no work too hard for him.
In faith receive from him.
Be still,
for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place.

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray.

Please stand.

Father in heaven,
who sent your Son to redeem the world
and will send him again to be our judge:
give us grace so to imitate him
in the humility and purity of his first coming
that, when he comes again,
we may be ready to greet him
with joyful love and firm faith;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

THE BLESSING

The Lord be with you

And also with you

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes 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.**

We then sing:

I WAKE, O wake! with tidings thrilling
The watchmen all the air are filling,
Arise, Jerusalem, arise!
Midnight strikes! no more delaying,
'The hour has come!' we hear them saying.
Where are ye all, ye virgins wise?
The Bridegroom comes in sight,
Raise high your torches bright! Alleluya!
The wedding song
Swells loud and strong: Go forth and join the festal throng.

2 Sion hears the watchmen shouting,
Her heart leaps up with joy undoubting,
She stands and waits with eager eyes;
See her Friend from heaven descending,
Adorned with truth and grace unending!
Her light burns clear, her star doth rise.
Now come, thou precious Crown,
Lord Jesu, God's own Son! Hosanna!
Let us prepare
To follow there, Where in thy supper we may share.

3 Every soul in thee rejoices;
From men and from angelic voices
Be glory given to thee alone!
Now the gates of pearl receive us,
Thy presence never more shall leave us,
We stand with Angels round thy throne.
Earth cannot give below
The bliss thou dost bestow. Alleluya!
Grant us to raise,
To length of days, The triumph-chorus of thy praise.