



Welcome

Quinquagesima

11 February



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden



@actorschurch

Please switch off all mobile phones.

BEWARE: *We do occasionally suffer from theft: take care of your belongings*

Accessibility

Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

Gluten free wafers are available.

Hearing loop installed; collect a receiver from the back of church.

info@actorschurch.org 020 7836 5221 www.actorschurch.org

To join our mailing list, sign up on the website

We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**I The Church's one foundation
is Jesus Christ her Lord;
she is his new creation
by water and the word:
from heaven he came and sought her
to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her,
and for her life he died.**

**2 Elect from every nation,
yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation
one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blesses,
partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses
with every grace endued.**

**3 Though with a scornful wonder
men see her sore opprest,
by schisms rent asunder,
by heresies distrest,
yet saints their watch are keeping,
their cry goes up, 'How long?'
and soon the night of weeping
shall be the morn of song.**

**4 Mid toil and tribulation,
and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation
of peace for evermore;
till with the vision glorious
her longing eyes are blest,
and the great Church victorious
shall be the Church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth hath union
with God the three in one,
and mystic sweet communion
with those whose rest is won;
O happy ones and holy!
Lord, give us grace that we,
like them the meek and lowly,
on high may dwell with thee.**

The Priest goes to the Lectern and says:

Priest In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All Amen.

Priest The Lord be with you.

All and also with you.

*The priest introduces the service and then leads
the congregation in prayer:*

**Almighty God,
to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known,
and from whom no secrets are
hidden:
cleanse the thoughts of our hearts
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,
that we may perfectly love you, and
worthily magnify your holy name;
through Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

*The priest invites the congregation to seek God's
mercy and grace. We say together:*

**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 Priest announces the **Absolution** to which
all reply: **Amen**. The **Gloria** is sung from the
separate music sheet. The prayer of the day –
the **Collect** – is sung.*

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

*We sit for the **first** and **second** readings.*

First Reading

2 Kings 2.1-12, read by Tom

¹When the LORD was about to take Elijah up to heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah and Elisha were on their way from Gilgal.

²Elijah said to Elisha, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me as far as Bethel.' But Elisha said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they went down to Bethel. ³The company of prophets who were in Bethel came out to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he said, 'Yes, I know; keep silent.'

⁴Elijah said to him, 'Elisha, stay here; for the LORD has sent me to Jericho.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So they came to Jericho. ⁵The company of prophets who were at Jericho drew near to Elisha, and said to him, 'Do you know that today the LORD will take your master away from you?' And he answered, 'Yes, I know; be silent.'

⁶Then Elijah said to him, 'Stay here; for the LORD has sent me to the Jordan.' But he said, 'As the LORD lives, and as you yourself live, I will not leave you.' So the two of them went on. ⁷Fifty men of the company of prophets also went, and stood at some distance from them, as they both were standing by the Jordan. ⁸Then Elijah took his mantle and rolled it up, and

struck the water; the water was parted to the one side and to the other, until the two of them crossed on dry ground.

⁹When they had crossed, Elijah said to Elisha, 'Tell me what I may do for you, before I am taken from you.' Elisha said, 'Please let me inherit a double share of your spirit.' ¹⁰He responded, 'You have asked a hard thing; yet, if you see me as I am being taken from you, it will be granted you; if not, it will not.' ¹¹As they continued walking and talking, a chariot of fire and horses of fire separated the two of them, and Elijah ascended in a whirlwind into heaven. ¹²Elisha kept watching and crying out, 'Father, father! The chariots of Israel and its horsemen!' But when he could no longer see him, he grasped his own clothes and tore them in two pieces.

At the end:

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

Second Reading

2 Corinthians 4.3-6, read by Tony

³Even if our gospel is veiled, it is veiled to those who are perishing. ⁴In their case the god of this world has blinded the minds of the unbelievers, to keep them from seeing the light of the gospel of the glory of Christ, who is the image of God. ⁵For we do not proclaim ourselves; we proclaim Jesus Christ as Lord and ourselves as your slaves for Jesus' sake. ⁶For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ.

At the end:

Reader	This is the word of the Lord.
All	Thanks be to God.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book.*

**1. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

**2. We are pilgrims on a journey,
and companions on the road;
we are here to help each other
walk the mile and bear the load.**

**3. I will hold the Christlight for you
in the nighttime of your fear;
I will hold my hand out to you,
speak the peace you long to hear.**

**4. I will weep when you are weeping;
when you laugh I'll laugh with you;
I will share your joy and sorrow,
till we've seen this journey through.**

**5. When we sing to God in heaven,
we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together
of Christ's love and agony.**

**6. Brother, sister, let me serve you;
let me be as Christ to you;
pray that I may have the grace to
let you be my servant too.**

All remain standing as the Gospel is read

Priest	The Lord be with you
All	And also with you
Priest	Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (9, 2-9)
All	Glory to you, O Lord.

²Jesus took with him Peter and James and John, and led them up a high mountain apart, by themselves. And he was transfigured before them, ³and his clothes became dazzling white, such as no one on earth could bleach them. ⁴And there appeared to them Elijah with Moses, who were talking with Jesus. ⁵Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Rabbi, it is good for us to be

here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁶He did not know what to say, for they were terrified. ⁷Then a cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud there came a voice, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; listen to him!' ⁸Suddenly when they looked around, they saw no one with them any more, but only Jesus.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, he ordered them to tell no one about what they had seen, until after the Son of Man had risen from the dead.

At the end:

Priest	This is the Gospel of the Lord.
--------	------------------------------------

All	Praise to you, O Christ.
------------	---------------------------------

*We sit for the **Sermon**.*

*We stand to say 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,
was incarnate of 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.

*The **Prayers of Intercession** follow.*
At the end:

Priest	Merciful Father,
All	accept these prayers for the sake of your Son, our Saviour, Jesus Christ, Amen.

*The Priest introduces the **Peace**:*

Priest:	The peace of the Lord be with you always
All	And also with you
Priest	Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*We sing a **hymn** as the Altar is prepared for
the **Eucharistic Prayer**. A **collection** is taken
during the **hymn***

I I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
my hand will save.
I, who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?

Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the
night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my
heart.

I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my words to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will send the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send?
Here I am, Lord.

Priest	Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this bread to offer, which earth has given and human hands have made. It will become for us the bread of life.
--------	--

All	Blessed be God for ever.
Priest	Blessed are you Lord God of all creation. Through your goodness we have this wine to offer. Fruit of the vine and work of human hands, it will become our spiritual drink.

All	Blessed be God for ever.
Priest	Pray my sisters and brothers that our sacrifice may be acceptable to God the Almighty Father.

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

*The Priest adds the prayer over the gifts to which
we reply **Amen***

Priest The Lord be with you.
All **And also with you.**
Priest Lift up your hearts.
All **We lift them to the Lord.**
Priest Let us give thanks to the Lord
 our God.
All **It is right to give thanks
 and praise...**

*The Eucharistic Prayer continues until we sing
Sanctus and **Benedictus** from the music
sheet.*

*The **Eucharistic Prayer** continues until...*

Priest: Great is the mystery of faith
All: **Christ has died
 Christ is risen
 Christ will come again**

The Eucharistic Prayer continues until

Priest ...for ever and ever
All: **Amen**

Priest: As our Saviour taught us, so
 we pray:
**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**

Priest We break this bread to share
 in the body of Christ
All **Though we are many we
 are one body, because we
 all share in one bread**

*The **Agnus Dei** is sung from the music sheet*
Priest Jesus is the Lamb of God who takes
away the sin of the world, blessed are
those who are called to his supper.

All **Lord, I am not worthy to
 receive you,
 but only say the word,
 and I shall be healed.**

*The congregation approaches the Altar to receive
Communion.*

*All those who are in good standing with their
own Church are invited to receive Communion.
Those who prefer to ask for a Blessing are
invited to bow their heads at the Altar rail or
bring this booklet as a sign to the Priest.*

**Please make your way to the
Altar; please note that the Altar
rail is currently removed for
restoration**

**Please receive Communion in
your hand ONLY. If you wish to
receive the Chalice, please remain
in place. If not, return to your pew**

**Please keep absolute silence
during Communion**

*We remain seated to sing the **hymn***

**I 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
Thy glory fills the night;
thy face and garments, like the sun,
shine with unborrowed light.**

**2 'Tis good, Lord, to be here,
thy beauty to behold,
where Moses and Elijah stand,
thy messengers of old.**

**3 Fulfiller of the past!
promise of things to be!
We hail thy body glorified,
and our redemption see.**

**4 Before we taste of death,
we see thy kingdom come;
we fain would hold the vision bright,
and make this hill our home.**

**5 'Tis good, Lord, to be here!
yet we may not remain;
but since thou bidst us leave the
mount
come with us to the plain.**

Post Communion Prayers:

Holy God, we see your glory in the face of
Jesus Christ: may we who are partakers at
his table reflect his life in word and deed,
that all the world may know his power to
change and save. This we ask through
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

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.**

Any Banns of marriage and notices are given.

Priest The Lord be with you.
All And also with you

The **Blessing** is given to which all reply: **Amen**
We sing the **hymn** and turn to face the West
End for the **dismissal**.

**I Lord, the light of Your love is
shining
In the midst of the darkness, shining
Jesus, Light of the world, shine upon
us
Set us free by the truth You now
bring us
Shine on me, shine on me**

*Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the
Father's glory
Blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on
fire
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with
grace and mercy
Send forth Your word, Lord, and let
there be light*

**2 Lord, I come to Your awesome
presence
From the shadows into Your
radiance
By the blood, I may enter Your
brightness
Search me, try me, consume all my
darkness
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus etc**

**3 As we gaze on Your kingly
brightness
So our faces display Your likeness
Ever-changing from glory to glory
Mirrored here, may our lives tell
Your story
Shine on me, shine on me
Shine, Jesus, etc**

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

4pm Choral Evensong, with the choir of St. Paul’s

Wednesday 14 February

ASH WEDNESDAY, the first day of Lent

1.10pm Holy Eucharist, with imposition of ashes

6pm Holy Eucharist, with imposition of ashes

7.30pm & 9.00pm Love Songs by Candlelight **

Thursday 15 February

11am Baby Gospel

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Friday 16 February

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 17 February

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 18 February

11.00 Sung Eucharist, *for the First Sunday of Lent*

Advance Notice

SUNDAY 10 MARCH

MOTHERING SUNDAY

11.00 Sung Eucharist, with flowers for everyone!

***Tickets for all paid events at St. Paul’s can be obtained via our website*
www.actorschurch.org