



Welcome

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

12 May



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St. Paul's Covent Garden



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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.

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Lord, enthroned in heavenly splendour,
first-begotten from the dead,
thou alone, our strong defender,
lifest up thy people's head.
Alleluia!
Jesu, true and living bread.**

**2 Here our humblest homage pay
we,
here in loving reverence bow;
here for faith's discernment pray we,
lest we fail to know thee now.
Alleluia!
Thou art here, we ask not how.**

**3 Though the lowliest form doth veil thee
as of old in Bethlehem,
here as there thine angels hail thee,
branch and flower of Jesse's stem.
Alleluia!
We in worship join with them.**

**4 Life-imparting heavenly manna,
stricken rock with streaming side,
heaven and earth with loud hosanna
worship thee, the lamb who died,
Alleluia!
Risen, ascended, glorified!**

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.

Priest Alleluia, Christ is Risen

All He is Risen indeed. Alleluia.

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 single together:

**Lord have mercy upon us
Christ have mercy upon us
Lord have mercy upon us**

*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.*

O God the King of glory, you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven: we beseech you, leave us not comfortless, but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone before, 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 reading**.*

First Reading

Acts 1.15-17,21-26, read by Margaret

¹⁵In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people). He said, ¹⁶Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested

Jesus – ¹⁷for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry. ²¹So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, ²²beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us – one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.’ ²³So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. ²⁴Then they prayed and said, ‘Lord, you know everyone’s heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen ²⁵to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.’ ²⁶And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

At the end:

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

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and face the Gospel book*

**Jesus shall reign where’er the sun
does his successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to
shore,
till moons shall wax and wane no
more.**

**2 People and realms of every tongue
dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim
their early blessings on his name.**

**3 Blessings abound where’er he
reigns;
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
the weary find eternal rest,
and all the sons of want are blest.**

**4 Let every creature rise and bring
peculiar honours to our King;
angels descend with songs again,
and earth repeat the long amen.**

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 John
(17, 6-13)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus looked up to heaven and prayed:

⁶‘Father, I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. ⁷Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; ⁸for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. ⁹I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. ¹⁰All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. ¹¹And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. ¹²While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves.

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We stand to say the **Creed***

Priest Do you believe and trust in God
the Father,
source of all being and life,
the one for whom we exist?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God
the Son,
who took our human nature,
died for us and rose again?

All We believe and trust in him.

Do you believe and trust in God
the Holy Spirit,
who gives life to the people of
God
and makes Christ known in the
world?

All We believe and trust in him.

All This is the faith of the Church.
This is our faith.
We believe and trust in one
God,
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
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***

Rejoice! the Lord is King!

Your Lord and King adore;
mortals, give thanks and sing;
and triumph evermore:
lift up your heart, lift up your voice;
rejoice, again I say, rejoice.

2 Jesus, the Saviour, reigns,
the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains,
he took his seat above:
Lift up your heart, etc.

3 His kingdom cannot fail;
he rules o'er earth and heaven;
the keys of death and hell
are to our Jesus given:
Lift up your heart, etc.

4 He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, etc.

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.*

Please make your way to the Altar rail, and kneel (if able)

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

Please keep absolute silence during Communion

Post Communion Prayers:

Eternal God, giver of love and power, your Son Jesus Christ has sent us into all the world to preach the gospel of his kingdom: confirm us in this mission, and help us to live the good news we proclaim; 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.
and then the Priest says:*

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***

**Breathe on me, breath of God,
fill me with life anew,
that I may love what thou dost love,
and do what thou wouldst do.**

**2 Breathe on me, breath of God,
until my heart is pure;
until with thee I will one will,
to do and to endure.**

**3 Breathe on me, breath of God,
till I am wholly thine;
until this earthly part of me
glows with thy fire divine.**

**4 Breathe on me, breath of God:
so shall I never die,
but live with thee the perfect life
of thine eternity.**

Priest. Go in peace to love and
serve the Lord, Alleluia,
Alleluia

**All Thanks be to God,
Alleluia, Alleluia.**

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

4pm Choral Evensong, *with the Choir of St. Paul’s
for the Seventh Sunday of Easter*

12.45-5pm May Fayre and Puppet Festival

Wednesday 15 May

12.00 Sandwich Lunch in church – *all welcome*

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

2.30pm Funeral of the late Graham Bowman Powell RIP

Thursday 16 May

11am Baby Gospel **

3pm Memorial Service for the late Eleanor Fazan RIP

5pm Community Bingo Evening !!!!! – all welcome

Friday 17 May

Please note that the gardens are closed today

7pm & 9pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 18 May

10.00am – 2pm West End Flea Market

7pm & 9pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Sunday 19 May

**11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist
for THE FEAST OF PENTECOST.**

Please try to wear something RED today

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