



Welcome

The Fourth Sunday of Easter

11 May



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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Large Print versions of the Order of Service are available.

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Please note that this morning's service is somewhat shorter than usual, because of the May Fayre.

We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**I Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice oppress.
I know not, O I know not,
what social joys are there,
what radiancy of glory,
what light beyond compare.**

**2 They stand, those halls of Sion,
conjubilant with song,
and bright with many an angel,
and all the martyr throng;
the Prince is ever in them,
the daylight is serene,
the pastures of the blessed
are decked in glorious sheen.**

**3 O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever see thy face?
O sweet and blessed country,
shall I ever win thy grace?
Exult, O dust and ashes!
The Lord shall be thy part:
his only, his for ever,
thou shalt be, and thou art!**

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 sing the Kyrie from the music sheet.

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which all reply: **Amen**.*

*The **Gloria** is sung*

*The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung.*

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he 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

Revelation 7.9-17, read by Max

⁹After this I looked, and there was a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, from all tribes and peoples and languages, standing before the throne and before the Lamb, robed in white, with palm branches in their hands. ¹⁰They cried out in a loud voice, saying,

‘Salvation belongs to our God who is seated on the throne, and to the Lamb!’

¹¹And all the angels stood around the throne and around the elders and the four living creatures, and they fell on their faces

before the throne and worshipped God,
¹²singing,
'Amen! Blessing and glory and wisdom
and thanksgiving and honour
and power and might
be to our God for ever and ever! Amen.'

¹³Then one of the elders addressed me,
saying, 'Who are these, robed in white,
and where have they come from?' ¹⁴I said
to him, 'Sir, you are the one that knows.'
Then he said to me, 'These are they who
have come out of the great ordeal; they
have washed their robes and made them
white in the blood of the Lamb.'

¹⁵For this reason they are before the
throne of God, and worship him day and
night within his temple, and the one who
is seated on the throne will shelter them.

¹⁶They will hunger no more, and thirst no
more; the sun will not strike them,
nor any scorching heat;

¹⁷for the Lamb at the centre of the throne
will be their shepherd, and he will guide
them to springs of the water of life,
and God will wipe away every tear from
their eyes.'

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 Loving shepherd of thy sheep,
keep thy lamb, in safety keep;
nothing can thy power withstand,
none can pluck me from thy hand.**

**2 Loving Saviour, thou didst give
thine own life that we might live,
and the hands outstretched to bless
bear the cruel nails' impress.**

**3 I would praise thee every day,
gladly all thy will obey,
like thy blessed ones above
happy in thy precious love.**

**4 Loving shepherd, ever near,
teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;
suffer not my steps to stray
from the straight and narrow way.**

**5 Where thou leadest I would go,
walking in thy steps below,
till before my Father's throne
I shall know as I am known.**

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
(10, 22-30)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

²²At that time the festival of the
Dedication took place in Jerusalem. It was
winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the
temple, in the portico of Solomon. ²⁴So
the Jews gathered around him and said to
him, 'How long will you keep us in
suspense? If you are the Messiah, tell us
plainly.' ²⁵Jesus answered, 'I have told you,
and you do not believe. The works that I
do in my Father's name testify to me; ²⁶but
you do not believe, because you do not
belong to my sheep. ²⁷My sheep hear my
voice. I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I
give them eternal life, and they will never
perish. No one will snatch them out of my
hand. ²⁹What my Father has given me is
greater than all else, and no one can
snatch it out of the Father's hand. ³⁰The
Father and I are one.'

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the
Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

*We remain standing to say the **Creed***

We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.

We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.

We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.

We believe 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***

I How sweet the name of Jesus
sounds
in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his
wounds,
and drives away his fear.

2 It makes the wounded spirit whole,
and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul,
and to the weary rest.

3 Dear name! the rock on which I
build,
my shield and hiding-place,
my never ending treasury filled
with boundless stores of grace.

4 Weak is the effort of my heart,
and cold my warmest thought;
but when I see thee as thou art,
I'll praise thee as I ought.

5 Till then would I thy love proclaim
with every fleeting breath;
and may the music of thy name
refresh my soul in death.

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 the
Sanctus and **Benedictus** are sung. *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*

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 keep absolute silence during Communion
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Post Communion Prayers:

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus
Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his
love for us to lay down his life and rise
again: keep us always under his protection,
and give us grace to follow in his steps;
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***

**1 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 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.**

**4 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.**

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

12.00 May Fayre

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

Tuesday 13 May

1.30pm TCUK Trustees’ Meeting

5pm TCUK presents: **‘This present world needs more theatre’**, a conversation between The Very Rev’d. Dr. Mark Oakley and Brigid Lamour

Wednesday 14 May

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

7pm PCC meeting

Friday 16 May

1pm Lunchtime Concert

6.30pm & 8.30pm Musicals by Candlelight **

Saturday 17 May

10.00 - 2pm The West End Flea Market

Sunday 18 May

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist

for the Fifth Sunday after Easter

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