



Welcome

The Feast of St's. Peter and Paul

29 June



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**For all the saints who from their labours rest,
who thee by faith before the world confessed,
thy name, O Jesu, be for ever blest.
Alleluia!**

**2 O may thy soldiers, faithful, true,
and bold,
fight as the saints who nobly fought
of old,
and win, with them, the victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia!**

**3 O blest communion, fellowship divine!
we feebly struggle, they in glory shine:
yet all are one in thee, for all are thine.
Alleluia!**

**4 And when the strife is fierce, the warfare long,
steals on the ear the distant triumph-song,
and hearts are brave again and arms are strong.
Alleluia!**

**5 From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
singing to Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia!**

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 God, whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life: grant that your Church, inspired by their teaching and example, and made one by your Spirit, may ever stand firm upon the one foundation, Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, 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

Zechariah 4.1-6a, 10b-14 read by James

¹The angel who talked with me came again, and wakened me, as one is wakened from sleep. ²He said to me, 'What do you see?' And I said, 'I see a lampstand all of gold, with a bowl on the top of it; there are seven lamps on it, with seven lips on each of the lamps that are on the top of it. ³And by it there are two olive trees, one on the right of the bowl and the other on its left.' ⁴I said to the angel who talked with me, 'What are these, my lord?' ⁵Then the angel who talked with me answered me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' ⁶He said to me, ¹⁰'These seven are the eyes of the LORD, which range through the whole earth.' ¹¹Then I said to him, 'What are these two olive trees on the right and the left of the lampstand?' ¹²And a second time I said to him, 'What are these two branches of the olive trees, which pour out the oil through the two golden pipes?' ¹³He said to me, 'Do you not know what these are?' I said, 'No, my lord.' ¹⁴Then he said, 'These are the two anointed ones who stand by the Lord of the whole earth.'

At the end:

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

Second Reading

Acts 12.1-11, read by Charles

¹King Herod laid violent hands upon some who belonged to the church. ²He had James, the brother of John, killed with the sword. ³After he saw that it pleased the Jews, he proceeded to arrest Peter also. (This was during the festival of Unleavened Bread.) ⁴When he had seized him, he put him in prison and handed him over to four squads of soldiers to guard him, intending

to bring him out to the people after the Passover. ⁵While Peter was kept in prison, the church prayed fervently to God for him.

⁶The very night before Herod was going to bring him out, Peter, bound with two chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while guards in front of the door were keeping watch over the prison. ⁷Suddenly an angel of the Lord appeared and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and woke him, saying, 'Get up quickly.' And the chains fell off his wrists. ⁸The angel said to him, 'Fasten your belt and put on your sandals.' He did so. Then he said to him, 'Wrap your cloak around you and follow me.' ⁹Peter went out and followed him; he did not realize that what was happening with the angel's help was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. ¹⁰After they had passed the first and the second guard, they came before the iron gate leading into the city. It opened for them of its own accord, and they went outside and walked along a lane, when suddenly the angel left him. ¹¹Then Peter came to himself and said, 'Now I am sure that the Lord has sent his angel and rescued me from the hands of Herod and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.'

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.*

**Awake my soul, and with the sun,
thy daily stage of duty run;
shake off dull sloth, and joyful rise
to pay thy morning sacrifice.**

**2 Redeem thy mis-spent time that's
past,
live this day as if 'twere thy last:
improve thy talent with due care;
for the great day thyself prepare.**

**3 Let all thy converse be sincere,
thy conscience as the noon-day clear;
think how all-seeing God thy ways
and all thy secret thoughts surveys.**

**4 By influence of the light divine
let thy own light in good works shine;
reflect all heaven's propitious ways
in ardent love and cheerful praise.**

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
Matthew (16.13-19)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

13When Jesus came into the district of
Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples,
'Who do people say that the Son of Man
is?' 14And they said, 'Some say John the
Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others
Jeremiah or one of the prophets.' 15He
said to them, 'But who do you say that I
am?' 16Simon Peter answered, 'You are
the Messiah, the Son of the living God.'
17And Jesus answered him, 'Blessed are
you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and
blood has not revealed this to you, but my
Father in heaven. 18And I tell you, you are
Peter, and on this rock I will build my
church, and the gates of Hades will not
prevail against it. 19I will give you the keys
of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever
you bind on earth will be bound in heaven,
and whatever you loose on earth will be
loosed in heaven.'

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 Ye watchers and ye holy ones,
bright seraphs, cherubim, and
thrones,
raise the glad strain, Alleluia!
Cry out, dominions, principedoms,
powers,
virtues, archangels, angels' choirs:**

Refrain:

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

**2 O higher than the cherubim,
more glorious than the seraphim,
lead their praises, Alleluia!
Thou bearer of th' eternal Word,
most gracious, magnify the Lord:
[Refrain]**

**3 Respond, ye souls in endless rest,
ye patriarchs and prophets blest,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong,
all saints triumphant, raise the song:
[Refrain]**

**4 O friends, in gladness let us sing,
supernal anthems echoing,
Alleluia! Alleluia!
To God the Father, God the Son,
and God the Spirit, Three in One:
[Refrain]**

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

**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.*

**Ye holy angels bright,
who wait at God's right hand,
or through the realms of light
fly at your Lord's command,
assist our song,
for else the theme
too high doth seem
for mortal tongue.**

**2 Ye blessed souls at rest,
who ran this earthly race,
and now, from sin released,
behold the Saviour's face,
his praises sound,
as in his light
with sweet delight
ye do abound.**

**3 Ye saints who toil below,
adore your heavenly King,
and onward as ye go
some joyful anthem sing;
take what he gives
and praise him still,
through good and ill,
who ever lives.**

**4 My soul, bear thou thy part,
triumph in God above,
and with a well-tuned heart
sing thou the songs of love.
Let all thy days
till life shall end
whate'er he send,
be filled with praise.**

Post Communion Prayers:

Lord God, the source of truth and love,
keep us faithful to the apostles' teaching
and fellowship, united in prayer and the
breaking of bread, and one in joy and
simplicity of heart, in 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**.*

Jerusalem the golden,
with milk and honey blest,
beneath thy contemplation
sink heart and voice opprest.
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 There is the throne of David,
and there, from care released,
the song of them that triumph,
the shout of them that feast;
and they who, with their leader,
have conquered in the fight,
for ever and for ever
are clad in robes of white.

4 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!

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

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Monday 30 June

1pm Lunchtime Concert

Wednesday 2 July

9.30am School Holy Eucharist – *all welcome*

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

1.45pm Tea and Cake – *all welcome*

7.30pm Kawai Ikuko and Hibiki Duo **

Thursday 3 July

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Friday 4 July

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11am Jemima Puddle Duck **

2.30 Alice Through the Looking Glass **

7.30pm A Midsummer Night’s Dream **

Saturday 5 July

11am- 4pm The Big Gay Brunch – all welcome

Sunday 6 July

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist, for the Third Sunday after Trinity

2pm Memorial Service for the late Ronald Siemiginowski

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