



Welcome

The Feast of St. Bartholemew 24 August



actorschurch



St. Paul's Covent Garden

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.

There are various instructions to stand during the service: if this is difficult for you, then ignore them

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Please note that, as we are worshipping in the marque, there is NO sound system and NO live streaming.

We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Christ whose glory fills the skies,
Christ, the true, the only light,
sun of righteousness arise,
triumph o'er the shades of night;
dayspring from on high, be near,
daystar, in my heart appear.**

**2 Dark and cheerless is the morn
unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return,
till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.**

**3 Visit then this soul of mine,
pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, radiance divine,
scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.**

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 and everlasting God, who gave
to your apostle Bartholomew grace truly
to believe and to preach your word:
grant that your Church may love that
word which he believed and may faithfully
preach and receive the same; through
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

Acts 5.12-16, read by Carol

¹²Many signs and wonders were done
among the people through the apostles.
And they were all together in Solomon's
Portico. ¹³None of the rest dared to join
them, but the people held them in high
esteem. ¹⁴Yet more than ever believers
were added to the Lord, great numbers of
both men and women, ¹⁵so that they even

carried out the sick into the streets, and laid them on cots and mats, in order that Peter's shadow might fall on some of them as he came by. ¹⁶A great number of people would also gather from the towns around Jerusalem, bringing the sick and those tormented by unclean spirits, and they were all cured.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 4.9-15

⁹I think that God has exhibited us apostles as last of all, as though sentenced to death, because we have become a spectacle to the world, to angels and to mortals. ¹⁰We are fools for the sake of Christ, but you are wise in Christ. We are weak, but you are strong. You are held in honour, but we in disrepute. ¹¹To the present hour we are hungry and thirsty, we are poorly clothed and beaten and homeless, ¹²and we grow weary from the work of our own hands. When reviled, we bless; when persecuted, we endure; ¹³when slandered, we speak kindly. We have become like the rubbish of the world, the dregs of all things, to this very day.

¹⁴I am not writing this to make you ashamed, but to admonish you as my beloved children. ¹⁵For though you might have ten thousand guardians in Christ, you do not have many fathers. Indeed, in Christ Jesus I became your father through the gospel.

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.*

**We sing the praise of him who died,
of him who died upon the cross;
the sinner's hope let men deride,
for this we count the world but loss.**

**2 Inscribed upon the cross we see
in shining letters, 'God is love';
he bears all sin upon the tree;
he brings us mercy from above.**

**3 The cross! It takes our guilt away;
it holds the fainting spirit up;
it cheers with hope the gloomy day,
and sweetens every bitter cup.**

**4 It makes the coward spirit brave,
and nerves the feeble arm for fight;
it takes its terror from the grave,
and gilds the bed of death with light;**

**5 the balm of life, the cure of woe,
the measure and the pledge of love,
the sinner's refuge here below,
the angels' theme in heaven above.**

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
Luke (22, 24-30)

All **Glory to you, O Lord.**

24A dispute also arose among the twelve as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. 25But Jesus said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. 27For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

28You are those who have stood by me in my trials; 29and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, 30so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

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***

**New every morning is the love
our wakening and uprising prove;
through sleep and darkness safely
brought,
restored to life, and power, and
thought.**

**2 New mercies, each returning day,
hover around us while we pray;
new perils past, new sins forgiven,
new thoughts of God, new hopes of
heaven.**

**3 If on our daily course our mind
be set to hallow all we find,
new treasures still, of countless
price,
God will provide for sacrifice.**

**4 The trivial round, the common
task,
would furnish all we ought to ask,
room to deny ourselves, a road
to bring us daily nearer God.**

**5 Only, dear Lord, in thy dear love
fit us for perfect rest above;
and help us this and every day
to live more nearly as we pray.**

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.

Please form a line to receive the Host, and then turn to the left to receive the blessed wine.

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.

Post Communion Prayers:

Almighty God, who on the day of Pentecost sent your Holy Spirit to the apostles with the wind from heaven and in tongues of flame, filling them with joy and boldness to preach the gospel: by the power of the same Spirit strengthen us to witness to your truth and to draw everyone to the fire of your love; 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**.*

**O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast,
and our eternal home;**

**2 beneath the shadow of thy throne
thy saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is thine arm alone,
and our defence is sure.**

**3 Before the hills in order stood,
or earth received her frame,
from everlasting thou art God,
to endless years the same.**

**4 A thousand ages in thy sight
are like an evening gone,
short as the watch that ends the
night
before the rising sun.**

**5 Time, like an ever-rolling stream,
bears all its sons away;
they fly forgotten, as a dream
dies at the opening day.**

**6 O God, our help in ages past,
our hope for years to come,
be thou our guard while troubles
last,
and our eternal home.**

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

All Thanks be to God.

‘What’s On’ this week

Please note that the church and grounds are closed until Friday 29 August.

Wednesday 27 August

1.10pm Holy Eucharist – *in the marquee*

(Please enter via Bedford St. gate ONLY from 12.45pm)

Saturday 30 August

12.45pm Holy Matrimony

Sunday 31 August

11.00am Sung Eucharist, *for the Eleventh Sunday after Trinity*

1.30pm Wedding Blessing