



Welcome

Quinquagesima

15 February



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St. Paul's Covent Garden

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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, radiancy 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 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

Exodus 24.12-18, read by Margaret

¹²The LORD said to Moses, 'Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there; and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.' ¹³So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up into the mountain of God. ¹⁴To the elders he had said, 'Wait here for us, until we come to you again; for Aaron

and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.'

¹⁵Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

¹⁶The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel. ¹⁸Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

At the end:

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

Second Reading

2 Peter 1.16-21, read by Arabella

¹⁶We did not follow cleverly devised myths when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty. ¹⁷For he received honour and glory from God the Father when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying, 'This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.' ¹⁸We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven, while we were with him on the holy mountain.

⁹So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed. You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place, until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts. ²⁰First of all you must understand this, that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one's own interpretation, ²¹because no prophecy ever came by human will, but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

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 '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.**

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 (17. 1-9)
All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ²And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became

dazzling white. ³Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him. ⁴Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.' ⁵While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' ⁶When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.' ⁸And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, 'Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised 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 Thee we adore, O hidden Saviour,
thee,
who in thy sacrament dost deign to
be;
both flesh and spirit at thy presence
fail,
yet here thy presence we devoutly
hail.**

**2 O blest memorial of our dying
Lord,
who living bread to men doth here
afford!
O may our souls for ever feed on
thee,
and thou, O Christ, for ever precious
be.**

**3 Fountain of goodness, Jesu, Lord
and God,
cleanse us, unclean, with thy most
cleansing blood;
increase our faith and love, that we
may know
the hope and peace which from thy
presence flow.**

**4 O Christ, whom now beneath a veil
we see,
may what we thirst for soon our
portion be:
to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy
face,
the vision of thy glory and thy grace.**

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

**Be Still, For The Presence Of The
Lord, The Holy One, Is Here
Come Bow Before Him Now With
Reverence And Fear
In Him No Sin Is Found We Stand
On Holy Ground
Be Still, For The Presence Of The
Lord, The Holy One, Is Here**

**2 Be Still, For The Glory Of The
Lord Is Shining All Around
He Burns With Holy Fire, With
Splendour He Is Crowned
How Awesome Is The Sight Our
Radiant King Of Light
Be Still, For The Glory Of The Lord
Is Shining All Around**

**3 Be Still, For The Power Of The
Lord Is Moving In This Place
He Comes To Cleanse And Heal, To
Minister His Grace
No Work Too Hard For Him, In
Faith Receive From Him
Be Still, For The Power Of The Lord
Is Moving In This Place**

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.
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**

At the name of Jesus
every knee shall bow,
every tongue confess him
king of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure
we should call him Lord,
who from the beginning
was the mighty word.

2 At his voice creation
sprang at once to sight,
all the angel faces,
all the hosts of light,
thrones and dominations,
stars upon their way,
all the heavenly orders,
in their great array.

3 Humbled for a season,
to receive a name
from the lips of sinners
unto whom he came,
faithfully he bore it
spotless to the last,
brought it back victorious,
when from death he passed:

4 Bore it up triumphant
with its human light,
through all ranks of creatures,
to the central height,
to the throne of Godhead,
to the Father's breast;
filled it with the glory
of that perfect rest.

5 Brothers, this Lord Jesus
shall return again,
with his Father's glory,
with his angel train;
for all wreaths of empire
meet upon his brow,
and our hearts confess him
King of glory now.

Priest. Go in peace to love and serve
 the Lord

All Thanks be to God

‘What’s On’ this week

Monday 16 February

10.00 Art Club – *all welcome*

Tuesday 17 February

7.30pm Candlelight: When Spring meets Love **

Wednesday 18 February

ASH WEDNESDAY

All Christians should make a special effort to attend church on Ash Wednesday, as we mark the beginning of Lent

1.10pm Holy Eucharist, with imposition of Ashes

6pm Holy Eucharist, with hymns and imposition of Ashes

8pm Bluebells grow in Whitechapel **

Thursday 19 February

11am Baby Gospel **

2pm Memorial Service for the late Peter James RIP

7.30pm High School Rathgar Orchestra Concert **

Friday 20 February

Church and grounds closed all day for the private event

Sunday 22 February

The First Sunday of Lent

11.00 Sung Eucharist, with special performance by Anthony Knight

7.30pm A Night at the Musicals **

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

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