



Welcome

The Sixth Sunday of Easter

10 May



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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.

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Please note that, because of the Puppet Service at Noon, today's Eucharist is somewhat shortened.

We stand as the Altar Party enters and sing the hymn

**Come, ye faithful, raise the strain
of triumphant gladness;
God hath brought his Israel
into joy from sadness;
Loosed from Pharaoh's bitter yoke
Jacob's sons and daughters;
Led them with unmoistened foot
through the Red Sea waters.**

**2. 'Tis the spring of souls today;
Christ hath burst his prison,
And from three days' sleep in death
as a sun hath risen;
All the winter of our sins,
long and dark, is flying
From his light, to whom we give
laud and praise undying.**

**3. Now the queen of seasons, bright
with the day of splendour,
With the royal feast of feasts,
comes its joy to render;
Comes to glad Jerusalem,
who with true affection
Welcomes in unwearied strains
Jesu's resurrection.**

The Priest goes to his place 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 say together:

**All: Lord have mercy
Christ have mercy
Lord have mercy**

*The Priest announces the **Absolution** to which all reply: **Amen**. We sing the **Gloria**, which you will find on the **separate music sheet**. The prayer of the day – the **Collect** – is sung*

God our redeemer, you have delivered us from the power of darkness and brought us into the kingdom of your Son: grant, that as by his death he has recalled us to life, so by his continual presence in us he may raise us to eternal joy; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord.

Amen.

*We stand to sing the **hymn** and turn towards the Gospel book*

**Blest are the pure in heart,
For they shall see our God;
The secret of the Lord is theirs,
Their soul is Christ's abode.**

**2. The Lord, who left the heavens
Our life and peace to bring,
To dwell in lowliness with men,
Their pattern and their king;**

**3. Still to the lowly soul
He doth himself impart,
And for his dwelling and his throne
Chooseth the pure in heart.**

**4. Lord, we thy presence seek;
May ours this blessing be;
Give us a pure and lowly heart,
A temple meet for thee.**

All remain standing (if able) 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
(14, 15-21)

All Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus said to his disciples: ¹⁵'If you love me, you will keep my commandments. ¹⁶And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you for ever. ¹⁷This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you. ¹⁸I will not leave you orphaned; I am coming to you. ¹⁹In a little while the world will no longer see me, but you will see me; because I live, you also will live. ²⁰On that day you will know that I am in my Father, and you in me, and I in you. ²¹They who have my commandments and keep them are those who love me; and those who love me will be loved by my Father, and I will love them and reveal myself to them.'

At the end:

Priest This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All Praise to you, O Christ.

The affirmation of faith:

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.

Priest 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.

Priest 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.

Priest This is the faith of the Church.

**All 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 brothers and sisters
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
the **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**

*We sing the **Agnus Dei** 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.

Post Communion Prayers:

God our Father, whose Son Jesus Christ gives the water of eternal life: may we thirst for you, the spring of life and source of goodness, through him who is alive and reigns, now and for ever.
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.

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, Alleluia, Alleluia

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



**Thursday 14
May**

**ASCENSION
DAY SERVICE**

**6pm
Sung Eucharist**



Advance Notice

Sunday 24 May

**THE FEAST OF
PENTECOST**

**I am
Sung Eucharist**

**Please wear
something red
on the day!**

‘What’s On’ this week

Today

12pm Puppet Service

12.45pm May Fayre

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

Monday 11 May

10am Community Art Club

Wednesday 13 May

1.10pm Holy Eucharist

8pm London Sound Project presents... MIXTAPE**

Thursday 14 May

6pm Ascension Day Service

Friday 15 May

1pm Ian Watt - Solo Classical Guitar

(Free Lunchtime Concert)

Sunday 17 May

11.00 Parish Sung Eucharist *for the Seventh Sunday of Easter*

7.30pm Songs I’ll Never Sing **

** *Tickets for all paid events are available at www.actorschurch.org*