



**St Peter
Le Poer**



Parish Communion

Sunday 13th December 2020

3rd Sunday of Advent

This is the service order for the said service of Holy Communion led by Revd Philip Sudell at 9am in the church building which will be available online at 11am on the St Peter's [YouTube channel here](#)

Long ago, prophets knew

Christ would come, born a Jew,
come to make all things new;
bear his People's burden,
freely love and pardon.

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

*When he comes, when he comes,
who will make him welcome?*

God in time, God in man,
this is God's timeless plan:
he will come, as a man,
born himself of woman,
God divinely human.

Chorus

Mary hail! Though afraid,
she believed, she obeyed.
In her womb, God is laid:
till the time expected,
nurtured and protected,

Chorus

Journey ends! Where afar
Beth'lem shines, like a star,
stable door stands ajar.
unborn Son of Mary,
Saviour, do not tarry!

Ring, bells, ring, ring, ring!

Sing, choirs, sing, sing, sing!

Jesus comes! Jesus comes!

We will make him welcome!

Gathering and Greeting

In the name of the Father, and of
the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

All: Amen.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you



Welcome

Revd Philip Sudell

Lighting of the Advent Wreath

People of God: return! You are called to
be God's own. From the mountains
announce the good news. God comes in
justice and peace, to all who follow his
ways. You are God's children.

**Lord, make us one in the peace of Christ
today and for ever. Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

A voice cries out in the wilderness, 'Make
straight the way of the Lord.' So let us
listen, and turn to the Lord in penitence
and faith.

Confession

Lord God, we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing
and cleanse us from our sin.
Renew a right spirit within us
and restore to us the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen..

Assurance of forgiveness

Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has
given us a kingdom that cannot be
destroyed, forgive you your sins, open
your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you
to do God's will and give you the joy of
his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our
Lord. **Amen.**

The Collect

A moment of silence is kept. The minister says the opening prayer set for the day.

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 61.1-4, 8-end

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the broken-hearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners;

² to proclaim the year of the Lord's favour, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn;

³ to provide for those who mourn in Zion — to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit.

They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory.

⁴ They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations.

⁸ For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an

everlasting covenant with them.

⁹ Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed.

¹⁰ I will greatly rejoice in the Lord,

my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels.

¹¹ For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 126

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced

¹ When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, • then were we like those who dream.

² Then was our mouth filled with laughter • and our tongue with songs of joy.

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced

³ Then said they among the nations, • 'The Lord has done great things for them.'

⁴ The Lord has indeed done great things for us, • and therefore we rejoiced.

⁵ Restore again our fortunes, O Lord, • as the river beds of the desert.

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced

⁶ Those who sow in tears • shall reap with songs of joy.

⁷ Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed, • will come back with shouts of joy, bearing their sheaves with them.

The Lord has done great things for us and we rejoiced

New Testament Reading

1 Thessalonians 5.16-24

¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray without ceasing, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.

¹⁹Do not quench the Spirit. ²⁰Do not despise the words of prophets, ²¹but test everything; hold fast to what is good; ²²abstain from every form of evil.

²³May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

²⁴The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Gospel

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Hear the Gospel of our Lord
Jesus Christ according to John.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

John 1.6-8, 19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. ⁷He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. ⁸He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light.

¹⁹This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?'

²⁰He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' ²¹And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' ²²Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' ²³He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness,

"Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

²⁴Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. ²⁵They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' ²⁶John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, ²⁷the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' ²⁸This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon

Profession of Faith

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 from
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.

Prayers of Intercession

This response may be used:

Lord, in your mercy.

Hear our prayer.

And at the end:

Merciful Father,

Accept these prayers

for the sake of your Son,

our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Amen.

The Liturgy of the Sacrament

The Peace

May the God of peace make you completely holy, ready for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The peace of the Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's Table

The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks

to the Lord our God

All: It is right to give thanks and praise.

It is indeed right and good to give you thanks and praise, almighty God and everlasting Father, through Jesus Christ your Son. For when he humbled himself to come among us in human flesh, he fulfilled the plan you formed before the foundation of the world to open for us the way of salvation. Confident that your promise will be fulfilled, we now watch for the day when Christ our Lord will come again in glory. And so we join our voices with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven to proclaim your glory for ever praising you and saying:

Holy, holy, holy Lord,

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

All glory be to you, our heavenly Father, who, in your tender mercy, gave your only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to suffer death upon the cross for our redemption; who made there by his one oblation of himself once offered a full, perfect and sufficient sacrifice, oblation and satisfaction for the sins of the whole world; he instituted, and in his holy gospel commanded us to continue, a perpetual memory of his precious death until he comes again.

Hear us, merciful Father, we humbly pray, and grant that, by the power of your Holy Spirit, we receiving these gifts of your creation, this bread and this wine, according to your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ's holy institution, in remembrance of his death and passion, may be partakers of his most blessed body and blood; who, in the same night that he was betrayed, took bread and gave you

thanks; he broke it and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you; do this in remembrance of me.

In the same way, after supper he took the cup and gave you thanks; he gave it to them, saying: Drink this, all of you; this is my blood of the new covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.

Great is the mystery of faith.

**All: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Therefore, Lord and heavenly Father, in remembrance of the precious death and passion, the mighty resurrection and glorious ascension of your dear Son Jesus Christ, we offer you through him this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Grant that by his merits and death, and through faith in his blood, we and all your Church may receive forgiveness of our sins and all other benefits of his passion. Although we are unworthy, through our manifold sins, to offer you any sacrifice, yet we pray that you will accept this the duty and service that we owe. Do not weigh our merits, but pardon our offences, and fill us all who share in this holy communion with your grace and heavenly blessing; through Jesus Christ our Lord, by whom, and with whom, and in whom, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honour and glory be yours, almighty Father, for ever and ever.

All: Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us.

**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.**

The Breaking of Bread

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 say the

Agnus Dei

**Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, have mercy on us.
Lamb of God, you take away the sin of
the world, grant us peace.**

The Giving of Communion

Draw near with faith. Receive the body of our Lord Jesus Christ which he gave for you, and his blood which he shed for you. Eat and drink in remembrance that he died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith with thanksgiving.

Prayer after Communion

We give you thanks, O Lord, for these heavenly gifts; kindle in us the fire of your Spirit that when your Christ comes again we may shine as lights before his face; who is alive and reigns now and for ever. Amen.

Blessing

Christ the Sun of Righteousness shine upon you, scatter the darkness from before your path, and make you ready to meet him when he comes in glory; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always.

All: Amen

Dismissal

Go in the peace of Christ.

All: Thanks be to God.

A great and mighty wonder,

a full and holy cure,
the Virgin bears the Infant
with virgin-honour pure.

Repeat the hymn again!

*'To God on high be glory,
and peace on earth to men!'*

The Word becomes incarnate
and yet remains on high.
And Cherubim sing anthems
to shepherds from the sky.

Refrain

Since all he comes to ransom,
by all be he adored,
the Infant born in Beth'lem,
the Saviour and the Lord.

Refrain

And idol forms shall perish,
and error shall decay,
and Christ shall wield his sceptre,
our Lord and God for ay.

Refrain

Mega Kai paradoxon thauma Germanus (c.634-c.732)

Translated John Mason Neale (1818-1866)

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Online at 12 noon

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Meeting ID: 872 5945 4331

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Services next Sunday 20th Dec

We are in the building for the said service of Holy Communion at 9am (streamed later to YouTube at 11am) – there is also Carols for Christmas at 6pm

The readings

for next Sunday 20th Dec – Advent 4

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Psalms 89.1-4,19-26

Romans 16.25-27

Luke 1.26-38

Nine Lessons and Carols

There will be a service of nine lessons and carols streamed from the building at 4pm TODAY, Sunday 13th December. The carols will be pre-recorded as we are still not able to sing as a congregation but the readings and address and prayers will be led live. Please do book a place [HERE](#) if you would like to come to the building for this service

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Regular Giving

Many of you will have been unable to make your weekly offering in the plate during the service.

If you are able to make an offering directly online then this would be greatly appreciated.

The details of the Church Account are:

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Name: St Peter Le Poer Church

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for more information do speak to Mick Wright, Honorary Treasurer

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CHRISTMAS SERVICES

SUNDAY 13TH @4PM NINE LESSONS AND CAROLS
TRADITIONAL CAROL SERVICE

SUNDAY 20TH @6PM CAROLS FOR CHRISTMAS
CONTEMPORARY AND TRAD CAROLS

CHRISTMAS EVE @11PM MIDNIGHT COMMUNION

CHRISTMAS DAY @9AM CHRISTMAS COMMUNION
SHORT SAID COMMUNION

@10.30AM CHRISTMAS FAMILY CELEBRATION

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