



**St Peter
Le Poer**



Parish Communion

Sunday 20th December 2020

4th 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](#)

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord!
Unnumbered blessings,
give my spirit voice;
tender to me the promise of his word;
in God my Saviour shall my heart rejoice.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his Name!
Make known his might,
the deeds his arm has done;
his mercy sure, from age to age the same;
his holy Name, the Lord, the Mighty One.

Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of his might!
Powers and dominions lay their glory by.
Proud hearts and stubborn wills
are put to flight,
the hungry fed, the humble lifted high.

Tell out, my soul, the glories of his word!
Firm is his promise, and his mercy sure.
Tell out, my soul,
the greatness of the Lord
to children's children and for evermore!

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: prepare!
God, above all, maker of all,
is one with us in Christ.
Maranatha!
Come, Lord Jesus!

Prayers of Penitence

When the Lord comes, he will bring to light the things now hidden in darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us confess our sins.

Confession

Heavenly Father, you exalted the humble and meek:
give us humble and contrite hearts.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you grew towards birth in the Virgin's womb: be planted also in our hearts and lives.
Christ, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.

Holy Spirit, you overshadowed Mary, that she might become the Godbearer: fill us with your heavenly gifts.
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.. 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.

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

Old Testament Reading

2 Samuel 7.1-11,16

Now when the king was settled in his house, and the Lord had given him rest from all his enemies around him, ²the king said to the prophet Nathan, 'See now, I am living in a house of cedar, but the ark of God stays in a tent.' ³Nathan said to the king, 'Go, do all that you have in mind; for the Lord is with you.'

⁴But that same night the word of the Lord came to Nathan: ⁵Go and tell my servant David: Thus says the Lord: Are you the one to build me a house to live in? ⁶I have not lived in a house since the day I brought up the people of Israel from Egypt to this day, but I have been moving about in a tent and a tabernacle.

⁷Wherever I have moved about among all the people of Israel, did I ever speak a word with any of the tribal leaders of Israel, whom I commanded to shepherd my people Israel, saying, 'Why have you not built me a house of cedar?' ⁸Now therefore thus you shall say to my servant David: Thus says the Lord of hosts: I took you from the pasture, from following the

sheep to be prince over my people Israel; ⁹and I have been with you wherever you went, and have cut off all your enemies from before you; and I will make for you a great name, like the name of the great ones of the earth. ¹⁰And I will appoint a place for my people Israel and will plant them, so that they may live in their own place, and be disturbed no more; and evildoers shall afflict them no more, as formerly, ¹¹from the time that I appointed judges over my people Israel; and I will give you rest from all your enemies. Moreover, the Lord declares to you that the Lord will make you a house. ¹⁶Your house and your kingdom shall be made sure for ever before me; your throne shall be established for ever.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 89

My song shall proclaim your steadfast love O Lord

¹ My song shall be always of the loving-kindness of the Lord: • with my mouth will I proclaim your faithfulness throughout all generations.

² I will declare that your love is established for ever; • you have set your faithfulness as firm as the heavens.

My song shall proclaim your steadfast love O Lord

³ For you said: 'I have made a covenant with my chosen one; • I have sworn an oath to David my servant:

⁴ ' "Your seed will I establish for ever • and build up your throne for all generations." '

My song shall proclaim your steadfast love O Lord

¹⁹ You spoke once in a vision and said to your faithful people: • 'I have set a youth above the mighty; I have raised a young man over the people.

My song shall proclaim your steadfast love O Lord

²⁰ 'I have found David my servant; • with my holy oil have I anointed him.

²¹ 'My hand shall hold him fast • and my arm shall strengthen him.

My song shall proclaim your steadfast love O Lord

²² 'No enemy shall deceive him, • nor any wicked person afflict him.

²³ 'I will strike down his foes before his face • and beat down those that hate him.

My song shall proclaim your steadfast love O Lord

²⁴ 'My truth also and my steadfast love shall be with him, • and in my name shall his head be exalted.

²⁵ 'I will set his dominion upon the sea • and his right hand upon the rivers.

My song shall proclaim your steadfast love O Lord

²⁶ 'He shall call to me, "You are my Father, • my God, and the rock of my salvation;"

²⁷ 'And I will make him my firstborn, • the most high above the kings of the earth

My song shall proclaim your steadfast love O Lord

New Testament Reading

Romans 16.25-end

²⁵ Now to God— who is able to strengthen you according to my gospel and the proclamation of Jesus Christ, according to the revelation of the mystery that was kept secret for long ages ²⁶but is now disclosed, and through the prophetic writings is made known to all the Gentiles, according to the command of the eternal God, to bring about the obedience of faith— ²⁷to the only wise God, through Jesus Christ, to whom— be the glory for ever! Amen.

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 Luke.

All: Glory to you, O Lord.

Luke 1.26-38

²⁶ In the sixth month the angel Gabriel was sent by God to a town in Galilee called Nazareth, ²⁷to a virgin engaged to a man whose name was Joseph, of the house of David. The virgin's name was Mary. ²⁸And he came to her and said, 'Greetings, favoured one! The Lord is with you.' ²⁹But she was much perplexed by his words and pondered what sort of greeting this might be. ³⁰The angel said to her, 'Do not be afraid, Mary, for you have found favour with God. ³¹And now, you will conceive in your womb and bear a son, and you will name him Jesus. ³²He will be great, and will be called the Son of the Most High, and the Lord God will give to him the throne of his ancestor David. ³³He will reign over the house of Jacob for ever, and of his kingdom there will be no end.' ³⁴Mary said to the angel, 'How can this be, since I am a virgin?' ³⁵The angel said to her, 'The Holy Spirit will come upon you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you; therefore the child to be born— will be holy; he will be called Son of God. ³⁶And now, your relative Elizabeth in her old age has also conceived a son; and this is the sixth month for her who was said to be barren. ³⁷For nothing will be impossible with God.' ³⁸Then Mary said, 'Here am I, the servant of the Lord; let it be with me according to your word.' Then the angel departed from her.

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. He is the one foretold by all the
prophets, whom the Virgin Mother bore
with love beyond all telling. John the
Baptist was his herald and made him
known when at last he came. In his love
Christ fills us with joy as we prepare to
celebrate his birth, so that when he comes
again he may find us watching in prayer,
our hearts filled with wonder and praise.

And so, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we proclaim your glory, and join in their unending hymn of praise:

**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

Heavenly Father, who chose the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of the promised saviour: fill us your servants with your grace, that in all things we may embrace your holy will and with her rejoice in your salvation; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

May God himself, the God of peace, make you perfect and holy, and keep you safe and blameless, in spirit, soul and body, for the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ; 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.

People, look east. The time is near of the crowning of the year.

Make your house fair as you are able, trim the hearth and set the table.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the guest, is on the way.

Furrows, be glad, though the earth is bare, one more seed is planted there:

give up your strength the seed to nourish, that in course the flower may flourish.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the rose, is on the way.

Birds, though you long have ceased to build, guard the nest that must be filled.

Even the hour when wings are frozen he for fledging time has chosen.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the bird, is on the way.

Stars, keep the watch. When night is dim one more light the bowl shall brim,

shining beyond the frosty weather, bright as sun and moon together.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the star, is on the way.

Angels, announce to man and beast him who cometh from the East.

Set every peak and valley humming with the word, the Lord is coming.

People, look east and sing today:

Love, the Lord, is on the way.

Eleanor Farjeon (1881-1965)

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Online at 12 noon

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87259454331?pwd=eEplJcEcwMGUrsmdscEpcv05aVW0xQT09>

Meeting ID: 872 5945 4331

Password: 022223

Services next Sunday 27th Dec

We are in the building for the said service of Holy Communion at 9am (streamed later to YouTube at 11am)

The readings

for next Sunday 27th Dec – Christmas 1 - St John the Evangelist

Exodus 33.7-11a

Psalms 117

1 John 1

John 21.19b-25

Carols at Christmas

There will be a service of Carols at Christmas streamed from the building at 6pm TODAY, Sunday 20th 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:

Bank: CAF (Charities Aid Foundation)

Name: St Peter Le Poer Church

Sort Code: 40-52-40

A/C Number: 00024912

for more information do speak to Mick Wright, Honorary Treasurer

Online resources



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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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