



**St Peter
Le Poer**



Parish Communion

Sunday 11th April 2021

Easter 2

This is the service order for the said service of Holy Communion led by Revd Philip Sudell at 9am in person and streamed at 11am on the St Peter's [YouTube channel here](#)

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

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

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

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

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

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

Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

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

Alleluia. Christ is risen

All: He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

Welcome



Merciful God, be close to all who mourn, especially at this time, to the Queen and all members of the Royal Family. May they know the hope of your promises and the comfort of your love, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayers of Penitence

Christ our Passover lamb has been sacrificed for us. Let us therefore rejoice by putting away all malice and evil and confessing our sins with a sincere and true heart.

Confession

Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed. We have not loved you with our whole heart. We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves. In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be; that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

Assurance of forgiveness

The almighty and merciful Lord grant you pardon and forgiveness of all your sins, time for amendment of life, and the grace and strength of the Holy Spirit. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say the

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
we worship you, we give you thanks,
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the
Father: receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

The Collect

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

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked,
no entrance barred: open the doors of our
hearts, that we may seek the good of
others and walk the joyful road of
sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God
the Father.

All: **Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Acts 4.32-35

Now the whole group of those who
believed were of one heart and soul, and
no one claimed private ownership of any

possessions, but everything they owned
was held in common. ³³With great power
the apostles gave their testimony to the
resurrection of the Lord Jesus, and great
grace was upon them all. ³⁴There was not
a needy person among them, for as many
as owned lands or houses sold them and
brought the proceeds of what was sold.
³⁵They laid it at the apostles' feet, and it
was distributed to each as any had need.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm

Psalm 133

The Lord's blessing is life forever

¹ Behold how good and pleasant it is • to
dwell together in unity.

The Lord's blessing is life forever

² It is like the precious oil upon the
head, • running down upon the beard,

The Lord's blessing is life forever

³ Even on Aaron's beard, • running down
upon the collar of his clothing.

The Lord's blessing is life forever

⁴ It is like the dew of Hermon • running
down upon the hills of Zion.

⁵ For there the Lord has promised his
blessing: • even life for evermore.

The Lord's blessing is life forever

New Testament Reading

Acts 16:6-40

⁶ Paul and his companions travelled
throughout the region of Phrygia and
Galatia, having been kept by the Holy
Spirit from preaching the word in the
province of Asia. ⁷When they came to the
border of Mysia, they tried to enter
Bithynia, but the Spirit of Jesus would not
allow them to. ⁸So they passed by Mysia
and went down to Troas. ⁹During the
night Paul had a vision of a man of
Macedonia standing and begging him,
'Come over to Macedonia and help us.'

¹⁰ After Paul had seen the vision, we got

ready at once to leave for Macedonia, concluding that God had called us to preach the gospel to them.

¹¹ From Troas we put out to sea and sailed straight for Samothrace, and the next day we went on to Neapolis. ¹² From there we travelled to Philippi, a Roman colony and the leading city of that district of Macedonia. And we stayed there several days.

¹³ On the Sabbath we went outside the city gate to the river, where we expected to find a place of prayer. We sat down and began to speak to the women who had gathered there. ¹⁴ One of those listening was a woman from the city of Thyatira named Lydia, a dealer in purple cloth. She was a worshipper of God. The Lord opened her heart to respond to Paul's message. ¹⁵ When she and the members of her household were baptised, she invited us to her home. 'If you consider me a believer in the Lord,' she said, 'come and stay at my house.' And she persuaded us.

¹⁶ Once when we were going to the place of prayer, we were met by a female slave who had a spirit by which she predicted the future. She earned a great deal of money for her owners by fortune-telling.

¹⁷ She followed Paul and the rest of us, shouting, 'These men are servants of the Most High God, who are telling you the way to be saved.' ¹⁸ She kept this up for many days. Finally Paul became so annoyed that he turned round and said to the spirit, 'In the name of Jesus Christ I command you to come out of her!' At that moment the spirit left her.

¹⁹ When her owners realised that their hope of making money was gone, they seized Paul and Silas and dragged them into the market-place to face the authorities. ²⁰ They brought them before the magistrates and said, 'These men are Jews, and are throwing our city into an

uproar ²¹ by advocating customs unlawful for us Romans to accept or practise.'

²² The crowd joined in the attack against Paul and Silas, and the magistrates ordered them to be stripped and beaten with rods. ²³ After they had been severely flogged, they were thrown into prison, and the jailer was commanded to guard them carefully. ²⁴ When he received these orders, he put them in the inner cell and fastened their feet in the stocks.

²⁵ About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. ²⁶ Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose. ²⁷ The jailer woke up, and when he saw the prison doors open, he drew his sword and was about to kill himself because he thought the prisoners had escaped. ²⁸ But Paul shouted, 'Don't harm yourself! We are all here!'

²⁹ The jailer called for lights, rushed in and fell trembling before Paul and Silas. ³⁰ He then brought them out and asked, 'Sirs, what must I do to be saved?'

³¹ They replied, 'Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved – you and your household.' ³² Then they spoke the word of the Lord to him and to all the others in his house. ³³ At that hour of the night the jailer took them and washed their wounds; then immediately he and all his household were baptised. ³⁴ The jailer brought them into his house and set a meal before them; he was filled with joy because he had come to believe in God – he and his whole household.

³⁵ When it was daylight, the magistrates sent their officers to the jailer with the order: 'Release those men.' ³⁶ The jailer told Paul, 'The magistrates have ordered that you and Silas be released. Now you can leave. Go in peace.'

³⁷ But Paul said to the officers: 'They beat us publicly without a trial, even though we are Roman citizens, and threw us into prison. And now do they want to get rid of us quietly? No! Let them come themselves and escort us out.'

³⁸ The officers reported this to the magistrates, and when they heard that Paul and Silas were Roman citizens, they were alarmed. ³⁹ They came to appease them and escorted them from the prison, requesting them to leave the city. ⁴⁰ After Paul and Silas came out of the prison, they went to Lydia's house, where they met with the brothers and sisters and encouraged them. Then they left.

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 20.19-end

When it was evening on that day, the first day of the week, and the doors of the house where the disciples had met were locked for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁰ After he said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples rejoiced when they saw the Lord. ²¹ Jesus said to them again, 'Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, so I send you.' ²² When he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, 'Receive the Holy Spirit. ²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you retain the sins of any, they are retained.'

²⁴ But Thomas (who was called the Twin), one of the twelve, was not with them when Jesus came. ²⁵ So the other disciples

told him, 'We have seen the Lord.' But he said to them, 'Unless I see the mark of the nails in his hands, and put my finger in the mark of the nails and my hand in his side, I will not believe.'

²⁶ A week later his disciples were again in the house, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were shut, Jesus came and stood among them and said, 'Peace be with you.' ²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, 'Put your finger here and see my hands. Reach out your hand and put it in my side. Do not doubt but believe.'

²⁸ Thomas answered him, 'My Lord and my God!' ²⁹ Jesus said to him, 'Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe.'

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of his disciples, which are not written in this book. ³¹ But these are written so that you may come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that through believing you may have life in his name.

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.

A Litany of Thanksgiving

As we mourn the death of Prince Philip,
let us give thanks to God in faith and
trust.

For the gift of Christ Jesus and for all
whose devotion to him has sustained the
life of our Church and nation:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For our Sovereign Lady Queen Elizabeth,
His Late Royal Highness the Duke of
Edinburgh, and all the Royal Family;

for the ministers of the Crown and all
who bear the privilege and burden of
government:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For all people touched by the Duke of
Edinburgh's devotion to public service:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

For our own lives, giving thanks for all
who have gone before, and asking that
we might go forward with confidence and
hope:

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

O God, in whom we live and move and
have our being, grant that your goodness
and mercy shall follow us all the days of
our lives, that we may ever trust in your
unfailing love; through Jesus Christ our
Saviour. **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

The risen Christ came and stood among
his disciples and said, 'Peace be with you.'
Then were they glad when they saw the
Lord. Alleluia. 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, almighty and eternal Father, and, on this day of our redemption to celebrate with joyful hearts the memory of your wonderful works. For by the mystery of his passion Jesus Christ, your risen Son, has conquered the powers of death and hell and restored in men and women the image of your glory. He has placed them once more in paradise and opened to them the gate of life eternal. And so, in the joy of this Passover, earth and heaven resound with gladness, while angels and archangels and the powers of all creation sing for ever the hymn of your glory:

**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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,
rising you restored our life:
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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.

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

Lord God our Father, through our Saviour
Jesus Christ you have assured your
children of eternal life and in baptism
have made us one with him: deliver us
from the death of sin and raise us to new
life in your love, in the fellowship of the
Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus
Christ. Amen.

Father of all, we give you thanks and
praise, that when we were still far off you
met us in your Son and brought us home.
Dying and living, he declared your love,
gave us grace, and opened the gate of
glory. May we who share Christ's body
live his risen life; we who drink his cup
bring life to others; we whom the Spirit
lights give light to the world. Keep us firm
in the hope you have set before us, so we
and all your children shall be free, and the
whole earth live to praise your name;
through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Blessing

God the Father, by whose glory Christ
was raised from the dead, strengthen you
to walk with him in his risen life; 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.

Jesus lives! thy terrors now
can, O death, no more appal us;
Jesus lives! by this we know
thou, O grave, canst not enthral us.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! henceforth is death
but the gate of life immortal:
this shall calm our trembling breath,
when we pass its gloomy portal.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! for us he died;
then, alone to Jesus living,
pure in heart may we abide,
glory to our Saviour giving.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! our hearts know well,
naught from us his love shall sever;
life nor death nor powers of hell
tear us from his keeping ever.
Alleluia.

Jesus lives! to him the throne
over all the world is given:
may we go where he is gone,
rest and reign with him in heaven.
Alleluia.

Jesus lebt, mit ihm auch ich

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Meeting ID: 872 5945 4331
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Readings next Sunday

18th April, (Easter 3) are:

Acts 3.12-19

Psalms 4

Acts 17:1-9

Luke 24.36b-48

**The church will be open for
private prayer** following the death of
the Duke of Edinburgh from 2-4pm today,
Sunday 11th April



Acts – “Postcards from Paul”

Over the next weeks we are following a
preaching series, along with Grace
Church, looking at the churches set up by
Paul on his second missionary journey:

April 11th – Acts 16:6-40 – *Philippi*
What must I do to be saved!?

April 18th – Acts 17:1-9 – *Thessalonica*
Another king, one called Jesus!

April 25th – Acts 17:10-15 – *Berea*
Noble characters!

May 2nd – Acts 17:16-34 – *Athens*
Proclaiming the unknown God

May 9th – Acts 18:1-17 – *Corinth*
Do not be afraid!

May 16th – Acts 19:1-20 – *Ephesus*
The word of the Lord spread widely

May 23rd – Acts 20:13-38
Postscript – Farewell to the Ephesian elders

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reflections and prayers

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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for more information do speak to Mick Wright, Honorary Treasurer