



**St Peter
Le Poer**



Parish Communion

Sunday 25th April 2021

Easter 4

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](#)

Great is thy faithfulness,

O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with thee;
thou changest not,
thy compassions they fail not,
as thou hast been thou for ever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

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*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided -
great is thy faithfulness, Lord unto me!*

Summer and winter,
and spring-time and harvest,
sun, moon and stars
in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Chorus

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence
to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and
bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine,
with ten thousand beside!

Chorus

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

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.

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

All: Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

New Testament Reading

Acts 4:5-12

⁵ The next day their rulers, elders, and scribes assembled in Jerusalem, ⁶ with Annas the high priest, Caiaphas, John, and Alexander, and all who were of the high-priestly family. ⁷ When they had made the prisoners stand in their midst, they inquired, 'By what power or by what name did you do this?' ⁸ Then Peter, filled with the Holy Spirit, said to them, 'Rulers of the people and elders, ⁹ if we are questioned today because of a good deed done to someone who was sick and are asked how this man has been healed, ¹⁰ let it be known to all of you, and to all the people of Israel, that this man is standing before you in good health by the name of Jesus Christ of Nazareth, whom

you crucified, whom God raised from the dead. ¹¹ This Jesus is "the stone that was rejected by you, the builders; it has become the cornerstone."

¹² There is salvation in no one else, for there is no other name under heaven given among mortals by which we must be saved.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm

Psalm 23

**The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.**

¹ The Lord is my shepherd; • therefore can I lack nothing.

² He makes me lie down in green pastures • and leads me beside still waters.

³ He shall refresh my soul • and guide me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

**The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.**

⁴ Though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; • for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.

**The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.**

⁵ You spread a table before me in the presence of those who trouble me; • you have anointed my head with oil and my cup shall be full.

**The Lord is my shepherd,
there is nothing I shall want.**

⁶ Surely goodness and loving mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, • and I will dwell in the house of the Lord for ever.

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there is nothing I shall want.**

New Testament Reading

Acts 17:10-15

¹⁰That very night the believers sent Paul and Silas off to Beroea; and when they arrived, they went to the Jewish synagogue. ¹¹These Jews were more receptive than those in Thessalonica, for they welcomed the message very eagerly and examined the scriptures every day to see whether these things were so. ¹²Many of them therefore believed, including not a few Greek women and men of high standing. ¹³But when the Jews of Thessalonica learned that the word of God had been proclaimed by Paul in Beroea as well, they came there too, to stir up and incite the crowds. ¹⁴Then the believers immediately sent Paul away to the coast, but Silas and Timothy remained behind. ¹⁵Those who conducted Paul brought him as far as Athens; and after receiving instructions to have Silas and Timothy join him as soon as possible, they left him.

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 10.11-18

¹¹‘I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. ¹²The hired hand, who is not the shepherd and does not own the sheep, sees the wolf coming and leaves the sheep and runs away—and the wolf snatches them and scatters them. ¹³The hired hand runs away because a hired hand does not care for the sheep. ¹⁴I am the good shepherd. I know my own and my own know me, ¹⁵just as the Father knows me and I know

the Father. And I lay down my life for the sheep. ¹⁶I have other sheep that do not belong to this fold. I must bring them also, and they will listen to my voice. So there will be one flock, one shepherd. ¹⁷For this reason the Father loves me, because I lay down my life in order to take it up again. ¹⁸No one takes it from me, but I lay it down of my own accord. I have power to lay it down, and I have power to take it up again. I have received this command from my Father.’

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

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,
in these days of Easter 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

Merciful Father, you gave your Son Jesus Christ to be the good shepherd, and in his love for us to lay down his life and rise again: keep us always under his protection, and give us grace to follow in his steps; through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

Blessing

The God of peace, who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the blood of the eternal covenant, make you perfect in every good work to do his will, working in you that which is well-pleasing in his sight; 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.

Restore, O Lord,

the honour of Your name,
in works of sovereign power
come shake the earth again;
that all may see and
come with reverent fear
to the living God,
whose kingdom shall outlast the years.

Restore, O Lord,

in all the earth Your fame,
and in our time revive
the church that bears Your name.
And in Your anger,
Lord, remember mercy,
O living God,
whose mercy shall outlast the years.

Bend us, O Lord,

where we are hard and cold,
in Your refiner's fire
come purify the gold.
Though suffering comes
and evil crouches near,
still our living God
is reigning, He is reigning here.

Restore, O Lord,

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Readings next Sunday

2nd May, (Easter 5) are:

Acts 8:26-40

Psalms 22:25-31

Acts 17:16-34

John 15:1-8

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

APCM – 16th May

The notice for the APCM has now been published in church and nomination forms for Churchwardens and PCC and Deanery Synod are available at the back of church and will be available online later in the week

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