



**St Peter  
Le Poer**



## Parish Communion

**Sun 2<sup>nd</sup> May 2021 - Easter 5**

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](#)

### Alleluia, Alleluia!

hearts to heaven and voices raise;  
sing to God a hymn of gladness,  
sing to God a hymn of praise:  
he who on the Cross a victim  
for the world's salvation bled,  
Jesus Christ the King of glory,  
now is risen from the dead.

Christ is risen, Christ the first-fruits  
of the holy harvest field,  
which will all its full abundance  
at his second coming yield;  
then the golden ears of harvest  
will their heads before him wave,  
ripened by his glorious sunshine,  
from the furrows of the grave.

Christ is risen, we are risen;  
shed upon us heavenly grace,  
rain and dew, and gleams of glory  
from the brightness of thy face;  
that we, with our hearts in heaven,  
here on earth may fruitful be,  
and by angel-hands be gathered,  
and be ever, Lord, with thee.

Alleluia, Alleluia,  
glory be to God on high;  
Alleluia to the Saviour,  
who has gained the victory;  
Alleluia to the Spirit,  
fount of love and sanctity;  
Alleluia, Alleluia,  
to the Triune Majesty.

Christopher Wordsworth (1807-1885)

## 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

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

May the God of love and power forgive  
you and free you from your sins, heal and  
strengthen you by his Spirit, and raise you  
to new life in Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

We say the

### Gloria

Glorify 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, your wounds declare your love for the world and the wonder of your risen life: give us compassion and courage to risk ourselves for those we serve, to the glory of God the Father.

All: Amen.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### New Testament Reading

Acts 8:26-40

<sup>26</sup> Then an angel of the Lord said to Philip, 'Get up and go towards the south to the road that goes down from Jerusalem to Gaza.' (This is a wilderness road.) <sup>27</sup> So he got up and went. Now there was an Ethiopian eunuch, a court official of the Candace, queen of the Ethiopians, in charge of her entire treasury. He had come to Jerusalem to worship <sup>28</sup> and was returning home; seated in his chariot, he was reading the prophet Isaiah. <sup>29</sup> Then the Spirit said to Philip, 'Go over to this chariot and join it.' <sup>30</sup> So Philip ran up to it and heard him reading the prophet Isaiah. He asked, 'Do you understand what you are reading?' <sup>31</sup> He replied, 'How can I, unless someone guides me?' And he invited Philip to get in and sit beside him. <sup>32</sup> Now the passage of the scripture that he was reading was this: 'Like a sheep he was led to the slaughter, and like a lamb silent before its shearer, so

he does not open his mouth.

<sup>33</sup> In his humiliation justice was denied him.

Who can describe his generation?

For his life is taken away from the earth.'

<sup>34</sup> The eunuch asked Philip, 'About whom, may I ask you, does the prophet say this, about himself or about someone else?'

<sup>35</sup> Then Philip began to speak, and starting with this scripture, he proclaimed to him the good news about Jesus. <sup>36</sup> As they were going along the road, they came to some water; and the eunuch said, 'Look, here is water! What is to prevent me from being baptized?' <sup>38</sup> He commanded the chariot to stop, and both of them, Philip and the eunuch, went down into the water, and Philip baptized him. <sup>39</sup> When they came up out of the water, the Spirit of the Lord snatched Philip away; the eunuch saw him no more, and went on his way rejoicing. <sup>40</sup> But Philip found himself at Azotus, and as he was passing through the region, he proclaimed the good news to all the towns until he came to Caesarea.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 22.25-31

My God, my God,

why have you forsaken me?

<sup>25</sup> From you comes my praise in the great congregation; • I will perform my vows in the presence of those that fear you.

<sup>26</sup> The poor shall eat and be satisfied; • those who seek the Lord shall praise him; their hearts shall live for ever.

My God, my God,

why have you forsaken me?

<sup>27</sup> All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn to the Lord, • and all the families of the nations shall bow before him.

<sup>28</sup> For the kingdom is the Lord's • and he rules over the nations.

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

<sup>29</sup> How can those who sleep in the earth bow down in worship, • or those who go down to the dust kneel before him?

<sup>30</sup> He has saved my life for himself; my descendants shall serve him; • this shall be told of the Lord for generations to come.

<sup>31</sup> They shall come and make known his salvation, to a people yet unborn, • declaring that he, the Lord, has done it.

**My God, my God,  
why have you forsaken me?**

## **New Testament Reading**

### **Acts 17:16-34**

<sup>16</sup> While Paul was waiting for them in Athens, he was deeply distressed to see that the city was full of idols. <sup>17</sup> So he argued in the synagogue with the Jews and the devout persons, and also in the market-place every day with those who happened to be there. <sup>18</sup> Also some Epicurean and Stoic philosophers debated with him. Some said, 'What does this babbler want to say?' Others said, 'He seems to be a proclaimer of foreign divinities.' (This was because he was telling the good news about Jesus and the resurrection.) <sup>19</sup> So they took him and brought him to the Areopagus and asked him, 'May we know what this new teaching is that you are presenting?' <sup>20</sup> It sounds rather strange to us, so we would like to know what it means.' <sup>21</sup> Now all the Athenians and the foreigners living there would spend their time in nothing but telling or hearing something new.

<sup>22</sup> Then Paul stood in front of the Areopagus and said, 'Athenians, I see how extremely religious you are in every way.

<sup>23</sup> For as I went through the city and looked carefully at the objects of your worship, I found among them an altar with

the inscription, "To an unknown god." What therefore you worship as unknown, this I proclaim to you. <sup>24</sup> The God who made the world and everything in it, he who is Lord of heaven and earth, does not live in shrines made by human hands, <sup>25</sup> nor is he served by human hands, as though he needed anything, since he himself gives to all mortals life and breath and all things. <sup>26</sup> From one ancestor he made all nations to inhabit the whole earth, and he allotted the times of their existence and the boundaries of the places where they would live, <sup>27</sup> so that they would search for God and perhaps grope for him and find him—though indeed he is not far from each one of us. <sup>28</sup> For "In him we live and move and have our being"; as even some of your own poets have said, "For we too are his offspring."

<sup>29</sup> Since we are God's offspring, we ought not to think that the deity is like gold, or silver, or stone, an image formed by the art and imagination of mortals. <sup>30</sup> While God has overlooked the times of human ignorance, now he commands all people everywhere to repent, <sup>31</sup> because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed, and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead.'

<sup>32</sup> When they heard of the resurrection of the dead, some scoffed; but others said, 'We will hear you again about this.' <sup>33</sup> At that point Paul left them. <sup>34</sup> But some of them joined him and became believers, including Dionysius the Areopagite and a woman named Damaris, and others with them.

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 15.1-8

<sup>15</sup>I am the true vine, and my Father is the vine-grower. <sup>2</sup>He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. <sup>3</sup>You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. <sup>4</sup>Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. <sup>5</sup>I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing. <sup>6</sup>Whoever does not abide in me is thrown away like a branch and withers; such branches are gathered, thrown into the fire, and burned. <sup>7</sup>If you abide in me, and my words abide in you, ask for whatever you wish, and it will be done for you. <sup>8</sup>My Father is glorified by this, that you bear much fruit and become my disciples.

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**

Eternal God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life: grant us to walk in his way, to rejoice in his truth, and to share his risen life; who is alive and reigns, now and for ever. 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.

O Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end;  
be thou for ever near me,  
my Master and my Friend:  
I shall not fear the battle  
if thou art by my side,  
nor wander from the pathway  
if thou wilt be my guide.

O let me hear thee speaking  
in accents clear and still,  
above the storms of passion,  
the murmurs of self-will;  
O speak to reassure me,  
to hasten or control;  
O speak, and make me listen,  
thou guardian of my soul.

O Jesus, thou hast promised  
to all who follow thee,  
that where thou art in glory  
there shall thy servant be;  
and, Jesus, I have promised  
to serve thee to the end:  
O give me grace to follow,  
my Master and my Friend.

O let me see thy foot-marks,  
and in them plant mine own;  
my hope to follow duly  
is in thy strength alone:  
O guide me, call me, draw me,  
uphold me to the end;  
and then in heaven receive me,  
my Saviour and my Friend.

John Ernest Bode (1816-1874).  
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Online at 12 noon

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Meeting ID: 872 5945 4331

Password: 022223

## Readings next Sunday

9<sup>th</sup> May, (Easter 6) are:

Acts 10:44-48

Psalm 98

Acts 18:1-17

John 15:9-17

## APCM – 16<sup>th</sup> 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 are also available online on the weekly bulletin page of the church website

If you have any questions about the APCM then there is a **Q&A on Zoom on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at 4pm**

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84929075522?pwd=QXVxT2c4blZ0aGRKUm9XK0VobXRFT09>

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## **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 11<sup>th</sup> – Acts 16:6-40 – Philippi**

*What must I do to be saved!?*

**April 18<sup>th</sup> – Acts 17:1-9 – Thessalonica**

*Another king, one called Jesus!*

**April 25<sup>th</sup> – Acts 17:10-15 – Berea**

*Noble characters!*

**May 2<sup>nd</sup> – Acts 17:16-34 – Athens**

*Proclaiming the unknown God*

**May 9<sup>th</sup> – Acts 18:1-17 – Corinth**

*Do not be afraid!*

**May 16<sup>th</sup> – Acts 19:1-20 – Ephesus**

*The word of the Lord spread widely*

**May 23<sup>rd</sup> – Acts 20:13-38**

*Postscript – Farewell to the Ephesian elders*

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