



**St Peter  
Le Poer**



## Holy Communion

**Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> May 2021 –  
12noon – Ascension Day**

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

**Hail the day that sees him rise, Alleluia!**

To his throne above the skies; *Alleluia!*  
Christ, the Lamb for sinners given, *Alleluia!*  
Enters now the highest heaven: *Alleluia!*

There for him high triumph waits; *Alleluia!*  
Lift your heads, eternal gates; *Alleluia!*  
He hath conquered death and sin; *Alleluia!*  
Take the King of Glory in! *Alleluia!*

Lord, though parted from our sight, *Alleluia!*  
Far above the starry height, *Alleluia!*  
Grant our hearts may thither rise, *Alleluia!*  
Seeking thee above the skies: *Alleluia!*

*Charles Wesley (1707-1788)*

## Gathering and Greeting

**All:** God has gone up with a shout,  
**the Lord with the sound  
of a trumpet.** *Psalm 47:5*

In the name of the Father, and of  
the Son and of the Holy Spirit..  
**All: Amen.**

Grace, mercy and peace  
from God our Father  
and the Lord Jesus Christ  
be with you  
**All: And also with you**

## Welcome

Revd Philip Sudell

Dear brothers and sisters in Christ, for forty days we have been celebrating with joyful hearts the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ, his bursting from the tomb and his defeat of the power of sin and death. He appeared to his disciples many times and told them about the kingdom of God.

Today we recall how he left this earth and returned to his Father, ascending into heaven to take his throne over all dominions and powers. Trusting in his reign over all creation, and submitting to his kingly yet loving rule, let us hear the story of his parting.

## Prayers of Penitence

Christ has gone up on high, leading captivity captive and bringing gifts for men. As we prepare ourselves to meet him here in the courts of heaven let us call to mind our many failures and sins.

## Confession

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for our redemption, yet we have forgotten your pain and stayed in the realm of the evil you defeated.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life, yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar, and the empty promises of a sinful world.  
Christ, have mercy.  
**Christ, have mercy.**

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our Father, your God and our God; plead there at the right hand of God for our forgiveness and entry into the fullness of his presence.  
Lord, have mercy.  
**Lord, have mercy.**

## 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

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.

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that as we believe your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ to have ascended into the heavens, so we in heart and mind may also ascend and with him continually dwell; 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

### New Testament Reading

Acts 1.1-11

In the first book, Theophilus, I wrote about all that Jesus did and taught from

the beginning <sup>2</sup>until the day when he was taken up to heaven, after giving instructions through the Holy Spirit to the apostles whom he had chosen. <sup>3</sup>After his suffering he presented himself alive to them by many convincing proofs, appearing to them over the course of forty days and speaking about the kingdom of God. <sup>4</sup>While staying with them, he ordered them not to leave Jerusalem, but to wait there for the promise of the Father. 'This', he said, 'is what you have heard from me; <sup>5</sup>for John baptized with water, but you will be baptized with the Holy Spirit not many days from now.'

<sup>6</sup>So when they had come together, they asked him, 'Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?'

<sup>7</sup>He replied, 'It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.'<sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up towards heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, 'Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up towards heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 93

<sup>1</sup> The Lord is king and has put on glorious apparel; • the Lord has put on his glory and girded himself with strength.

<sup>2</sup> He has made the whole world so sure • that it cannot be moved.

<sup>3</sup> Your throne has been established from of old; • you are from everlasting.

<sup>4</sup> The floods have lifted up, O Lord, the floods have lifted up their voice; • the floods lift up their pounding waves.

<sup>5</sup> Mightier than the thunder of many waters, mightier than the breakers of the sea, • the Lord on high is mightier.

<sup>6</sup> Your testimonies are very sure; • holiness adorns your house, O Lord, for ever.

## New Testament Reading

### Ephesians 1.15-end

<sup>15</sup> I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love towards all the saints, and for this reason <sup>16</sup> I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. <sup>17</sup> I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, <sup>18</sup> so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, <sup>19</sup> and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. <sup>20</sup> God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, <sup>21</sup> far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come.

<sup>22</sup> And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, <sup>23</sup> which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

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 24.44-end

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, 'These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.' <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, 'Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.'

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshipped him, and returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

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

Let us join our prayers with those of our  
Saviour Christ, seeking the Father's  
blessing and the gifts of the Spirit.  
Jesus Christ, great high priest,  
living for ever to intercede for us,  
pray for the Church, your broken body in  
the world ...  
Lord, hear us.  
*All Lord, graciously hear us.*

Jesus Christ, king of righteousness,  
enthroned at the right hand of the  
majesty on high, pray for the world, and  
make it subject to your gentle rule ...  
Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, graciously hear us.*

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, drawing  
humanity into the life of God, pray for  
your brothers and sisters in need, distress  
or sorrow ...

Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, graciously hear us.*

Jesus Christ, pioneer of our salvation,  
bringing us to glory through your death  
and resurrection, surround with your  
saints and angels those who have died  
trusting your promises ...

Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, graciously hear us.*

Jesus Christ, Lord over all things,  
ascended far above the heavens and  
filling the universe, pray for us who  
receive the gifts you give us for work in  
your service ...

Lord, hear us.

*All Lord, graciously hear us.*

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity  
of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,  
and bring the whole created order to  
worship at your feet; for you are alive and  
reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

*All Amen.*

Merciful Father,  
**Accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ.  
Amen.**

# The Liturgy of the Sacrament

## The Peace

Jesus says: 'Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father'. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always 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, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God, through Jesus Christ the King of glory. Born of a woman, he came to the rescue of our human race. Dying for us, he trampled death and conquered sin. By the glory of his resurrection he opened the way to life eternal and by his ascension, gave us the sure hope that where he is we may also be. Therefore the universe resounds with Easter joy and with choirs of angels we sing for ever to your 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.

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.**

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**

God our Father, you have raised our humanity in Christ and have fed us with the bread of heaven: mercifully grant that, nourished with such spiritual blessings, we may set our hearts in the heavenly places; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

May the Spirit, who set the Church on fire upon the day of Pentecost, bring the world alive with the love of the risen 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.**

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## **Jesus shall reign where'er the sun**

does his successive journeys run;  
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore,  
till moons shall wax and wane no more.

People and realms of every tongue  
Dwell on his love with sweetest song,  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns:  
the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;  
the weary find eternal rest,  
and all the sons of want are blest.

To him shall endless prayer be made,  
and praises throng to crown his head;  
his name like incense shall arise  
with every morning sacrifice.

Let every creature rise and bring  
peculiar honours to our King;  
angels descend with songs again,  
and earth repeat the loud Amen.

*Isaac Watts (1674-1748)  
based on Psalm 72*

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