

HAMPSTEAD PARISH CHURCH

The Seventh Sunday of Easter  
Sunday after Ascension Day

Holy Communion



Sunday 16 May

11.00 am

# The Gathering

*Before the service Geoffrey Webber plays*  
Spring Song - Alfred Hollins

## The Greeting

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

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you.**

Alleluia. Christ is risen.  
**He is risen indeed. Alleluia**

*Please sit or kneel*

## Prayer of Preparation

**Almighty God,**  
**to whom all hearts are open, all desires known,**  
**and from whom no secrets are hidden:**  
**cleanse the thoughts of our hearts**  
**by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,**  
**that we may perfectly love you,**  
**and worthily magnify your holy name;**  
**through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## Prayers of Penitence

What God has prepared for those who love him,  
he has revealed to us through the Spirit;  
for the Spirit searches everything.  
Therefore, let us in penitence open our hearts to the Lord,  
who has prepared good things for those who love him.

*1 Corinthians 2.9,10*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father,**  
**we have sinned against you and against our neighbour**  
**in thought and word and deed,**  
**through negligence, through weakness,**  
**through our own deliberate fault.**  
**We are truly sorry and repent of all our sins.**  
**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,**  
**forgive us all that is past**  
**and grant that we may serve you in newness of life**  
**to the glory of your name. Amen.**

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy upon you,  
pardon and deliver you from all your sins,  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness,  
and keep you in life eternal;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*Please stand*

## **Gloria in Excelsis**

*We say together*

**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.**

## **Collect**

Risen Christ,  
you have raised our human nature to the throne of heaven:  
help us to seek and serve you,  
that we may join you at the Father's side,  
where you reign with the Spirit in glory,  
now and for ever. **Amen.**

*Please sit*

# The Liturgy of the Word

## New Testament Reading

*Brian Vickers reads*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (together the crowd numbered about one hundred and twenty people) and said, 'Friends, the scripture had to be fulfilled, which the Holy Spirit through David foretold concerning Judas, who became a guide for those who arrested Jesus—for he was numbered among us and was allotted his share in this ministry.'

So one of the men who have accompanied us throughout the time that the Lord Jesus went in and out among us, beginning from the baptism of John until the day when he was taken up from us—one of these must become a witness with us to his resurrection.' So they proposed two, Joseph called Barsabbas, who was also known as Justus, and Matthias. Then they prayed and said, 'Lord, you know everyone's heart. Show us which one of these two you have chosen to take the place in this ministry and apostleship from which Judas turned aside to go to his own place.' And they cast lots for them, and the lot fell on Matthias; and he was added to the eleven apostles.

*Acts 1. 15 – 17; 21 - end*

This is the word of the Lord

**Thanks be to God**

## Hymn

*The choir (recorded) sings*

The head that once was crowned with  
thorns  
is crowned with glory now;  
a royal diadem adorns  
the mighty Victor's brow.

The highest place that heaven affords  
is his, is his by right,  
the King of kings, and Lord of lords,  
and heaven's eternal Light;

The joy all of all who dwell above,  
the joy of all below,  
to whom he manifests his love  
and grants his Name to know.

To them the cross with all its shame,  
with all its grace is given;  
their name, an everlasting name;  
their joy, the joy of heaven.

They suffer with their Lord below,  
they reign with him above,  
their profit and their joy to know  
the mystery of his love.

The cross he bore is life and health,  
though shame and death to him:  
his people's hope, his people's wealth,  
their everlasting theme.

*Words: Thomas Kelly*

*Tune: ST MAGNUS*

*Please stand*

## **Gospel Reading**

*A minister reads*

Alleluia, alleluia.

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the hearts of your faithful people  
and kindle in them the fire of your love.

**Alleluia.**

The Lord be with you  
**and also with you**

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

**Glory to you, O Lord**

'I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one. While I was with them, I protected them in your name that you have given me. I guarded them, and not one of them was lost except the one destined to be lost, so that the scripture might be fulfilled. But now I am coming to you, and I speak these things in the world so that they may have my joy made complete in themselves. I have given them your word, and the world has hated them because they do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. I am not asking you to take them out of the world, but I ask you to protect them from the evil one. They do not belong to the world, just as I do not belong to the world. Sanctify them in the truth; your word is truth. As you have sent me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. And for their sakes I sanctify myself, so that they also may be sanctified in truth.

*John 17. 6 - 19*

This is the Gospel of the Lord  
**Praise to you, O Christ**

**The Sermon**

*Melissa Wilson*

*Please stand*

## The Creed

**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

*Please sit or kneel.*

*Peter Ginnings leads the intercessions*

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

*The prayers conclude:*

Merciful Father,

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

*Please stand*

## The Peace

God has made us one in Christ.

He has set his seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,  
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts. Alleluia.

*cf 2 Corinthians 1.22*

The peace of the risen Lord Jesus be always with you;  
**And also with you.**

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Please sit as the table is prepared, and stand as the prayer begins.*

# The Liturgy of the Eucharist

## The Eucharistic Prayer

The Lord be with you,  
**and also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give thanks and praise.**

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy,  
always and everywhere to give you thanks,  
holy Father, almighty and eternal God,  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

For he is our great high priest  
who has entered once for all  
into the heavenly sanctuary,  
evermore to pour upon your Church  
the grace and comfort of your Holy Spirit.

He is the one who has gone before us,  
who calls us to be united in prayer  
as were his disciples in the upper room  
while they awaited his promised gift,  
the life-giving Spirit of Pentecost.  
Therefore all creation yearns with eager longing  
as angels and archangels sing the endless 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.**

We praise and bless you, loving Father,  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord:  
and as we obey his command,  
send your Holy Spirit,  
that broken bread and wine outpoured  
may be for us the body and blood of your dear Son.

On the night before he died he had supper with his friends  
and, taking bread, he praised you.  
He broke the bread, gave it to them and said:  
Take, eat; this is my body which is given for you;  
do this in remembrance of me.

When supper was ended he took the cup of wine.  
Again he praised you, gave it to them and said:  
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.

So, Father, we remember all that Jesus did,  
in him we plead with confidence his sacrifice  
made once for all upon the cross.

Bringing before you the bread of life and cup of salvation,  
we proclaim his death and resurrection until he comes in glory.

Jesus Christ is Lord:  
**Lord, by your cross and resurrection  
you have set us free.  
You are the Saviour of the world.**

Lord of all life,  
help us to work together for that day  
when your kingdom comes  
and justice and mercy will be seen in all the earth.

Look with favour on your people,  
gather us in your loving arms  
and bring us with all the saints  
to feast at your table in heaven.

Through Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
all honour and glory are yours,  
O loving Father, for ever and ever. **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.**

### **Breaking of the Bread**

We break this bread  
to share in the body of Christ.  
**Though we are many, we are one body,  
because we all share in one bread.**

### **Giving of Communion**

God's holy gifts for God's holy people.  
**Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord,  
To the glory of God the Father.**

*Please follow the directions of the sidespeople for the administration of Communion.*

*During Communion the choir (recorded) sings*

*Non vos relinquam orphanos. Alleluia.*

*Vado, et venio ad vos. Alleluia.*

*Et gaudebit, cor vestrum. Alleluia.*

*I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia.*

*I go, and I will come to you. Alleluia.*

*And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.*

*Words: John 14. 18 and 16. 22, First Vespers of Pentecost*

*Music: William Byrd*

### **Post Communion Prayer**

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.**

**Almighty God,**  
**we thank you for feeding us**  
**with the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ.**  
**Through him we offer you our souls and bodies**  
**to be a living sacrifice.**  
**Send us out in the power of your Spirit**  
**to live and work**  
**to your praise and glory.**  
**Amen.**

## Hymn

*The choir (recorded) sings*

Rejoice the Lord is King!  
Your Lord and King adore!  
Mortals, give thanks and sing,  
and triumph evermore.  
*Lift up your heart!*  
*lift up your voice!*  
*Rejoice! again I say, rejoice!*

Jesus, the Saviour reigns,  
the God of truth and love:  
when he had purged our stains,  
he took his seat above.

His kingdom cannot fail;  
he rules o'er earth and heaven;  
the keys of death and hell  
are to our Jesus giv'n.

He sits at God's right hand  
till all his foes submit,  
and bow to his command,  
and fall beneath his feet:

*Words: Charles Wesley*

*Tune: GOPSAL*

## The Sending Out

As we wait in silence,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we listen to your word,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we worship you in majesty,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**  
As we long for your empowering,  
**make us ready for your coming Spirit.**

## The Blessing

The Spirit of truth lead you into all truth,  
give you grace to confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,  
and strengthen you to proclaim the word and works of God;  
and the blessing of God almighty,  
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,  
be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

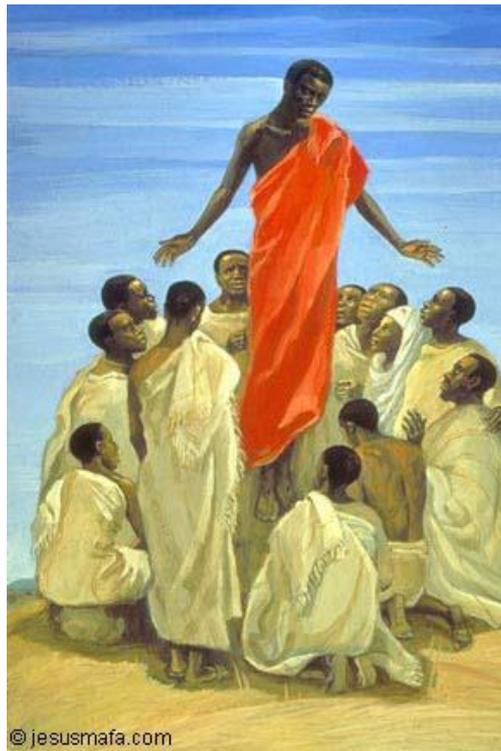
## The Dismissal

Waiting expectantly for the promised Holy Spirit,  
go in the peace of Christ. Alleluia, alleluia.  
**Thanks be to God. Alleluia, alleluia.**

## Organ Voluntary

*Geoffrey Webber plays*

Postlude on a theme of Orlando Gibbons (Song 22), Op. 105 (ii) - Charles Stanford



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