



PARISH EUCHARIST
DURING THE SUNDAYS OF EASTER

Welcome to Ss. Peter and Paul, Bromley

The words printed in **bold** are usually said or sung by all. Please stand or sit during the service as you feel comfortable. If you are unsure about what to do or where to be during the service, please ask someone.

Children – most weeks little fishes, our group for younger children meets in the Rooms at the back of church. We also have an area with toys and games at the back of the church for our younger worshippers. Feel free to use these at any time.

Hearing loop – our hearing loop works most effectively in the main body of the church. Please select the ‘T’ position.

Toilets – can be found through the doors at the back of the church.

Refreshments – after the service, we share refreshments together. You are warmly invited to have a drink and a chat - but if you’d rather slip away, that’s OK too.

A prayer before coming to the eucharist:

We do not presume
to come to this your table, merciful Lord, trusting in our own
righteousness,
but in your manifold and great mercies. We are not worthy
so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table. But you are the
same Lord
whose nature is always to have mercy. Grant us therefore,
gracious Lord,
so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ and to drink his
blood,
that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body and our souls
washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore
dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

The Great Fifty Days of Eastertide form a single festival period in which the tone of joy created at the Easter Vigil is sustained through the following seven weeks, and the Church celebrates the gloriously risen Christ:

Triumphant in his glory now,
his sceptre ruleth all,
earth, heaven and hell before him bow,
and at his footstool fall.

(Fulbert of Chartres)

Early Christians gave the name Pentecost to this whole fifty-day span of rejoicing, which Tertullian calls 'this most joyful period' (laetissimum spatium). It is sometimes also called 'Great Sunday'. In those places where the custom of lighting the Easter Candle at the beginning of Easter is followed, the lit Candle stands prominently in church for all the Eastertide services. The Alleluia appears frequently in liturgical speech and song; Morning Prayer begins with the traditional collection of Pauline texts known as the Easter Anthems, and white or gold vestments and decorations emphasize the joy and brightness of the season.

On the fortieth day there has from the late fourth century been a particular celebration of Christ's ascension. He commissions his disciples to continue his work, he promises the gift of the Holy Spirit, and then he is no longer among them in the flesh. The ascension is therefore closely connected with the theme of mission. The arrival of the promised gift of the Holy Spirit on the day of Pentecost completes and crowns the Easter Festival.

THE GATHERING

*Everyone is welcomed, and invited to stand for the **First Hymn***

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

All **Amen.**

The Greeting

The Lord be with you

All **and also with you.**

Prayers of Penitence

This or another introduction is said

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.

1 Corinthians 5.7,8

We have lived by our own strength,
and not by the power of your resurrection.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived by the light of our own eyes,
as faithless and not believing.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

We have lived for this world alone,
and doubted our home in heaven.
In your mercy, forgive us.

All **Lord, hear us and help us.**

May the Father forgive us
by the death of his Son
and strengthen us
to live in the power of the Spirit
all our days.

All **Amen.**

The Gloria

All **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

After a period of silent prayer, the prayer for the day is said.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

Bible Readings

At the end of each the reader may say

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

*As we are able, we stand for a **Hymn***

Gospel Reading

The Gospel is processed into the centre of the church, please turn to face it.

Alleluia, alleluia.

Jesus said, 'I am the resurrection and the life.

Those who believe in me, even though they die, will live,
and everyone who lives and believes in me will never die.'

John 11.25,26

All Alleluia

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to *N.*

All Glory to you, O Lord.

The Gospel is read, at the end the reader says :

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

The Creed

All **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

We are led in prayer for the world. After each intercession we may respond

Lord, in your mercy,
All **heard our prayer.**

And at the end, we may say

Merciful Father,
All **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.

John 20.19, 20

All The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.

Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

We exchange a sign of peace with one another.

*We remain standing for a **Hymn**
during which a collection is taken to support the work of the church*

Preparation of the Table

Once the table is prepared, the following prayer is said.

Creator of all,
you wash away our sins,
you give us new birth by the Spirit,
and redeem us in the blood of Christ.
As we celebrate the resurrection,
renew your gift of life within us.

All **Amen**

Eucharistic Prayer A

The Lord is here.

All **His Spirit is with us.**

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.

All **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.

Accept our praises, heavenly Father,
through your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ,
and as we follow his example and obey his command,
grant that by the power of your Holy Spirit
these gifts of bread and wine
may be to us his body and his 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.

Therefore, heavenly Father,
we remember his offering of himself
made once for all upon the cross;
we proclaim his mighty resurrection and glorious ascension;
we look for the coming of your kingdom,
and with this bread and this cup
we make the memorial of Christ your Son our Lord.

Jesus Christ is Lord:

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

Accept through him, our great high priest,
this our sacrifice of thanks and praise,
and as we eat and drink these holy gifts
in the presence of your divine majesty,
renew us by your Spirit,
inspire us with your love
and unite us in the body of your Son,
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Through him, and with him, and in him,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
with all who stand before you in earth and heaven,
we worship you, Father almighty,
in songs of everlasting praise:

All **Blessing and honour and glory and power
be yours for ever and ever.
Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

All **Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name;
your kingdom come; your will be done;
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,**

**as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation;
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power and the
glory are yours, now and forever.
Amen.**

Breaking of the 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

**All 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.**

Giving of Communion

Jesus is the Lamb of God
who takes away the sin of the world.
Blessed are those who are called to his supper.

**All Lord, I am not worthy to receive you,
but only say the word, and I shall be healed.**

(or)

God's holy gifts
for God's holy people.

**All Jesus Christ is holy, Jesus Christ is Lord, to
the glory of God the Father.**

All are invited to come to the altar to receive Holy Communion. Gluten free wafers and non-alcoholic communion wine are available, just ask at the rail. If you would prefer a blessing, come forward with your hands by your side. During the distribution of Holy Communion hymns or anthems are usually sung.

Prayer after Communion

The post communion prayer is said, followed by

**All 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.**

(or)

**All 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.**

Notices for the week are given

*We stand for a **Hymn***

The Blessing

This or another suitable blessing is used

The God of peace,
who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus,
that great shepherd of the sheep,
make you perfect in every good work to do his will;
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always.

All **Amen.**

He is not here. He is risen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, alleluia.

All **In the name of Christ. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

SING FOR JOY, O HEAVENS, AND EXULT, O
EARTH; BREAK FORTH, O MOUNTAINS,
INTO SINGING! FOR THE LORD HAS
COMFORTED HIS PEOPLE, AND WILL HAVE
COMPASSION ON HIS SUFFERING ONES.

Isaiah 49.13

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