



**St Peter's**  
Muswell Hill

## **Holy Communion**

**9.30am – 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2026**

**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter**

### **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.**

**All creatures of our God and King** 250

Lift up your voice and with us sing  
O praise Him! Alleluia!

Thou, burning sun with golden beam

Thou, silver moon with softer gleam

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Let all things their Creator bless

And worship Him in humbleness

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son

And praise the Spirit, Three-in-One

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

All the redeemed washed by His blood

Come and rejoice in His great love

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Christ has defeated every sin

Cast all your burdens now on Him

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

He shall return in pow'r to reign

Heaven and earth will join to say

O praise Him! Alleluia!

Then who shall fall on bended knee?

All creatures of our God and King

O praise Him! O praise Him!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

St. Francis of Assisi, William Henry Draper

**Welcome** – Revd. Philip Sudell

### **Prayers of Penitence**

Christ died to sin once for all, and now he  
lives to God. Let us renew our resolve to  
have done with all that is evil and confess  
our sins in penitence and faith.

### **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**

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.**

We sing the

### **Gloria**

Glory to God, Glory to God

Glory to God in the highest,

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest,

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.

Glory to God, Glory to God  
Glory to God in the highest.

## The Collect

Almighty God, who through your only-begotten Son Jesus Christ have overcome death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life: grant that, as by your grace going before us you put into our minds good desires, so by your continual help we may bring them to good effect; through Jesus Christ our risen Lord, 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 7:55-60

<sup>55</sup> But Stephen, full of the Holy Spirit, looked up to heaven and saw the glory of God, and Jesus standing at the right hand of God. <sup>56</sup> 'Look,' he said, 'I see heaven open and the Son of Man standing at the right hand of God.'

<sup>57</sup> At this they covered their ears and, yelling at the top of their voices, they all rushed at him, <sup>58</sup> dragged him out of the city and began to stone him. Meanwhile,

the witnesses laid their coats at the feet of a young man named Saul.

<sup>59</sup> While they were stoning him, Stephen prayed, 'Lord Jesus, receive my spirit.' <sup>60</sup> Then he fell on his knees and cried out, 'Lord, do not hold this sin against them.' When he had said this, he fell asleep.

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 31

I trust in you O Lord, for you are my God.

<sup>1</sup> In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; • deliver me in your righteousness.

<sup>2</sup> Incline your ear to me; • make haste to deliver me.

<sup>3</sup> Be my strong rock, a fortress to save me, for you are my rock and my stronghold; • guide me, and lead me for your name's sake.

I trust in you O Lord, for you are my God.

<sup>4</sup> Take me out of the net that they have laid secretly for me, • for you are my strength.

<sup>5</sup> Into your hands I commend my spirit, • for you have redeemed me, O Lord God of truth.

I trust in you O Lord, for you are my God.

## New Testament Reading

Romans 7:13-25

<sup>13</sup> Did that which is good, then, become death to me? By no means! Nevertheless, in order that sin might be recognised as sin, it used what is good to bring about my death, so that through the commandment sin might become utterly sinful.

<sup>14</sup> We know that the law is spiritual; but I am unspiritual, sold as a slave to sin. <sup>15</sup> I do not understand what I do. For what I want to do I do not do, but what I hate I do. <sup>16</sup> And if I do what I do not want to do, I agree that the law is good. <sup>17</sup> As it is, it is no

longer I myself who do it, but it is sin living in me. <sup>18</sup> For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. <sup>19</sup> For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do – this I keep on doing. <sup>20</sup> Now if I do what I do not want to do, it is no longer I who do it, but it is sin living in me that does it.

<sup>21</sup> So I find this law at work: although I want to do good, evil is right there with me. <sup>22</sup> For in my inner being I delight in God's law; <sup>23</sup> but I see another law at work in me, waging war against the law of my mind and making me a prisoner of the law of sin at work within me. <sup>24</sup> What a wretched man I am! Who will rescue me from this body that is subject to death? <sup>25</sup> Thanks be to God, who delivers me through Jesus Christ our Lord! So then, I myself in my mind am a slave to God's law, but in my sinful nature a slave to the law of sin.

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 14:1-14**

'Do not let your hearts be troubled. You believe in God; believe also in me. <sup>2</sup> My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? <sup>3</sup> And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am. <sup>4</sup> You know the way to the place where I am going.'

<sup>5</sup> Thomas said to him, 'Lord, we don't know where you are going, so how can we know the way?'

<sup>6</sup> Jesus answered, 'I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me. <sup>7</sup> If you really know me, you will know my Father as well. From now on, you do know him and have seen him.'

<sup>8</sup> Philip said, 'Lord, show us the Father and that will be enough for us.'

<sup>9</sup> Jesus answered: 'Don't you know me, Philip, even after I have been among you such a long time? Anyone who has seen me has seen the Father. How can you say, "Show us the Father"? <sup>10</sup> Don't you believe that I am in the Father, and that the Father is in me? The words I say to you I do not speak on my own authority. Rather, it is the Father, living in me, who is doing his work. <sup>11</sup> Believe me when I say that I am in the Father and the Father is in me; or at least believe on the evidence of the works themselves. <sup>12</sup> Very truly I tell you, whoever believes in me will do the works I have been doing, and they will do even greater things than these, because I am going to the Father. <sup>13</sup> And I will do whatever you ask in my name, so that the Father may be glorified in the Son. <sup>14</sup> You may ask me for anything in my name, and I will do it.'

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

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

## **Sermon** – Revd. Philip Sudell

*More than conquerors...*

*4. Wretched yet rescued*

## 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  
always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

The bread and wine are brought to the Lord's Table

**Just as I am, without one plea** 308  
but that thy blood was shed for me,  
and that thou bidst me come to thee,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, though tossed about  
with many a conflict, many a doubt,  
fightings and fears within, without,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind;  
sight, riches, healing of the mind,  
yea, all I need, in thee to find,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, thou wilt receive,  
wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve:  
because thy promise I believe,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Just as I am, of that free love  
the breadth, length, depth, and height to  
prove,  
here for a season, then above,  
O Lamb of God, I come.

Charlotte Elliott

### 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.**

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.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus.

**All: Dying you destroyed our death,  
rising you restored our life:  
Lord Jesus, come in glory.**

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**

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**

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.

## **Church family news**

The day of resurrection!  
Earth, tell it out abroad;  
the Passover of gladness,  
the Passover of God;  
from death to life eternal,  
from earth unto the sky,  
our God hath brought us over  
with hymns of victory.

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Our hearts be pure from evil,  
that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal  
of resurrection-light;  
and, listening to his accents,  
may hear so calm and plain  
his own 'All hail', and, hearing,  
may raise the victor strain.

Now let the heavens be joyful,  
and earth her song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph,  
and all that is therein;  
let all things seen and unseen  
their notes of gladness blend,  
for Christ the Lord is risen,  
our joy that hath no end.!

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## **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**

He is not here. He is risen.  
Go in peace to love  
and serve the Lord.

All: In the name of Christ. Amen

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## **Readings for next Sunday**

10th May – Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 17.22–31

Psalm 66.7–18

Romans 8:1–17

John 14.15–21

## The week ahead

Sun 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 4 <sup>th</sup>	<b>BANK</b>	<b>HOLIDAY</b>
Tues 5 <sup>th</sup>	9:45-11am  7.15 for food for 8-9pm	<b>Chat &amp; Play</b> for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall  <b>First Tuesday Prayer</b> <b>@ 163 CHL</b>
Wed 6 <sup>th</sup>		
Thurs 7 <sup>th</sup>	All Day  8pm	<b>Elections – Hall in use as Polling Station – no Café or FAB Club or Communion</b>  <b>Midweek groups</b> meet
Fri 8 <sup>th</sup>	7.15-8am  7pm	<b>Friday Prayer</b> <b>@ 163 CHL</b>  <b>Christian Aid Quiz</b> <b>@ St Peter's Church</b>
Sat 9 <sup>th</sup>	10am  10am start	<b>Women's Brunch</b> <b>@ Mossy Well</b> <b>Pathway Sponsored Walk</b>
Sun 10 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service with HC

## Looking ahead

- Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May – Christian Aid Quiz
- Fri 15<sup>th</sup> May – Bible in a year discussion
- Sun 17<sup>th</sup> May - Annual Meetings
- Sun 7<sup>th</sup> June – Church Family BBQ Lunch
- Sun 12<sup>th</sup> July – Church Family Picnic

## Co-Mission Revive W/E Away

26<sup>th</sup> - 28<sup>th</sup> June – Bookings will close in a month – get online and don't forget to book!!



## Annual Meetings

The Annual Meeting of Parishioners for the election of Churchwardens (2) and the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) for the presentation of the annual reports and the election of 2 Deanery Synod members up to 9 members of the Parochial Church Council (PCC) will take place **after the 11am service on Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026**. Nomination forms are available

## First Tuesday Prayer

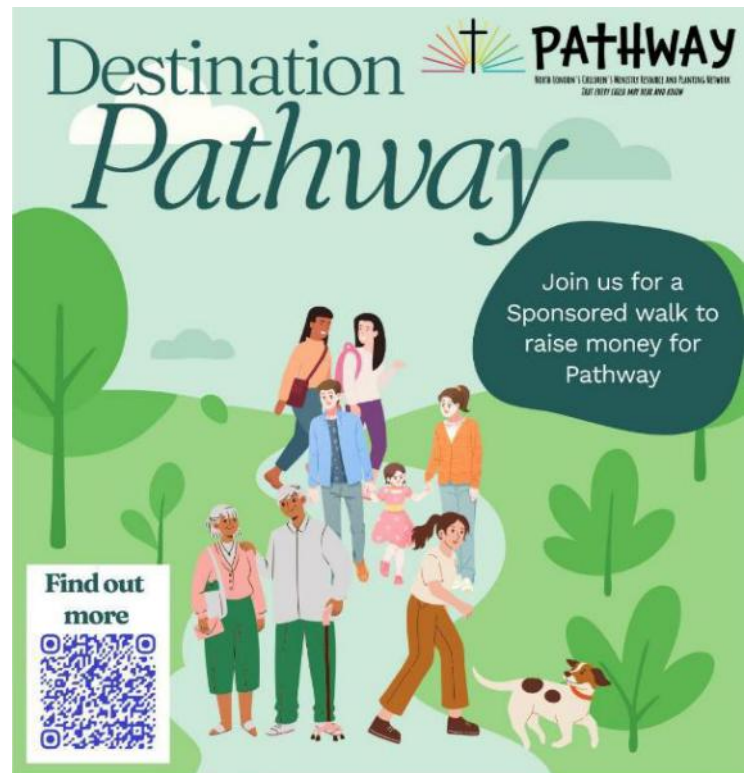
Come and join us this Tuesday, the 5<sup>th</sup> May 7.15 for supper then **Prayer** from 8-9pm at 163 Colney Hatch Lane.

## Christian Aid Quiz – Fri 8<sup>th</sup> May



We will be hosting a quiz night for Christian Aid week on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May from 7pm to 9:30pm!

Get a table together (tables of 8) and email the church office to book in. £10 per ticket inc Ploughmans and donation to Christian Aid



**Saturday,  
May 9<sup>th</sup>, 10am**  
Walking from  
Bounds Green  
Station to Oakwood

### What to expect

We will be walking about 10 miles together along New River to Palmers Green, through Broomfield Park, then join the Pymmes Brook up to Barnet. We will cut across into Trent Park and end up at Oakwood – where people can take the bus/tube back to Bounds Green. A shorter version is available. All ages welcome.