



Holy Communion

9.30am – Sunday 27th Sept 2026
Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

To God be the glory great things he has done

So loved He the world that He gave us His son

Who yielded His life an atonement for sin
And opened the life gate that all may go in

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

let the earth hear His voice

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord

let the people rejoice

O Come to the Father through Jesus the Son

And give Him the glory

great things He has done

O perfect redemption the purchase of blood

To every believer the promise of God

The vilest offender who truly believes

That moment from Jesus a pardon receives

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord let the earth

hear His voice...

Great things He has taught us great things
He has done

And great our rejoicing through Jesus the Son

But purer and higher and greater will be

Our wonder our worship when Jesus we see

Praise the Lord, praise the Lord let the earth

hear His voice...

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Gathering and Greeting

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

Prayers of Penitence

As we prepare to celebrate the mystery of God's love, revealed in Word and Sacrament, let us call to mind our sins.

Confession

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.

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, you have made us for
yourself, and our hearts are restless till they
find their rest in you: pour your love into
our hearts and draw us to yourself, and so
bring us at last to your heavenly city where
we shall see you face to face; through
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive
and reigns with you, in the unity of the
Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.
All: Amen.

Old Testament Reading

Ezekiel 18.1-4; 25-32

18 The word of the Lord came to me:
2 'What do you people mean by quoting
this proverb about the land of Israel:
"The parents eat sour grapes, and the
children's teeth are set on edge"?
3 'As surely as I live, declares the Sovereign
Lord, you will no longer quote this proverb
in Israel. 4 For everyone belongs to me, the
parent as well as the child – both alike
belong to me. The one who sins is the one
who will die.

25 'Yet you say, "The way of the Lord is not
just." Hear, you Israelites: is my way unjust?
Is it not your ways that are unjust? 26 If a
righteous person turns from their
righteousness and commits sin, they will die
for it; because of the sin they have
committed they will die. 27 But if a wicked
person turns away from the wickedness
they have committed and does what is just
and right, they will save their life.
28 Because they consider all the offences
they have committed and turn away from
them, that person will surely live; they will
not die. 29 Yet the Israelites say, "The way
of the Lord is not just." Are my ways unjust,
people of Israel? Is it not your ways that
are unjust?

30 'Therefore, you Israelites, I will judge
each of you according to your own ways,
declares the Sovereign Lord. Repent! Turn
away from all your offences; then sin will
not be your downfall. 31 Rid yourselves of
all the offences you have committed, and
get a new heart and a new spirit. Why will
you die, people of Israel? 32 For I take no
pleasure in the death of anyone, declares
the Sovereign Lord. Repent and live!

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:1-8

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul; O my
God, in you I trust; • let me not be put to
shame; let not my enemies triumph over
me. 2 Let none who look to you be put to
shame, • but let the treacherous be
shamed and frustrated.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

3 Make me to know your ways, O Lord, •
and teach me your paths.

4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, • for
you are the God of my salvation; for you
have I hoped all the day long.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁵ Remember, Lord, your compassion and love, • for they are from everlasting.

⁶ Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions, • but think on me in your goodness, O Lord, according to your steadfast love.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

⁷ Gracious and upright is the Lord; • therefore shall he teach sinners in the way.

⁸ He will guide the humble in doing right • and teach his way to the lowly.

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul.

New Testament Reading

James 1:1-18

1 James, a servant of God and of the Lord Jesus Christ,

To the twelve tribes scattered among the nations: Greetings.

² Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, ³ because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. ⁴ Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything. ⁵ If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. ⁶ But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. ⁷ That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. ⁸ Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do. ⁹ Believers in humble circumstances ought to take pride in their high position. ¹⁰ But the rich should take pride in their humiliation – since they will pass away like a wild flower. ¹¹ For the sun rises with scorching heat and withers the plant; its blossom falls and its beauty is destroyed. In the same way, the rich will fade away even while they go about their business. ¹² Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to

those who love him. ¹³ When tempted, no one should say, ‘God is tempting me.’ For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone; ¹⁴ but each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. ¹⁵ Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death. ¹⁶ Don’t be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. ¹⁷ Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows. ¹⁸ He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.

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 Matthew.

All: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Matthew 21.23–32

²³ Jesus entered the temple courts, and, while he was teaching, the chief priests and the elders of the people came to him. ‘By what authority are you doing these things?’ they asked. ‘And who gave you this authority?’ ²⁴ Jesus replied, ‘I will also ask you one question. If you answer me, I will tell you by what authority I am doing these things. ²⁵ John’s baptism – where did it come from? Was it from heaven, or of human origin?’ They discussed it among themselves and said, ‘If we say, “From heaven”, he will ask, “Then why didn’t you believe him?”’ ²⁶ But if we say, “Of human origin” – we are afraid of the people, for they all hold that John was a prophet.’ ²⁷ So they answered Jesus, ‘We don’t know.’ Then he said, ‘Neither will I tell you by what authority I am doing these things.

²⁸ ‘What do you think? There was a man who had two sons. He went to the first and said, “Son, go and work today in the vineyard.” ²⁹ “I will not,” he answered, but later he changed his mind and went.

³⁰ ‘Then the father went to the other son and said the same thing. He answered, “I will, sir,” but he did not go. ³¹ ‘Which of the two did what his father wanted?’ ‘The first,’ they answered. Jesus said to them, ‘Truly I tell you, the tax collectors and the prostitutes are entering the kingdom of God ahead of you. ³² For John came to you to show you the way of righteousness, and you did not believe him, but the tax collectors and the prostitutes did. And even after you saw this, you did not repent and believe him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
All: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sermon – Revd Philip Sudell

The shape of Christian maturity
5. Growing through trials.

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**

Christ is our peace. He has reconciled us to God in one body by the cross. We meet in his name and share his peace. 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 head that once was crowned with 172 thorns

is crowned with glory now:
a royal diadem adorns
the mighty Victor's brow.

The joy 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.

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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 truly right and just, our duty and our salvation, always and everywhere to give you thanks, holy Father, almighty and eternal God. From sunrise to sunset this day is holy, for Christ has risen from the tomb and scattered the darkness of death with light that will not fade. This day the risen Lord walks with your gathered people, unfolds for us your word, and makes himself known in the breaking of the bread. And though the night will overtake this day you summon us to live in endless light, the never-ceasing sabbath of the Lord. And so, with choirs of angels and with all the heavenly host, we proclaim your glory and join their unending song 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.

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

Rejoice! The Lord is King, 563
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:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;...

He sits at God's right hand
till all his foes submit,
and bow to his command,
and fall beneath his feet:
Lift up your heart, lift up your voice;...

Rejoice in glorious hope;
Jesus the judge shall come,
and take his servants up
to their eternal home:
We soon shall hear the archangel's voice;
the trump of God shall sound: rejoice!

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Blessing

The love of the Lord Jesus draw you to himself, the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen you in his service, the joy of the Lord Jesus fill your hearts; 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 peace to love
and serve the Lord.

All: **In the name of Christ. Amen**

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Readings for next Sunday

4th October – Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 8:7–18

Psalms 65

2 Corinthians 9:6–15

Luke 17:11–19

The week ahead

Sun 27 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 28 th	7.45 for 8pm	PCC meeting @ the Vicarage
Tues 29 th	9:45-11am 8pm	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall Midweek Groups
Wed 30 th		
Thurs 1 st	10-11.30am 12 noon 12-3pm 4pm 8pm	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall FAB Club Midweek groups meet
Fri 2 nd	7:15-8am	Friday Prayer @ 163 CHL
Sat 3 rd	9-1pm	
Sun 4 th	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service – Harvest Festival

Looking ahead...

Autumn dates – more details to follow

Tues 6th Oct – 1st Tuesday Prayer

Sat 10th Oct – Grow North

Sat 31st Oct – Children's LIGHT PARTY

Sat 14th Nov – Women's Brunch

Sat 21st Nov – Fair and Fun Day



Harvest Festival

On Sunday 4th October, please bring something to donate to Muswell Hill food bank, they are currently in urgent need of all dried or tinned foods i.e. soup, beans, tinned tomatoes or fruit; as well as toiletries i.e. shower gel, deodorant and toilet rolls and laundry pods.

“Grow North” – Women’s Day Sat 10th October at St Peter’s

Look out for the fliers in church.

Light Stop – Sat 31st October

Could you come and be part of the team to run this great event to connect with local families? – Come and speak to Jess!

Fair and Fun Day

Put the date in your diary – sign up to serve at the event