

## Holy Communion

9.30am – 1<sup>st</sup> Feb 26 – Epiphany 4

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, 474  
in light inaccessible hid from our eyes,  
most blessed, most glorious,  
the Ancient of Days,  
almighty, victorious,  
thy great name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,  
nor wanting, nor wasting,  
thou rulest in might;  
thy justice like mountains  
high soaring above  
thy clouds which are fountains  
of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest,  
to both great and small;  
in all life thou livest, the true life of all;  
we blossom and flourish  
as leaves on the tree,  
and wither and perish;  
but naught changeth thee.

Great Father of glory, pure Father of light,  
thine angels adore thee,  
all veiling their sight;  
all laud we would render: O help us to see  
'tis only the splendour of light hideth thee.

W Chalmers Smith

## 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

**Welcome** – Revd Philip Sudell

## Prayers of Penitence

The grace of God has dawned upon the world through our Saviour Jesus Christ, who sacrificed himself for us to purify a people as his own. Let us confess 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 in Jesus Christ has given us a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

## 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

God our creator, who in the beginning commanded the light to shine out of darkness: we pray that the light of the glorious gospel of Christ may dispel the darkness of ignorance and unbelief, shine into the hearts of all your people, and reveal the knowledge of your glory in the face of 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.

## The Liturgy of the Word

### Old Testament Reading

Exodus 7:1-13, 10:21-29

7 Then the Lord said to Moses, 'See, I have made you like God to Pharaoh, and your brother Aaron will be your prophet.<sup>2</sup> You are to say everything I command you, and your brother Aaron is to tell Pharaoh to let the Israelites go out of his country.<sup>3</sup> But I will harden Pharaoh's heart, and though I multiply my signs and wonders in Egypt,<sup>4</sup> he will not listen to you. Then I will lay my hand on Egypt and with mighty acts of judgment I will bring out my divisions, my people the Israelites.<sup>5</sup> And the Egyptians will know that I am the Lord when I stretch out my hand against Egypt and bring the Israelites out of it.'<sup>6</sup> Moses and Aaron did just as the Lord commanded them.<sup>7</sup> Moses was eighty years old and Aaron eighty-three when they spoke to Pharaoh.

<sup>8</sup> The Lord said to Moses and Aaron,<sup>9</sup> 'When Pharaoh says to you,

"Perform a miracle," then say to Aaron, "Take your staff and throw it down before Pharaoh," and it will become a snake.'<sup>10</sup> So Moses and Aaron went to Pharaoh and did just as the Lord commanded. Aaron threw his staff down in front of Pharaoh and his officials, and it became a snake.<sup>11</sup> Pharaoh then summoned the wise men and sorcerers, and the Egyptian magicians also did the same things by their secret arts:<sup>12</sup> each one threw down his staff and it became a snake. But Aaron's staff swallowed up their staffs.<sup>13</sup> Yet Pharaoh's heart became hard and he would not listen to them, just as the Lord had said.

[*The Plague of Darkness*]

10<sup>21</sup> Then the Lord said to Moses, 'Stretch out your hand towards the sky so that darkness spreads over Egypt – darkness that can be felt.'<sup>22</sup> So Moses stretched out his hand towards the sky, and total darkness covered all Egypt for three days.<sup>23</sup> No one could see anyone else or move about for three days. Yet all the Israelites had light in the places where they lived.<sup>24</sup> Then Pharaoh summoned Moses and said, 'Go, worship the Lord. Even your women and children may go with you; only leave your flocks and herds behind.'<sup>25</sup> But Moses said, 'You must allow us to have sacrifices and burnt offerings to present to the Lord our God.<sup>26</sup> Our livestock too must go with us; not a hoof is to be left behind. We have to use some of them in worshipping the Lord our God, and until we get there we will not know what we are to use to worship the Lord.'<sup>27</sup> But the Lord hardened Pharaoh's heart, and he was not willing to let them go.<sup>28</sup> Pharaoh said to Moses, 'Get out of my sight! Make sure you do not appear before me again! The day you see my face you will die.'<sup>29</sup> 'Just as you say,' Moses replied. 'I will never appear before you again.'

Reader: This is the word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## Psalm

Psalm 36:5-10

How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

<sup>5</sup>Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens • and your faithfulness to the clouds. <sup>6</sup>Your righteousness stands like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep; • you, Lord, shall save both man and beast.

How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

<sup>7</sup>How precious is your loving mercy, O God!

• All mortal flesh shall take refuge under the shadow of your wings. <sup>8</sup>They shall be satisfied with the abundance of your house; • they shall drink from the river of your delights.

How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

<sup>9</sup>For with you is the well of life • and in your light shall we see light. <sup>10</sup>O continue your loving-kindness to those who know you • and your righteousness to those who are true of heart.

How precious is your loving mercy, O God.

## New Testament Reading

1 Corinthians 1:18:31

<sup>18</sup> For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. <sup>19</sup> For it is written: 'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate.' <sup>20</sup> Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup> For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. <sup>22</sup> Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, <sup>23</sup> but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, <sup>24</sup> but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. <sup>25</sup> For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and

the weakness of God is stronger than human strength. <sup>26</sup> Brothers and sisters, think of what you were when you were called. Not many of you were wise by human standards; not many were influential; not many were of noble birth. <sup>27</sup> But God chose the foolish things of the world to shame the wise; God chose the weak things of the world to shame the strong. <sup>28</sup> God chose the lowly things of this world and the despised things – and the things that are not – to nullify the things that are, <sup>29</sup> so that no one may boast before him. <sup>30</sup> It is because of him that you are in Christ Jesus, who has become for us wisdom from God – that is, our righteousness, holiness and redemption. <sup>31</sup> Therefore, as it is written: 'Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.'

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 2:1-11

On the third day a wedding took place at Cana in Galilee. Jesus' mother was there, <sup>2</sup> and Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. <sup>3</sup> When the wine was gone, Jesus' mother said to him, 'They have no more wine.' <sup>4</sup> 'Woman, why do you involve me?' Jesus replied. 'My hour has not yet come.' <sup>5</sup> His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.'

<sup>6</sup> Nearby stood six stone water jars, the kind used by the Jews for ceremonial washing, each holding from eighty to a hundred and twenty litres. <sup>7</sup> Jesus said to the servants, 'Fill the jars with water'; so they filled them to the brim. <sup>8</sup> Then he told them, 'Now draw some out and take it to

the master of the banquet.' They did so,<sup>9</sup> and the master of the banquet tasted the water that had been turned into wine. He did not realise where it had come from, though the servants who had drawn the water knew. Then he called the bridegroom aside<sup>10</sup> and said, 'Everyone brings out the choice wine first and then the cheaper wine after the guests have had too much to drink; but you have saved the best till now.'<sup>11</sup> What Jesus did here in Cana of Galilee was the first of the signs through which he revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

All: Praise to you, O Christ.

**Sermon** – Revd Philip Sudell

## 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

Our Saviour Christ is the Prince of Peace. Of the increase of his government and of peace there shall be no end. The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

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I will love Thee

And that love may never cease

I will move Thee

Thou hast granted my request

Thou hast heard me

Thou didst note my working breast

Thou hast spared me

Wherefore with my utmost art

I will sing Thee

And the cream of all my heart

I will bring Thee

Though my sins against me cried

Thou didst clear me

And alone when they replied

Thou didst hear me

Seven whole days not one in seven  
I will praise Thee  
In my heart though not in heaven  
I can raise Thee  
Small it is in this poor sort  
To enrol Thee  
E'en eternity's too short  
To extol Thee

George Herbert | Joseph David Jones

## 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.

All honour and praise be yours always and everywhere, mighty creator, ever-living God, through Jesus Christ your only Son our Lord: for at this time we celebrate your glory made present in our midst. In the coming of the Magi the King of all the world was revealed to the nations. In the waters of baptism Jesus was revealed as the Christ, the Saviour sent to redeem us. In the water made wine the new creation was revealed at the wedding feast. Poverty was turned to riches, sorrow into joy. Therefore with all the angels of heaven we lift our voices to proclaim the glory of your name and sing our joyful 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.

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.

Christ is the bread of life.

All: When we eat this bread  
and drink this cup,  
we proclaim your death, Lord  
Jesus, until you 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

God of glory, you nourish us with your Word who is the bread of life: fill us with your Holy Spirit that through us the light of your glory may shine in all the world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

## Church family news

Love divine, all loves excelling,  
joy of heaven, to earth come down,  
fix in us thy humble dwelling,  
all thy faithful mercies crown.  
Jesu, thou art all compassion,  
pure unbounded love thou art;  
visit us with thy salvation,  
enter every trembling heart.

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Come, almighty to deliver,  
let us all thy grace receive;  
suddenly return, and never,  
never more thy temples leave.  
Thee we would be always blessing,  
serve thee as thy hosts above;  
pray, and praise thee, without ceasing,  
glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then thy new creation:  
pure and spotless let us be;  
let us see thy great salvation  
perfectly restored in thee;  
Changed from glory into glory  
till in heaven we take our place,  
till we cast our crowns before thee,  
lost in wonder, love, and praise.

Charles Wesley | William P. Rowlands

## Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom;; 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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## Readings for next Sunday

8<sup>th</sup> February – 2 Before Lent

Exodus 12:21-42

Psalm 136.1-9, 23-26

Romans 8.18-25

Matthew 6:25-34

# The week ahead

Sun 1 <sup>st</sup>	9.30am 11am	Holy Communion Morning Service
Mon 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8pm	PCC Meeting @ St Peter's
Tues 3 <sup>rd</sup>	9:45-11am	Chat & Play for pre-schoolers and their parents/minders @ St Peter's Hall
	8pm	First Tuesday Prayer @163 CHL
Wed 4 <sup>th</sup>	8-9pm	Jesus in his own words @163 CHL
Thurs 5 <sup>th</sup>	10-11.30am	Women's Bible Study @ St Peter's Hall
	12 noon 12-3pm	Holy Communion Community Café @ St Peter's Hall
	3.45-5pm	FAB Club @ St Peter's Hall
Fri 6 <sup>th</sup>	7.15-8am	Friday Prayer @ 163 CHL
Sat 7 <sup>th</sup>		
Sun 8 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am 11am After services	Holy Communion Morning Service LCM Visiting

## Spring Dates

Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb – LCM Visiting  
 Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Feb – Discipleship Training Lunch  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ash Wednesday HC, 12noon  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Discipleship Training Repeat  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Feb – Women's Brunch  
 Tue 17<sup>th</sup> Feb – Shrove Tuesday  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Feb – Ash Wednesday  
 Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb – Co-Mission Men's morning  
 Sat 7<sup>th</sup> Mar – Family Fun Day  
 Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Mar – Discipleship Training Lunch  
 Mon 9<sup>th</sup> Mar – PCC Meeting  
 Sat 14<sup>th</sup> Mar – Women's Brunch  
 Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Mar – Mothering Sunday  
 Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Mar – Discipleship Training Repeat  
 Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Mar – Palm Sunday  
 Fri 3<sup>rd</sup> April – Good Friday  
 Sun 5<sup>th</sup> April – Easter Sunday  
 Sat 11<sup>th</sup> April – Women's Brunch  
 Sun 12<sup>th</sup> April – Discipleship Training Lunch  
 Wed 15<sup>th</sup> April - Discipleship Training Repeat  
 Sun 19<sup>th</sup> April – Church Family Lunch  
 Sat 25<sup>th</sup> April – Men's Breakfast  
 Mon 27<sup>th</sup> April – PCC Meeting

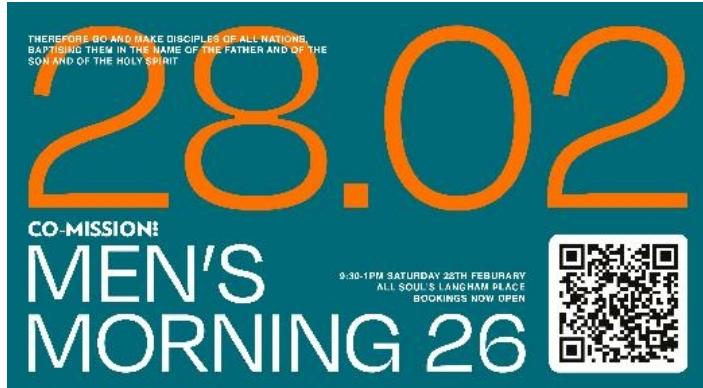
# First Tuesday Prayer

Come and join us this Tuesday, the 3<sup>rd</sup> Feb 7.15 for supper then Prayer from 8-9pm at 163 Colney Hatch Lane.



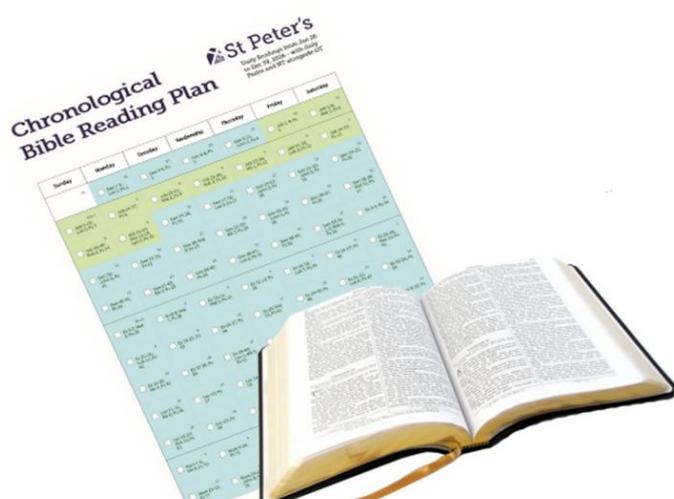
## Co-Mission Men's Morning

Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb - Speak to Philip to find out more, [co-mission.org/mensmorning](http://co-mission.org/mensmorning)



## Reading the Bible in a Year

It's not too late to join in! The details are all at [www.stpetersch.org.uk](http://www.stpetersch.org.uk) under the "Resources" then "Family Discipleship" section of the



website

The first monthly get together for those reading it through will be on **Friday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb at 6-7pm** at 163 Colney Hatch lane, in person also with a zoom link in the weekly email next week