

Parish of Sanderstead and Hamsey Green

PARISH EUCHARIST

Sunday 16 May 2021, 9.30am

Sunday after Ascension



*Extending God's Welcome to All.
Committed to Grow – in Discipleship, Service and Numbers*

Welcome in the name of Jesus Christ. This service is being live-streamed, and you are welcome wherever you are. Although we are physically separated, we are one in Christ Jesus our living Lord. If you would like to join in Holy Communion, do prepare a table and light a candle in readiness.

Today we worship the crucified, risen, ascended and glorified Lord.

If you would like to know more about the Christian faith, please do contact either Canon Martin Greenfield or Revd Jeremy Groombridge via our website: www.sanderstead-parish.org.uk. We would love to hear from you.

Hymn: All heaven declares

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kPkZAJA610k>

ALL HEAVEN DECLARES

the glory of the risen Lord.
Who can compare
with the beauty of the Lord?
For ever He will be
the Lamb upon the throne.
I gladly bow the knee
and worship Him alone

I will proclaim
the glory of the risen Lord,
who once was slain
to reconcile us to God.
For ever You will be
the Lamb upon the throne;
I gladly bow my knee,
and worship You alone.

Noel and Tricia Richards © 1987 Kingsway's Thankyou Music

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

Amen

Alleluia, Christ is risen.

He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

Lord Jesus, you suffered a cruel death on the cross for our redemption, yet we have forgotten your pain and stayed in the realm of the evil you defeated.

Lord, have mercy

Lord, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you were raised from death to bring us new life, yet we have preferred the comfort of the familiar, and the empty promises of a sinful world.

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

Lord Jesus, you have ascended to your Father and our Father, your God and our God. Plead there at the right hand of God for us, that we may enter into the fullness of his presence.

Lord, have mercy.

Lord, have mercy.

May almighty God have mercy upon you, forgive you your sins, and bring you to everlasting life, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

'Gloria in Excelsis'

**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 special prayer (the 'Collect') for today

**O God the King of glory,
you have exalted your only Son Jesus Christ
with great triumph to your kingdom in heaven.
We beseech you, leave us not comfortless,
but send your Holy Spirit to strengthen us
and exalt us to the place where our Saviour Christ is gone
before,
who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy
Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.**

The Liturgy of the Word

First Reading: *Acts 1:15 -17, 21 - 26*

In those days Peter stood up among the believers (a group numbering about a hundred and twenty) ¹⁶ and said, 'Brothers and sisters, the Scripture had to be fulfilled in which the Holy Spirit spoke long ago through David concerning Judas, who served as guide for those who arrested Jesus. ¹⁷ He was one of our number and shared in our ministry.'

²¹ Therefore it is necessary to choose one of the men who have been with us the whole time the Lord Jesus was living among us, ²² beginning from John's baptism to the time when Jesus was taken up from us. For one of these must become a witness with us of his resurrection.'

²³ So they nominated two men: Joseph called Barsabbas (also known as Justus) and Matthias. ²⁴ Then they prayed, 'Lord, you

know everyone's heart. Show us which of these two you have chosen ²⁵ to take over this apostolic ministry, which Judas left to go where he belongs.' ²⁶ Then they cast lots, and the lot fell to Matthias; so he was added to the eleven apostles.

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: John 17:6-19

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

Glory to you, O Lord.

Jesus prays to the Father: I have revealed you to those whom you gave me out of the world. They were yours; you gave them to me and they have obeyed your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything you have given me comes from you. ⁸ For I gave them the words you gave me and they accepted them. They knew with certainty that I came from you, and they believed that you sent me. ⁹ I pray for them. I am not praying for the world, but for those you have given me, for they are yours. ¹⁰ All I have is yours, and all you have is mine. And glory has come to me through them. ¹¹ I will remain in the world no longer, but they are still in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them by the power of your name, the name you gave me, so that they may be one as we are one. ¹² While I was with them, I protected them and kept them safe by that name you gave me. None has been lost except the one doomed to destruction so that Scripture would be fulfilled.

¹³ I am coming to you now, but I say these things while I am still in the world, so that they may have the full measure of my joy within them. ¹⁴ I have given them your word and the world has hated them, for they are not of the world any more than I am of the world. ¹⁵ My prayer is not that you take them out of the world but that you protect them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, even as I am not of it. ¹⁷ Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth. ¹⁸ As you sent me into the world, I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ For them I sanctify myself, that they too may be truly sanctified.

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

The Sermon

<i>The Creed</i>

The Nicene 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.
With the Father and the Son he is worshipped and
glorified.
He 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.**

<i>Prayers of Intercession</i>

Jesus, our exalted Lord, has been given all authority and has promised to hear us when we pray. So let us pray with confidence.

The response is:

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, great high priest, living for ever to intercede for us,
We pray for the **Church**, your body in the world ...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, enthroned at the right hand of the majesty on high,
We pray for **the world**, and ask you to make it subject to your gentle rule ...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Son of Man, who suffered for us on the cross,
We pray for **our sisters and brothers in need, distress, or sorrow** ...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus, pioneer of our salvation, bringing us to glory through your death and resurrection,
We remember **those who have died** trusting your promises and pray for the bereaved ...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, Lord of our lives,
We pray for **ourselves**, that we may work in your service...

Lord, hear us. **Lord, graciously hear us.**

Jesus Christ, keep the Church in the unity of the Spirit and in the bond of peace,
and bring the whole created order to worship at your feet;
for you are alive and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen

<i>Admitting our new churchwardens into office</i>
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THE COMMISSIONING *by Martin Greenfield*

Commissary

Those chosen for the ancient office of Churchwarden have legal duties and responsibilities prescribed by Statute and Canon law, and so I now ask you:

Will you, as an officer of the bishop, discharge all such duties as are by law and custom assigned to you?

Churchwardens: With the help of God, I will

Commissary

Will you be foremost in representing the laity and in co-operating with the incumbent?

Churchwardens: With the help of God, I will

Commissary

Will you use your best endeavours by example and precept to encourage the parishioners in the practice of true religion and to promote unity and peace among them?

Churchwardens: With the help of God, I will

Commissary

Will you maintain order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service?

Churchwardens: With the help of God, I will

Commissary

Will you care for the property, ornaments and other moveable goods of the church, keeping an inventory thereof, and duly deliver to your successors all such goods of the church remaining in your hands?

Churchwardens: With the help of God, I will

Commissary

The law requires that, before you are admitted to office, you must make the following declaration:

Churchwardens: I do solemnly and sincerely declare that I will faithfully and diligently perform the duties of my office as Churchwarden.

Commissary

I admit you, Michael Fixter and Susan Thomas, having duly made the declaration, to the office of Churchwarden to serve in the Parish of All Saints Sanderstead.

Commissary

May God give you grace to fulfil your ministry.
May you know his wisdom, peace and love: and may you have joy in your ministry through the Holy Spirit:
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

The Liturgy of the Sacrament



The priest greets the people in peace

Jesus said, Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. If you love me, rejoice because I am going to the Father. Alleluia. The peace of the Lord be always with you **and also with you.**

We greet one another with a sign of peace.

Hymn: Jesus is King and I will exalt him

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-6WnLnaQues>

JESUS IS KING and I will extol Him,

Give Him the glory, and honour His name.

He reigns on high, enthroned in the heavens,

Word of the Father, exalted for us.

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,

Gone through the curtain and touching the throne.

We have a Priest who is there interceding,

Pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle,

Clothed in His glory and bearing His name,

Laying our lives with gladness before Him;

Filled with His Spirit we worship the King.

Oh, Holy One, our hearts do adore You;

Thrilled with Your goodness we give You our praise.

Angels in light with worship surround Him,

Jesus, our Saviour, forever the same.

Songwriters: Wendy Churchill

The table is prepared.

Lord of all and source of our joy, receive our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Keep us in the love of Christ and bring us to the vision of his glory. In his name we pray.

Amen

The Eucharistic Prayer (Prayer D)

The Lord is here.

His Spirit is with us.

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.

Almighty God, good Father to us all, your face is turned towards the world. In love you gave us Jesus your Son to rescue us from sin and death. Your Word goes out to call us home to the city where angels sing your praise. We join with them in heaven's song:

**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.**

Father of all, we give you thanks for every gift that comes from heaven. To the darkness Jesus came as your light. With signs of faith and words of hope he touched untouchables with love and washed the guilty clean.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

The crowds came out to see your Son yet at the end they turned on him. On the night he was betrayed he came to table with his friends to celebrate the freedom of your people.

This is his story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Jesus blessed you, Father, for the food;
he took bread, gave thanks, broke it and said: this is my body,
given for you all.

Jesus then gave thanks for the wine;
he took the cup, gave it and said: this is my blood, shed for you
all for the forgiveness of sins.

Do this in remembrance of me.

This is our story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Therefore, Father, with this bread and this cup
we celebrate the cross on which he died to set us free.
Defying death he rose again and is alive with you to plead for us
and all the world.

This is our story.

This is our song: Alleluia.

Send your Spirit on us now,
that by these gifts we may feed on Christ with opened eyes and
hearts on fire.

May we and all who share this food offer ourselves to live for you
and be welcomed at your feast in heaven
where all creation worships you, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:
**Blessing and honour and glory and power be yours for ever
and ever.**
Amen.

Let us pray

As our Saviour taught us, so we pray

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as 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 for ever.
Amen.**

The priest breaks the consecrated 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.**

The Invitation

Christ welcomes you to his table.
Draw near with faith.

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 Holy Communion is distributed.

Prayer after Communion

**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**

Any notices and announcements.

Prayer of God's Blessing

May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
through the power of the Holy Spirit, and the blessing...

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

As the disciples waited and prayed, so we also ask our ascended
Lord to fill us with the fire of his Spirit.



Hymn: *O God of burning, cleansing flame (Send the fire)*
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6qydwzaeVa0>

O GOD OF BURNING, CLEANSING FLAME,

Send the fire!

Your blood-bought gift today we claim,

Send the fire today!

Look down and see this waiting host

And send the promised Holy Ghost,

We need another Pentecost!

Send the fire today!

God of Elijah, hear our cry:

Send the fire!

And make us fit to live or die,

Send the fire today!

To burn up every trace of sin,

To bring the light and glory in,

The revolution now begin!

Send the fire today!

It's fire we want, for fire we plead,

Send the fire!

The fire will meet our every need,

Send the fire today!

For strength always do what's right,

For grace to conquer in the fight,

For power to walk the world in white,

Send the fire today!

To make our weak hearts strong and brave,

Send the fire!

To live, a dying world to save,

Send the fire today!

Oh, see us on Your altar lay

We give our lives to you today,

So crown the offering now we pray,

Send the fire today!

Words William Booth (adapted by Lex Loizides). Music: Lex Loizides

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